

# PARISH NEWS

## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### Fair weather friends

*Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,  
The seething holy city of my heart,  
The saviour comes. But will I welcome him?  
Oh crowds of easy feelings make a start;  
They raise their hands, get caught up in the singing,  
And think the battle won.*

So begins Malcom Guite's sonnet 'Palm Sunday' (Sounding the Season's, Canterbury Press, 2012), capturing the elation of the crowds that line the streets of Jerusalem to welcome Jesus. But their loyalty is short-lived, as we discover in our reading of the Passion. Jesus is soon deserted, betrayed, denied, and left to face humiliation and death alone.

*Too soon they'll find*

*The challenge, the reversal he is bringing*

*Changes their tune.*

We can all see ourselves in the Passion. There are times, when things are going smoothly, when it is easy to praise God and shout 'Hosanna!' There are days when we struggle, when we are confused or upset and do not know what God expects of us. We can even turn our backs on him when the going gets tough, or when we cannot find the courage to stand up for our beliefs. This week we are the disciples walking with Jesus, on a journey that leads to the cross, and beyond.

**Collections:** 18<sup>th</sup> Mar Envelopes €197 Baskets €729  
No of Envelopes 29 Direct Debits 8

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### Timetable of Ceremonies for Holy Week

**No Mass** 7.30pm Mon 26<sup>th</sup> March as Chrism Mass is being celebrated in the Cathedral in Carlow  
Mass at 10am Tues 27<sup>th</sup> & Wed 28<sup>th</sup> March

**Easter Penance Service** on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Church

**Holy Thursday** 29<sup>th</sup> March **No** morning Mass, Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm in Borris

**Good Friday** 30<sup>th</sup> March Day of Fast & Abstinence. Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm in Borris & 7.00pm in Rathanna.

**Holy Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March.** At 11am we will have the *Blessing of Food for the Polish Community*. Easter

**Confessions** in Borris from 11.30am to 12noon. **Vigil Mass** at 9.00pm in Sacred Heart Church Borris

**Easter Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April** Mass in Ballymurphy at **10am**, Rathanna at **9.30am** and Borris at **11am**.

**Stations of the Cross for Our Time** Good Friday morning @ 11.00am we will have a Community Stations of The Cross for our time. We will congregate in the Sacred Heart Church at 11.00am, we will then walk to the different localities and in each area we will have a different Station. We would encourage you to come along and join us in this community event.

Ballymurphy Servers Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Mar **Group 3**

**Borris Parish Website:** [www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie)

**Diocesan Website:** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

**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.

**Safeguarding:** If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact the **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Ms. Joan Treacy**

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**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. The cost would include the following;

**Transport & Accommodation**

- 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

**Tours & Religious Programme**

- Introductory tour of the Grotto Domain, visiting the Grotto, Baths, Basilicas and the Stations of the Cross
- Guided walking tour of Lourdes visiting places associated with the life of St. Bernadette
- Religious processions in Lourdes led by Spiritual Director: Blessing of the Sick, Blessed Sacrament and Torchlight Marian Procession
- Full services of guides and representatives throughout the pilgrimage and at airports

**For booking forms please call to the Parish Centre.**

## Sacred Heart Church 2020 Celebrations

In 2020 our Parish Church in Borris, the Sacred Heart, celebrates its 200<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:borris2020@gmail.com)

**Fr. Rory**

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**CHRISM MASS 2018 – Save the Date!**

You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis and the priests of the diocese in the Cathedral, Carlow at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 26 to celebrate the Chrism Mass. In this year of the World Meeting of Families we gather as a family of parishes from across the diocese for one of the highlights of the diocesan calendar. All are welcome!

- ❖ The visit of the Icon of the Holy Family has been extended and it will now be visiting the Diocese between 27<sup>th</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup> May.
- ❖ Diocesan Family Fun Day, Carlow College Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>, details soon.

**HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK**



