

PARISH NEWS

Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection

27th March 2016

Light out of Darkness

'Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of people overcoming it.'

Helen Keller

There are people in our world and all around us who overcome suffering every day. We all know people who keep smiling and joking through serious illness or misfortune, and people who have many problems of their own but are still always available to help others. There are brave folks who, having lost a loved one to illness, go on to dedicate their time to charitable works and fundraising in the hope that others might avoid the same agony. And then there are people who, though themselves in the depths of pain or despair, can help others simply by empathising with their suffering. In different ways, these are all 'Easter people', full of hope and light amidst the darkness. They remind us that even in the darkest of situations, God's light can shine.

Today we celebrate the ultimate victory over suffering and death. We have journeyed this week through the darkness of loneliness, betrayal and abandonment into the light of forgiveness, healing and new life.

In her poem *Dawn*, the poet Emily Dickinson wrote: 'Not knowing when the dawn will come, I open every door.'

Dawn will always emerge from darkness. If we want to be 'Easter people', we need to be open to throwing ourselves into the ups and downs, the sufferings and the joys of life, always open to experiencing resurrection and hope in all their forms. Christ is risen – alleluia!

Collections: 17th & 20th March

Envelopes €475

Baskets €999

No of Envelopes 68 Direct Debits 5

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

Timetable of Ceremonies for Holy Week

Holy Thursday 24th March No morning Mass, Solemn Mass of the Last Supper at 7.30pm in Borris

Attention All Eucharistic Ministers During Holy Week on Holy Thursday we will have a special commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. At the end of the commissioning we will issue certificates to all our Eucharistic Ministers.

Good Friday 25th March Day of Fast & Abstinence. **Stations of the Cross Community Event** at 11am in Borris (see below). Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm in Borris & 7.00pm in Rathanna.

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.

Holy Saturday 26th March Easter **Confessions** in Borris from 11.30am to 12noon. **Vigil Mass** at 9.00pm in Sacred Heart Church Borris. We will have the *Blessing of the Easter Fire* in the Church. At 8.30pm we will have the *Blessing of Food for the Polish Community*.

Easter Sunday 27th March Mass in Ballymurphy at 8.30am, Rathanna at 9.30am and Borris at 11am. The collections on Easter Sunday are for the Priests of the Parish. There is a special envelope in your box for this collection. We would ask you to be as generous as possible.

Mass Schedule next week :Mass on Monday 28th March & Friday 1st April at 7.30pm

Mass at 9am Tues 29th March – Thurs 31st March

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.

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.
The Parish Centre will be **closed** from Good Friday 25th March to Tuesday 29th March (Incl).

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.

Permanent Diaconate Following on from the successful introduction of the first permanent deacons into our diocese, and recognizing the tremendous work which they have accomplished, Bishop Denis is again inviting men who feel a call to this ordained ministry to make application. If you would like to explore a call to Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin please make contact with your Parish Priest who will forward your name and details to the Director for the Permanent Diaconate.

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.

No Dawn Mass this year on Mt Leinster due to circumstances beyond the control of the parish, hope to be able to hold the mass again in 2017.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We Remember and We Pray

We remember them,
The men, the women, the children,
The Irish, of the North and of the South,
The British,
Who were injured or who died in,
Or as a result of, the *Easter Rising* of 1916.
We remember the living sacrifice.
We remember the lost descendants.
We remember the courage.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.



HAVE A WONDERFUL EASTER