

PARISH NEWS

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

24th June 2018

Nativity of John the Baptist

Today we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist and listen to Luke's account of his nativity. John's story is one of sacrifice and humility. His parents know there will be something very special about this child. The circumstances surrounding his birth already have people amazed. Jewish historians account that John was a preacher around the time of Pontius Pilate who went around calling people to renewal! He spent a lot of time in the wilderness, eating wild things and wearing sackcloth. He must have been a very interesting and attractive figure as we are told in the gospels that people flocked to the River Jordan to be baptised by him; a sign of their repentance or renewal of relationship with God. John gathered so many followers around him that he was considered a threat to Herod Antipas who feared he might begin a rebellion. John was a preacher, a prophet, a signpost pointing people in the right direction: towards Jesus of Nazareth. We can pray today for all those people who acted as signposts in our lives and brought us closer to God in some way, those who guided us and pointed us in the right direction when we needed it. We too are also called to be signposts for others.

'Lord, we thank you for people who guided us, but did not try to possess us: parents, teachers, spiritual guides, friends. For a time we stood with them. Very simply, like John the Baptist, they said to us, "Look, there is the one you should follow," and hearing this we followed that person.'

Michel de Verteuil

Collections: 17th June Envelopes €376 Baskets €579
 No of Envelopes 56 Direct Debits 3

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

Mass Schedule;

Mass on Monday 25th June 7.30pm

Mass on Friday 29th June in the Sacred Heart Cemetery at 7.30pm

Mass Tues 26th – Thurs 28th at 10am

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 23rd June **Group 3**

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Parish Centre: Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday
Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays.

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

GRAVEYARD MASSES & PRAYERS

Kiltennel Cemetery 24th June Rosary & Blessing of Graves

Sacred Heart Cemetery Mass Friday 29th June 7.30pm

Clonagoose Cemetery Mass on Sunday 1st July 3pm

Rathanna August 5th 3pm

Ballymurphy August 26th 3pm

Annual Mass of the Sick Friday 6th July 7.30pm - Borris

**MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED IN POLISH IN SACRED HEART BORRIS ON SATURDAY
23RD JUNE AT 6pm**

This will be followed by a barbeque in Town Hall Borris. All are welcome. Tea & Coffee provided; everybody may bring something to share!

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes: The Parish Pilgrimage this year 5 night package starting on **Tuesday 07 August 2018**. The cost would be EUR 755.00 per person sharing a twin / double room and EUR 155.00 for the single room supplement. **For booking forms please call to the Parish Centre.**

The cost would include the following;

Transport & Accommodation

- Transfer to and from Dublin airport
- Flight from Dublin to Lourdes
- Transfer on arrival from the airport to the hotel with guide assistance
- Accommodation in the Hotel Paradis
- Breakfast, lunch and evening meal served each day at hotel
- Transfer to Lourdes Airport for return flight
- Luxury air-conditioned coach for all transfers and tours

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES – POPE FRANCIS EVENTS

Tickets for Knock Shrine & for the Final Mass on Sunday 26th August in Phoenix Park 2018 will be available for booking on Monday 25th June from the kandle website www.kandle.ie or if you wish you can leave your names in to the Parish Centre and we will book tickets for you.

The Final Mass for WMOF2018 & the Knock Shrine Event are **free ticketed** events for Standing Only sections . Every adult and child in attendance will require a ticket to access the venue.

Official Opening Liturgy for the Diocese for WMOF will take place in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, August 21 – a date for the calendar.

Pre-Marriage Course

Accord Carlow run Pre-marriage course's for couples intending to get married in the Catholic Church. It is a requirement of the church that all couples attend a Pre-Marriage course before getting married.

There are a small amount of places available on the forthcoming courses

Sept 7th & 8th at St Catherine's Community Service Centre, Carlow

Oct 19th & 20th at The Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow

How to Book a place? Book on line www.accord.ie

Contact Mary at Accord Carlow 059 9138738 for further information

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*Let us always meet each other with a smile,
for the smile is the beginning of love.*

Mother Teresa

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK