

PARISH NEWS

The Ascension of the Lord

28th May 2017

World Communications Day

Today marks the 51st World Communications Day, and the theme for this year is 'Fear not, for I am with you': Communications Hope and Trust in our Time. In his message to mark the occasion, Pope Francis urges us to engage in 'constructive forms of communication'.

'In a communications industry which thinks that good news does not sell, and where the tragedy of human suffering and the mystery of evil easily turn into entertainment, there is always the temptation that our consciences can be dulled or slip into pessimism,' he warns. 'I ask everyone to offer the people of our time storylines that are at the heart 'good news'.

For Christians, Pope Francis says, the lens through which we view life must be the Good News, the gospel of Jesus Christ: 'In Christ, even darkness and death become a point of encounter with Light and Life....Seen in this light, every new tragedy that occurs can also be a setting for good news, inasmuch as love can find a way to draw near and to raise up sympathetic hearts, resolute faces and hands ready to build anew.'

It is fitting that this day coincides with the Feast of the Ascension. In today's Gospel, Jesus entrusts his disciples with the important task of spreading the Good News – to 'make disciples of all the nations'. The way we communicate, and the news we choose to share with others, is a vital part of our role as disciples.

'The early Christians compared the human mind to a constantly grinding millstone; it is up to the miller to determine what it will grind: good wheat or worthless weeds. Our minds are always 'grinding', but it is up to us to choose what to feed them.'

Pope Francis' Message for the 51st World Communications Day

Collections: 21stMay Envelopes €417 Baskets €685
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 29th May & Fri 2nd June at 7.30pm
Tues 30th – Thurs 1st June at 9am
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 27th May **Group 1**

Kildare & Leighlin Diocese

Diocesan Collection for Our Retired Priests 27th/28th May

We are appealing for the support of the parishioners of the diocese for this collection 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 on-going contributions for priests' collections and in particular for your support.**

**Bus to Knock on Sunday 4th June – departing Borris at 7am. Adults €20, Children €10
Return approx. 10pm. For further Details Contact Loughlin Doyle 085-8089125, John Coady
051-424628**

Dates for Your Diary

Prayers In Cemeteries 2017

Kiltennel Cemetery: Sunday 18th June Rosary & Blessing of graves after 11am Mass in Borris
Sacred Heart Cemetery: Mass on Friday 30th June at 7.30pm
Clonagoose Cemetery: Mass on Sunday 2nd July at 3pm
Rathanna: Sunday August 6th 3pm
Ballymurphy: Sunday August 27th 3pm
Annual Mass of the Sick Friday 7th July 7.30pm Borris

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.

Confessions in Sacred Heart, Borris from 11.30 – 12 noon every Saturday morning. All welcome.

Pre-Marriage Courses Accord Carlow are currently taking booking for the Autumn courses. Sept 8th & 9th, Oct 13th & 14th, Nov 17th & 18th. There will be no courses in July and August. If you are getting married in the Catholic Church, you are required to attend a Pre-Marriage course and should book a place on one of the above courses now. Booking on www.accord.ie or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information.

Barrowline Charity Walk **SAVE THE DATE: JUNE BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY:** For the past few years we have organised our very own mini- marathon along the beautiful River Barrow from St. Mullins to Graignamanagh and back again (optional)! Over the past four years we have raised over €25,000 for many different local and very worthwhile causes. This year again we are organising the walk in aid of Oncology Ward, University Hospital Waterford and Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Carlow. The walk will take place on Bank Holiday Monday June 5th beginning at Blanchfield's Yard (beside pub) @11 am. Your support would be greatly appreciated! All are welcome on the day so let's get up and get active and help raise some much needed funds for these two great causes! Sponsorship cards are available from Mary Doyle (0879456994), Cathy Kehoe (0860766396), Joan Doyle (0871252147) and Kathleen Doyle (0876841631) or from the local pubs and shops or donations welcome on the day!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Cow Wisdom

Wake up in a happy moo-d.
Don't cry over spilled milk.
The grass is greener on the other side of the fence.
Turn the udder cheek and moo-ve on.
When chewing your cud, remember:
There is no fat, no calories, no cholesterol and no taste!
Seize every opportunity and milk it for all it's worth!
It's better to be seen and not herd.
Never take any bull from anybody.
Always let them know who's bossy!
Stepping on cow pies brings good luck.
Black and white is always an appropriate fashion statement.
Honour thy fodder and thy mother and all your udder relatives.
Don't forget to cow-nt your blessings every day.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK