

# PARISH NEWS

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

21<sup>st</sup> May 2017

### The Spirit Within

*'Trying to do the Lord's work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you.'*

Corrie ten Boom

Imagine how the disciples must have reacted to the way Jesus was talking. In John's Gospel, as Jesus arrives in Jerusalem and his death approaches, he starts to talk about leaving the disciples. They will no longer be able to see him. He predicts that Judas will betray him and Peter will deny him. The disciples are in turmoil. 'Where are you going?' they ask; 'Why can't I follow you?' 'How can we know the way?'

On top of this, Jesus has started to give them instructions for after he is gone. The disciples still do not understand where, or why, Jesus is going, so you can sense their panic and fear at the task that lies ahead, the work they will have to do without their teacher and friend to help them. They will be like lost sheep, without a shepherd, to borrow one of Jesus' own metaphors.

So the promise they hear from Jesus that he will send his Spirit must be very welcome. 'I will not leave you orphans,' says Jesus, to a group who must have been afraid of just that. What's more, they already know this Spirit, because he is in them. That same Spirit is in us. We are not alone in our struggles.

#### Collections:

14<sup>th</sup> May

Envelopes €902

Baskets €680

No of Envelopes 69

Direct Debits 4

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

**Mass Schedule:** Mass on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May & Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May at 9am

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 20<sup>th</sup> May **Group 4**

### *Dates for Your Diary*

#### Prayers In Cemeteries 2017

Kiltennel Cemetery: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June Rosary & Blessing of graves after 11am Mass in Borris

Sacred Heart Cemetery: Mass on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm

Clonagoose Cemetery: Mass on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 3pm

Rathanna: Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup> 3pm

Ballymurphy: Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup> 3pm

Annual Mass of the Sick Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm Borris

#### Message from Fr. John

"Last week during my fourth session, my oncologist organised a scan and the results of scan have shown that the tumour has reduced to half the size it was at the beginning, which is great news.

He decided to do one more session from 22-24 May, then a period of recuperation and then surgery. I am very near the end now.

I realise I would never have got through all of this if it wasn't for my family and friends and I really do appreciate your support, prayers and encouragement.

I assure you of my prayers and best wishes and looking forward to seeing you soon."

Fr. John

**Borris Parish Website:** [www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie)

**Diocesan Website:** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

**Parish Centre:** Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday

Phone 059 9773128; email [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com) Closed Bank Holidays.

**Bus to Knock on Sunday 4<sup>th</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

**Confessions** in Sacred Heart, Borris from 11.30 – 12 noon every Saturday morning. All welcome.

**Lough Derg 2017:-** Season opens for One Day Retreats on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Retreats continue on May 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 16, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 & 29. Advance booking is essential. Tel. 071 9861518 (from NI 0035371 9861518) or email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org). The Three Day Pilgrimage season begins on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June, pre-booking not required. You are invited to walk in the spiritual footsteps of your ancestors and be part of the unbroken link of Lough Derg as a place of continuous prayer for over 50 generations (1,500 years).

**Carlow Choral Society's Summer Concert** takes place on Sunday 21st May, at 8.15pm, in Carlow Cathedral. This special performance will include music by three composers including Beethoven's Mass in C Major and performances of Monteverdi's Beatus Vir and Bach's Air on a G String. We will be joined by the Marlborough Baroque Orchestra and conducted by our Musical Director, Blánaid Murphy. Tickets are €20 and are available on [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie) & [www.carlowchoralsociety.net](http://www.carlowchoralsociety.net) and also at Hosey's Post Office (Staplestown Road, Carlow) and from choir members

**Pre-Marriage Courses** Accord Carlow are currently taking booking for the Autumn courses. Sept 8th & 9th, Oct 13th & 14th, Nov 17th & 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be no courses in July and August. If you are getting married in the Catholic Church, you are required to attend a Pre-Marriage course and should book a place on one of the above courses now. Booking on [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information.

**Barrowline Charity Walk SAVE THE DATE: JUNE BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY:** For the past few years we have organised our very own mini- marathon along the beautiful River Barrow from St. Mullins to Gaignamanagh and back again (optional)! Over the past four years we have raised over €25,000 for many different local and very worthwhile causes. This year again we are organising the walk in aid of Oncology Ward, University Hospital Waterford and Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Carlow. The walk will take place on Bank Holiday Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at Blanchfield's Yard (beside pub) @11 am. Your support would be greatly appreciated! All are welcome on the day so let's get up and get active and help raise some much needed funds for these two great causes! Sponsorship cards are available from Mary Doyle (0879456994), Cathy Kehoe (0860766396), Joan Doyle (0871252147) and Kathleen Doyle (0876841631) or from the local pubs and shops or donations welcome on the day!

### *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*