

PARISH NEWS

Sixth Sunday of Easter

26th May 2019

We will come to them

In a verse preceding today's Gospel, the disciples ask Jesus why he will not show the whole world who he is. It's an excellent question. Surely this whole faith-journey experience and relationship with God would be far easier if there were fireworks and clear instructions. Jesus' response to the disciples is: 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.' This is the opening line of today's Gospel. It reminds us that what is required first is an inner relationship with God, so that God can come and make a home with us: 'we will come to them and make our home with them.' It is there where we discover who Jesus is.

The peace (shalom) that Jesus gives to the disciples has a much richer meaning than we might first think. This 'shalom' is not simply a good wish for a nice evening; it is, rather, 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. In this way we, and the world, will come to see who Jesus is.

'When we understand the essential unity of all that is, we discover the possibility of 'peace' – the kind of peace that in Hebrew is called shalom, and which is infinitely more than an absence of strife; it is the wholeness of the web of life itself and of every creature in it, held in the wholeness of the one God.' –
MARGARET SILF

Collections:	12 th May	Envelopes €400	Baskets €635
	19 th May	Envelopes €448	Baskets €675

No of Envelopes 63//62

Direct Debits 3/4

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

Mass Schedule:

Mass on Mon 27th & Friday 31st May at 7.30pm

Mass Tuesday 28th – Thursday 30th May at 10am

Retired Priests Collection: We are appealing for the support of the parishioners of the diocese to help us in providing an allowance to retired priests and to assist them with their accommodation and healthcare. Bishop Denis and the priests of the diocese thank you for your ongoing contributions for priests' collections and in particular for your support. There is an envelope in your box for this purpose, also part of the basket collection on the 1st weekend in June will be for this purpose.

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:

Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays.

Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 2nd June – Bus departing Borris at 7am. Adults €20, Children €10 Return approx. 10pm. For further Details Contact Loughlin Doyle 085-8089125, or John Coady on 051-424628 or 087-3330558

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

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