# PARISH NEWS

# Pentecost Sunday

20th May 2018

# Bursting with joy

Have you seen the film *The Greatest Showman* that came out earlier this year? Its soundtrack boasts a number of musical gems, from fun, catchy numbers to more rousing and powerful ballads. I was struck by a video I saw online of a read-through session before filming began. The film's star, Hugh Jackman, had recently had surgery on his nose and was under strict medical orders not to sing. So instead, the director instructs him to stand in the right place, and act and gesticulate at all the appropriate moments. However, during the final song, he can't stand it anymore. The music seems to take hold of him, and he bursts into song. The atmosphere in the room changes immediately, with musicians and singers joyfully joining in. It's a powerful moment, and the video is well worth a watch. The name of the song is 'From Now On', and in the film it marks a major transformation for Jackman's character, when the scales fall from his eyes and he sees clearly the changes he needs to make to live a better life.

I like to think that magical moments such as this capture something of what the apostles must have experienced at Pentecost. The powerful wind, the tongues of fire, the palpable and overwhelming presence of God stir something in apostles. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they are unable to hold in their joy and enthusiasm. How are we moved by the Spirit?

Collections:6th MayEnvelopes €762Baskets €71913th MayEnvelopes €663Baskets €616

No of Envelopes 130 Direct Debits 8

Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

Mass Schedule; Mass on Monday 21st & Friday 25th May 7.30pm

Mass Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> May at 10am Ballymurphy Servers Sat 19<sup>th</sup> May **Group 4** 

### First Communions

Borris Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 11am Ballymurphy Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 1pm

Please note that on the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> the Rathanna Mass normally on Sunday morning at 9.30am will be on Saturday evening 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm

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

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on Sunday 3rd June 2018 with the Diocesan Choir directed by Fr. Liam Lawton. Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica.

Local Bus to Knock on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – departing Borris at 7am. Adults €20, Children €10 Return approx. 10pm.For further Details Contact Loughlin Doyle 085-8089125, John Coady 051-424628

#### Sacred Heart Church 2020 Celebrations

In 2020 our Parish Church in Borris, the Sacred Heart, celebrates its 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We are looking for ideas on how to celebrate this as a Parish. We would welcome also old photos and stories about the Church which we can integrate into our celebrations. All of these can be emailed to a special email address <a href="mailto:borris2020@gmail.com">borris2020@gmail.com</a> *Fr. Rory* 

<u>Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes:</u> The Parish Pilgrimage this year 5 night package starting on **Tuesday 07 August 2018**. The cost would be EUR 755.00 per person sharing a twin / double room and EUR 155.00 for the single room supplement. For booking forms please call to the Parish Centre.

The cost would include the following;

#### **Transport & Accommodation**

- Flight from Dublin to Lourdes• Transfer on arrival from the airport to the hotel with guide assistance
- Accommodation in the Hotel Paradis Breakfast, lunch and evening meal served each day at hotel
- Transfer to Lourdes Airport for return flight Luxury air-conditioned coach for all transfers and tours

#### **Tours & Religious Programme**

- Introductory tour of the Grotto Domain, visiting the Grotto, Baths, Basilicas and the Stations of the Cross
  - Guided walking tour of Lourdes visiting places associated with the life of St. Bernadette
  - Religious processions in Lourdes led by Spiritual Director: Blessing of the Sick, Blessed Sacrament and Torchlight Marian Procession
  - Full services of guides and representatives throughout the pilgrimage and at airports

**Borris Parish Website:** www.borrisparish.ie **Diocesan Website:** www.kandle.ie **Parish Centre:** Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays.

**Safeguarding:** If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact the **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Ms. Joan Treacy** Mob: 085-8021633, e-mail – dlp@kandle.ie

# Important notice for choir members Interested in being part of the choir at World Meeting of Families 2018.

Over the next couple of weeks, the diocese will be taking applications from those interested in being part of the official choir at the Closing Mass of the World Meeting of Families in the Phoenix Park. See <a href="kandle.ie">kandle.ie</a> for important information on what is being asked of potential choir members. An application form will be uploaded in the coming days. Please note that we have been given a specific allocation of choir parts and a waiting list may apply.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

#### PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE AT EXAM TIME

Holy Spirit.

Be with me at this time of examinations and grant me your counsel, so that I may prepare wisely.

Grant me understanding, so that I may grasp the knowledge I am trying to learn.

Grant me fortitude so that I may have courage at the time of examination to face the challenge.

May I pray to you with faith for what I need.

Grant me your wisdom so that I may see the examinations are but a part of life and whether I do well or not is part of a bigger picture, part of a greater plan you have for me and for all the world.

I make this prayer through Christ Our Lord,

Amen.

# HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK