

# PARISH NEWS

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**1<sup>st</sup> May 2016**

**Don't worry**

They say a problem shared is a problem halved. 'Don't worry' is one of the most reassuring things that a friend can say. Isn't it a relief when someone assures us there is no need to fret or worry, that everything will be okay? If only for a moment, we can breathe a sigh of relief, take the pressure off ourselves. Even if things are messy now, we dare to hope that all will be well.

The words of Jesus in today's Gospel are very reassuring. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid,' he says. 'My own peace I give you.'

Jesus was speaking these words to his disciples shortly before his Passion and death. He knew the time was coming for him to leave them. All was certainly not well, and his disciples surely knew that some difficult times were ahead. But Jesus was offering hope and consolation. Don't worry, he says. I am giving you the gift of peace, a peace the world cannot give. Don't be afraid. The Holy Spirit will be with you to guide you and teach you. When our hearts are troubled and restless, let us reach for these words of Jesus.

'You have formed us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find rest in you.'

*St. Augustine of Hippo*

**Collections:** 24<sup>th</sup> April                      Envelopes €354              Baskets €567  
No of Envelopes 57      Direct Debits 5  
Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

**Mass Schedule :** Mass Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm  
Mass on Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> – Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> May at 9am

**Borris Parish Website :** [www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie)                      **Diocesan Website:** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)  
Fr. John's new email address is [frjohn51@gmail.com](mailto:frjohn51@gmail.com)

**Parish Centre:** The Parish Centre is open as usual Mon. – Fri. from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.  
Phone 059 9773128; email [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com) Closed Bank Holidays.

## **Shannon Bombing Commemorative Mass**

In January 1941 three members of the Shannon family from Knockroe were killed when a German plane dropped bombs on the mountainside. One of the bombs hit their house killing Mary Ellen, Bridget and Kathleen. Michael died three years later from injuries sustained in the bombing.

To mark the 75th anniversary of the tragedy this year, a commemorative mass will take place in Rathanna Church on Friday May 13th at 7:30 pm. This will be followed by graveside prayers and a blessing.  
Everybody is welcome to attend.

**EIST Cancer Support Centre** provides emotional and practical support to people affected by cancer including those who care for them, from the time of diagnosis, through treatment and afterwards. The Eist Cancer Support Centre opens at 10.00 am to 4 pm Monday to Thursday and 10.00 am to 1.00 pm on Fridays. Telephone Number **059 9139684**. Or you can have a look at some of our services on our website at [www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie](http://www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie) – where you can also fill in a contact form if you have any queries.

**Visiting the Sick** Fr. John will visit the sick on his list in Ballymurphy and Rathanna on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May and in Borris on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Pre-Marriage Courses**

ACCORD Carlow have only a few places remaining on the following courses May 6th & 7th and June 10th & 11th. Couples getting married this summer or early autumn should book a place on one of these two courses. There are no courses in July or August.

Bookings can be made on line at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information.

## **Pilgrimage to Medjugorje & Dubrovnik from the 14th. September – 21st. September.**

We have a good group of people signed up already but we would need more people to make it viable. If you are interested in taking part in the pilgrimage we would appreciate if you could let Tully's know as soon as possible as they need to make reservations in the hotels etc.

Phone Donna (059-9136100) in Tully's Travel Carlow.

## **Peace Concert in Knock Basilica**

Mayo International Choral Festival is hosting a Peace Concert with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra, in the beautiful surrounds of the fully refurbished Knock Basilica on Saturday, May 14th. This Peace Concert will commemorate the 1916 Rising and World War One. The RTÉ Concert Orchestra will be conducted by David Brophy. The orchestra will perform with a 120 member choir and soloists Anne Marie Gibbons and Owen Gilhooly. For information and tickets, visit [www.mayochoral.com](http://www.mayochoral.com).

## **Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine**

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese in this jubilee Year of Mercy at the Shrine of Our Lady in Knock. Sunday 5th June 2016 with the Diocesan Choir directed by Fr.

Liam Lawton

Ceremonies in the Basilica begin at 2.30pm

- Buses travelling from various parishes around the diocese will arrive in Knock between 11am and 12.30pm depending on time of departure.
- Upon arrival : Pilgrims may use this time for lunch, shopping , availing of Confession, visiting the Chapel of Adoration or making the Way of the Cross
- 2.30pm Ceremonies begin in the Basilica with the anointing of the Sick
- 3.00 Pilgrimage Mass followed by Rosary Procession and concluding with Benediction (outdoors weather permitting)
- Ceremonies are usually concluded by 5pm
- You are invited to bring your Parish Banner and assign someone to carry it in the Rosary Procession. This person with the banner should make their way to the Basilica sacristy by 2.15pm for instructions.

**We are awaiting details on local buses which will be announced at the Masses and in the newsletter in the coming weeks.**

## ***THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK***

### **REFLECTION**

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light not our darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves: "who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous?" Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking to that other people around you won't feel insecure. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We are born to manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

***Nelson Mandela.***

## ***HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK***