# PARISH NEWS

# The Most Holy Trinity

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016

Do not try to save
The whole world
Or do anything grandiose.
Instead, create a clearing
in the dense forest of your life
And wait there
patiently,
until the song
that is your life
falls into your own cupped hands
and you recognise and greet it.
Only then will you know
how to give yourself
to this world
so worthy of rescue.

'Clearing' by Martha Postlewaite

There is deep wisdom in this poem. The advice to 'create a clearing in the dense forest of your life' particularly resonates with me. It can be difficult, with our hectic lives and all the noise of the world around us, to have time to take stock of things. Of course we feel a calling to be good people, to be a positive force in the world, but where do we start?

Well, Jesus tells us to start small. In today's Gospel, he is careful not to overburden his disciples. He has lots more to say and to teach them, but it would be 'too much' for them now. Instead he gives them space. After he is gone, when the time is right and they have had time to reflect, he will send his Spirit to lead them in the right direction. That same Spirit is with us now, if we can make space to listen.

Collections: 15 th May Envelopes €474 Baskets €652 No of Envelopes 48 Direct Debits 4 Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

**Mass Schedule :** Mass Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm Mass on Tues 24<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> May at 9am

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

Fr. John's new email address is frjohn51@gmail.com

The 9<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families will be hosted in Ireland during 2018, in order to cover the huge costs involved there will be annual parish collections each year coming up to the meeting. The collection this year is this weekend 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> May. Instead of a separate collection at the Masses we would ask you to give extra to the offertory collection, we will then keep an average of these collections and send the extra received to the diocese for this special collection.

FIRST COMMUNION is in BALLYMURPHY on SUNDAY 22ND MAY at 12.30

#### <u>Pilgrimage to Medjugorje & Dubrovnik from the 14th. September – 21st. September.</u>

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.

#### Can you spare One Hour each week?

If you could spare ONE HOUR to honour Jesus Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament please leave your name, telephone number and the time you would be available with Ann in the Parish Office.

#### 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Bus To Knock** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Departing from Borris at 7am. Adults €20, Children €10 Contact Loughlin Doyle 059-9724242 & 085-8089125 or John Coady 051-424628 We can also collect people in Bagenalstown & Leighlinbridge

Knock Counselling Centre provides a confidential Drop In listening service for visitors to our Lady's Shrine of Knock. The Drop In service is available Saturdays and Sundays 11am to 5pm allowing people to discuss personal issues in a caring environment. No appointment needed – just call into the Centre. A donation is appreciated towards the provision of this service.

PRE-Marriage Course Accord Carlow's last course before the Autumn is June 10th &11th.

There are a few places still available and couples getting married this Summer or early Autumn should book a place now on <a href="www.accord.ie">www.accord.ie</a> or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information. Please note there are no courses in July or August.

**Novena to the Sacred Heart** in St. Fortchern's Church, Rathanna from Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June inclusive, each evening at 7.30pm All welcome.

#### Kildare & Leighlin Diocese

Diocesan Collection for Our Retired Priests 28th/29th May

We are appealing for the support of the parishioners of the diocese for this collection to help us in providing an allowance to retired priests and to assist them with their accommodation and healthcare. Bishop Denis and the priests of the diocese thank you for your on-going contributions for priests collections and in particular for your support.

**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.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

### For the Help of the Blessed Virgin Mary

May we be assisted, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the worshipful intercession of Thy glorious Mother, the ever-Virgin Mary; that we, who have been enriched by her perpetual blessings, may be delivered from all dangers, and through her loving kindness made to be one heart and mind: who livest and reignest world without end.

Amen.

## HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK