

# PARISH NEWS

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017

The disciples in today's Gospel must have been so excited to tell Thomas their news: '*We have seen the Lord*'.

Sometimes, when we try to share something of our faith experience with others, we can meet similar responses – doubting, cynicism – we can even be made fun of. The Risen Jesus bears the wounds of his suffering and even invites Thomas to touch them, to get in touch with the reality of his suffering. We might recall times when we have been overwhelmed by pain but looking back on those times we can see that they sometimes brought us to a different place, to new life. Perhaps today recall those times of 'wounded-ness' – and hear Jesus's 'Peace be with you', the promise that he is with you. The word 'Peace' (Shalom) is more than a wish for a good evening or peaceful day. It expresses the desire that the person receiving the blessing might be whole in body, mind and spirit. The Risen Jesus brings a peace that is life-giving. The disciples were locked away, afraid, closed off from the world. When Jesus is present with them, their hearts are opened again, they rejoice. The Risen Jesus in today's Gospel moves the disciples from total fear and despair to 'rejoicing'. The same Risen Jesus is active in all our lives and in the world around us.

'Life will always prevail, through all the layers of death in which we try to contain it.'

*Margaret Silf*

**Collections:** 15<sup>th</sup>/ 16<sup>th</sup>Apr Envelopes €675 Baskets €1008  
No of Envelopes 53 Direct Debits 3

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

**Mass Schedule:** Mass on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Apr & Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Apr at 7.30pm  
Tues 25<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> at 9am

## *Date for Your Diary*

First Holy Communion Borris Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> May 11am

### **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

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

**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.

**The Parish Centre will be closed on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> & Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.  
Back open on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

**Polish Mass** A Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris. All welcome.

## *THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*

### **A PARENT'S PRAYER!**

Now I lay me down to sleep,  
I pray my sanity to keep.  
For if some peace I do not find,  
I'm pretty sure I'll lose my mind.  
I pray I find a little quiet  
Far from the daily family riot  
May I lie back--not have to think  
about what they're stuffing down the sink,  
or who they're with, or where they're at  
and what they're doing to the cat.  
I pray for time all to myself  
(did something just fall off a shelf?)  
To cuddle in my nice, soft bed  
(Oh no, another goldfish--dead!)  
Some silent moments for goodness sake  
(Did I just hear a window break?)  
And that I need not cook or clean—  
(well heck, I've got the right to dream)

Yes now I lay me down to sleep,  
I pray my wits about me keep,  
But as I look around I know—  
I must have lost them long ago!

## *HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*