

PARISH NEWS

The Most Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) 23rd June 2019

Feast of Love

Pope Benedict XVI once described today's feast as 'day on which heaven and earth work together.' He said: 'Corpus Christi is an expression of faith in God, in love, in the fact that God is love. Love does not consume: it gives and, in giving, receives.'

This is a wonderful way to approach Communion. When we receive the body and blood of Jesus, it is a gift of love. But if we keep this gift for ourselves, and do not give in return, that is not love. The disciples in today's Gospel have a small amount of food, five loaves and two fish – maybe enough to feed themselves, at a stretch. But Jesus had a very different idea. Notice that Jesus hands this gift over to them to distribute among the hungry crowd. It is the disciples' responsibility to feed the hungry, to give to those in need, and to love the very crowds that they had earlier suggested sending away.

The Feast of Corpus Christi reminds us of our need to be in communion with the whole body of Christ. There is room for everyone at the banquet, especially the poor and the hungry, and it is up to us to help those in need. Having received this gift of love, we are expected to pass it on. There is more than enough bread for everyone.

'If there is hunger anywhere in the world, then our celebration of the Eucharist is somehow incomplete everywhere in the world... We cannot properly receive the Bread of Life unless at the same time we give the bread of life to those in need, wherever and whoever they may be.'

Pedro Arrupe SJ

Collections: 16th June Envelopes €455 Baskets €446
 No of Envelopes 70 Direct Debits 2

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

Mass Schedule:

Mass on Mon 24th & Friday 28th June at 7.30pm

Mass Tuesday 25th – Thursday 27th June at 10am

Graveyard Masses/Prayers in June

Kiltennel Cemetery **Sunday 23rd June** Rosary & Blessing of Graves

Sacred Heart Cemetery Mass on Friday 28th June at 7.30pm

Clonagoose Cemetery Mass on Sunday 30th June at 3pm

A Novena to The Sacred Heart will take place in Rathanna Church from Thursday 20th June at 7.30pm continuing for 9 days to Friday 28th June; leaflets will be available in the Church.

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

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

Parish Centre: Mon/Wed/Fri 9.30 – 12.30, Tues & Thurs 1pm – 4pm
Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays.

Accord Carlow

Pre – Marriage Courses 2019

September 6th & 7th Friday Night & Saturday
October 4th & 5th Friday Night & Saturday

Please note there are no Pre-marriage courses in July or August.

To reserve a place book on line at www.accord.ie

For further information please contact:

Mary at Accord Carlow phone no 059 9138738

St Catherine's Community Service Centre, St Joseph's Road, Carlow

Email: accordcarlow@eircom.net

Counselling Service

Accord offers low cost confidential counselling to couples experiencing challenges or difficulties in their relationship.

For further information contact Mary at 059 9138738

Sacred Heart Church 2020 Celebrations

In 2020 our Parish Church in Borris, the Sacred Heart, celebrates its 200th 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 borris2020@gmail.com **Fr. Rory**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Barefoot Days

In the morning, very early,
That's the time I love to go

Barefoot where the fern grows curly
And grass is cool between each toe,
On a summer morning-O!
On a summer morning!

That is when the birds go by
Up the sunny slopes of air,
And each rose has a butterfly
Or a golden bee to wear;

And I am glad in every toe
Such a summer morning-O!
Such a summer morning!

Rachel Field

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK