

PARISH NEWS

Fifth Sunday of Easter

24th April 2016

A New Commandment

In today's Gospel Jesus gives the disciples a new commandment – to love one another. When we truly love one another, we are experiencing something of the divine as love comes from God, love is God and God is love. Surely Jesus's command to love one another was nothing new for the disciples and those of their time; the commandment is well known in the Old Testament. But the love Jesus asks of the disciples here (and of us) is to love as he has loved, and that is a controversial love for some. It is controversial because Jesus's love is without restrictions and without exclusion. It is a love of those we may not like, a love of those it is hard to love. This love was too radical for some of the religious leaders of Jesus's time and ultimately led to his death. This radically inclusive love is sometimes too much for Christians today also, to love the sinner, to love those on the extreme margins of our society, to love those who have hurt us, to welcome back those who have done wrong, to include all at the table. Let us hear those words of the Gospel more clearly today: 'love one another, just as I have loved you, you must also love one another.' We can dream and work towards a world where this is a reality.

'Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcome, loved and forgiven.'

Pope Francis

Collections: 17th April Envelopes €459 Baskets €536

No of Envelopes 67 Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule : Mass Monday 25th & Friday 29th April at 7.30pm

Mass on Tues 26th – Thurs 28th April at 9am

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

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

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.

EIST Cancer Support Centre provides emotional and practical support to people affected by cancer including those who care for them, from the time of diagnosis, through treatment and afterwards.

The Eist Cancer Support Centre opens at 10.00 am to 4 pm Monday to Thursday and 10.00 am to 1.00 pm of Fridays. Telephone Number **059 9139684**. Or you can have a look at some of our services on our website at www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie – where you can also fill in a contact form if you have any queries.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje & Dubrovnik from the 14th. September – 21st. September.

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.

Kildare & Leighlin Diocese Faith Development Services have produced a pocket-sized practical guide to Celebrating the Sacrament 'How to Go to Confession' which is available at the back of the Churches from Easter Weekend.

Peace Concert in Knock Basilica

Mayo International Choral Festival is hosting a Peace Concert with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra, in the beautiful surrounds of the fully refurbished Knock Basilica on Saturday, May 14th. This Peace Concert will commemorate the 1916 Rising and World War One. The RTÉ Concert Orchestra will be conducted by David Brophy. The orchestra will perform with a 120 member choir and soloists Anne Marie Gibbons and Owen Gilhooly. For information and tickets, visit www.mayochoral.com.

'Four Minutes Past Noon'

On Sunday the 24th of April at 12.04pm there will be a reading of the Proclamation on the front lawns of Carlow College, St. Patrick's. The reading takes place at the precise time that Patrick Pearse read it for the very first time outside the GPO in 1916. This unique event features exciting performances by the dynamic Carlow Pipe Band. Open to the public on the day There will also be a photographic exhibition from the Galicia Jewish Museum in Krakow 'Traces of Memory: A contemporary look at the Jewish Past in Poland' and the *Easter Rising, 1916 Commemorative Exhibition* on display and open to the public in Carlow College on the day.

Pre-Marriage Courses

ACCORD Carlow have only a few places remaining on the following courses May 6th & 7th and June 10th & 11th. Couples getting married this summer or early autumn should book a place on one of these two courses. There are no courses in July or August.

Bookings can be made on line at www.accord.ie or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information.

Are you a reader in the parish or would like to become one?

"Entrusted with the Word" is a three night training course for parish readers offered by Kildare and Leighlin Faith Development Services. Open to new and existing parish readers, the next course will take place in **Bagenalstown Community Centre, Church St., Wednesday, April 27, May 4 & May 11 from 7:30-9:00 p.m.** All who attend will receive the Diocesan Guide for Readers, as well as a certificate of participation.

Booking is essential. If you would like to explore this ministry for the first time or if would like to renew your training please contact the parish office.

Killoughternane Drama Club presents *Blinded by the Light*, a play by Dermot Bolger. Extra Performances at 8.15pm on Friday 22nd and Sunday 24th April in Killoughternane Hall.

Arrive early to avoid disappointment!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Lord help me to love you in others each day. Help me to touch your face with mercy and kindness. Help me to overcome the barriers of ego and dislike and know that even those I find hard to love are a manifestation of your gloried Body in my world each day.

Fr. Declan O'Loughlin

Diocesan Advisor for Religious Education (Post Primary)
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HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK