

PARISH NEWS

Pentecost Sunday

24th May 2015

Shalom

In the First Reading we hear Luke's dramatic and noisy account of Pentecost - violent wind and tongues of fire. In the Gospel reading, the Spirit comes as a gentle breath.

Whatever form it takes or however we experience the work of the Spirit in our own lives, we can be confident that we are never without the presence of God - Pentecost is that promise realised. We can probably recall times when we were afraid, bewildered and felt like everything was falling apart. Today's Gospel shows us that even in those difficult times, there is always hope. Jesus came and stood amongst the disciples even though the doors were firmly closed. The peace that he gives them (Shalom) has a much more significant meaning than we first think. It is not simply a good wish. The peace that Jesus offers is a peace that this world cannot offer. It is a peace that comes from a loving relationship with God; a peace of body, of mind and of spirit. Jesus is asking the disciples to be an unending witness to God's love. They (and we) must be for others what Jesus has been for them.

'I flame above the beauty of the fields to signify the earth - the matter from which humanity was made. I shine in the waters to indicate the soul, for, the soul pervades the whole body. I burn in the sun and the moon to denote Wisdom, and the stars are the innumerable words of Wisdom.'

St. Hildegard of Bingen

Collections: 17th May Envelopes €887 Baskets €638

No of Envelopes 40 Direct Debits 6

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

Mass Schedule: Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 25th & Fri 29th May
Mass Tues 26th & Wed 27th May at 9am
No Mass on Thurs 28th May

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 23rd May – Group 3

Polish Mass Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 23rd May in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris at 7.30pm

The Little White Book, a book of 6 minute reflections on the Resurrection Narrative according to John, is available at the back of the Churches or the Parish Office. Cost €3

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

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

The Parish Centre will be closed on Friday 22nd May and Monday 25th May, back open on Tuesday 26th May

Webcam – We are currently having technical problems with the webcam in Borris Church which we hope to correct shortly. The Parish Website is working as normal.

The Eist Cancer Support Centre is open:Tues to Thurs from 9.30am to 4pm 059 91 39684

The Eist Cancer Support Centre The Waterfront Mill Lane, Carlow which provides practical help and emotional support to anyone affected by cancer in County Carlow and the surrounding areas opens Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am to 4.30pm. You are free to contact us at 059-9139684 or drop-in during our opening hours. We are still looking for people to support us by walking/jogging/running the VHI Women's Mini Marathon on June 1st.

We are grateful for this ongoing support to Eist Cancer Support Centre.

Please contact us at: Eist Cancer Support Centre Carlow, The Waterfront ,Mill Lane, Carlow Town

Website: www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie

Dates for Your Diary Weekend Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick & Knock Sat 27th – Sunday 28th June 2015 €100 per person, includes bus, dinner & bed & breakfast in hotel. **Please book as soon as possible if you are interested in this pilgrimage as we need to finalise details. The deposit is €20 per person.**

“Music Generation Carlow will host its Encore Singing workshop for students from Borris NS, Ballymurphy NS and Garryhill NS on Thursday 21st May in Borris Church at 1.30pm. This special workshop will be conducted by Mary Amond O’Brien and will feature children from the above mentioned schools who are currently involved in the Singing classes facilitated by Music Generation Carlow on a weekly basis. Admission to this workshop is free and all parents of the children are welcome to attend.”

Borris Garda Station will remain closed until August this year - date to be confirmed - as further work is being carried out. Existing arrangements where a Garda is available in Borris Library on Wednesdays between 4pm and 5pm will remain in place until then.

You can still phone Borris Gardaí at 059-9773102, it is diverted to a mobile number, or you can phone Bagenalstown Gardaí at 059-9721212

Day Pilgrimage To Knock Sunday 7th 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

Pre-Marriage Course Accord Carlow have a few places left on the June 12 & 13th course. This will be the last course before Sept 2015. Couples getting married this summer or early autumn should book a place on this course now. **Bookings can be made on www.accord.ie or for further information contact Mary 059 9138738.**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE AT EXAM TIME

Holy Spirit. Be with me at this time of examinations and grant me your counsel, so that I may prepare wisely. Grant me understanding, so that I may grasp the knowledge I am trying to learn. Grant me fortitude so that I may have courage at the time of examination to face the challenge. May I pray to you with faith for what I need. Grant me your wisdom so that I may see the examinations are but a part of life and whether I do well or not is part of a bigger picture, part of a greater plan you have for me and for all the world. I make this prayer through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK