

PARISH NEWS

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Presence

Some videos doing the rounds of social media recently showed young people who had emigrated abroad returning home for a surprise visit to family members and friends. Their sudden, unexpected presence reduced their loved ones to tears, laughter, and the odd bout of swearing! There is no substitute for the presence of a loved one, in spite of how easy it is to stay in touch these days with the help of email, instant messaging and video chats. 'It's like you're in the next room' is just not the same as a hug and some real live company.

We recognise the importance of the presence of our loved ones. But when this same word, 'presence', is used to talk about Christ in the Eucharist, we are not sure what it means. We know of course that Jesus was present with his followers during his earthly life, and that he was present with them again after he rose from the dead. But it didn't all end after he ascended into heaven. We, too, have the gift of Christ's presence. We are not getting by on memories and stories. He is really present to us in the Eucharist.

'He makes a gift of Himself. We, too, are experiencing the solidarity of God with Man, a solidarity that never runs out, a solidarity that never ceases to amaze us: God draws near to us. Let us ask ourselves, adoring the Christ truly present in the Eucharist: do I let myself be transformed by him?'

Pope Francis

Collections: 15th June 2014 Envelopes €511 Baskets €537

No. Of Envelopes Returned 67 Direct Debits 5

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

Mass schedule : Mass at 7.30pm on Mon. 23rd June.

Mass at 9.00 am Tues & Thurs 24th & 26th June.

Mass in the **Sacred Heart Cemetery** on Fri. 27th June at 8pm

Retirement Mass – A Special Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 25th June at 10am in honour of Mr. Pdraig O'Gorman who retires as Principal of Borris National School at the end of June. All Welcome

Kiltennel Cemetery : Sunday 22nd June Rosary & Blessing of Graves after 11am Mass

Polish Mass A Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Sat. 28th June in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris at 7.30pm followed by the Polish Annual Barbeque at the Parish Centre.

This Sunday is the **Feast of Corpus Christi** and we have the last part of the 'Do This In Memory of Me' programme. We suggest that the children who received **First Holy Communion** this year would process up the church, in their First Holy Communion Outfits, with Fr. John & Fr. Shem at the beginning of Mass in Borris at 11am.

The children who made their **Confirmation** will make their pledge on Sunday 29th of June at Mass in Borris. This pledge is made in consultation with parents and is a private and confidential decision

Eist Cancer Support Centre - The Eist Cancer Support Centre would like to invite everyone to the launch of the Home to Rome Cycle Challenge which will take place from the centre at Mill Lane on Friday the 20th of June From 6pm onwards. We will wave off 25 cyclists who are going to cycle to Rome from all over Ireland. These cyclists have been raising money for all cancer support centres and charities across Ireland. We would like as many of you as possible to come out that day and support this great event.

www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie

Visit us on facebook

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 Closed Bank holidays.

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie Diocesan website www.kandle.ie

Novena to The Sacred Heart will be held in St. Fortchern's Church, Rathanna each evening from Thurs. 19th June to Fri. 27th June (the Feast of the Sacred Heart) at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Annual Mass for the Sick – Please note that the date of this Mass has been **changed** from Friday 11th July to Friday 25th July

Tax Refund for the Parish Please return your CHY3 forms to the Parish Centre in order for us to reclaim from Revenue the tax paid on your donations. **There are still some outstanding.**

Carlow Regional Youth Service *'we work to empower young people to achieve their potential through quality youth work'*

Borris Summer Camp Age 5-12 years, Dates: 5th-8th August

A multi-activity camp that includes day trip, sports, arts and crafts, dance etc.

Cost: €40 per child (deposits Taken) **Camp Location:** Borris Vocational School

Camp Times: 9.45am-2.45 pm **Registration evening:** 5-7pm **18th June** in Borris Community Hall

Borris Teenage Camp 1st-3rd Years, Dates: 23rd-25th July

– includes day trip, adventure sports, team building games etc.

Cost: €50 per child (Deposits taken) **Camp Location:** Borris Vocational School

Registration: as above. For more information, contact JJ on 085-7132751 or jj@carlowys.ie

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Deliver Us From.....

A mother was teaching her 3-year old daughter the Lord's Prayer. At bedtime, she repeated after her mother the lines of the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. Mum listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer: 'Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us some E-mail. Amen.'

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK