PARISH NEWS

Fifth Sunday of Easter 29th April 2018

Stay connected.....

As with all good vine growers, God cares for his crop, nurturing it, pruning it, giving it all it needs so that it can grow and reach its full potential. We are no doubt the branches. What does it mean to be a branch? Branches must be connected to the vine or they bear no fruit. Even those branches that do bear fruit need pruning so that they can grow and bear even more fruit. As we are all too well aware, productivity seems to be the measure of success in the world today, in our education system, in the workplace, in economics; we are measured by what we produce. Is Jesus really adding to the pressure by telling us that he wants to see results or else!?

Perhaps we can read this passage in terms of connectivity. Think of your most intimate friendships and relationships. You don't measure their weight in terms of productivity, do you? But you do want to stay connected right?

It is this closeness, this intimacy that Jesus calls us to: 'abide in me'. Are you connected or disconnected? If the connection is strong, then fruit-bearing comes naturally and people will see the gospel in our lives and in the way we respond to the world. If we are connected, all manner of things are possible for us.

'People see the gospel in our lives; let them read our lives.'

Pope Francis

Collections: 22nd Apr Envelopes €454 No of Envelopes 67 Baskets €639

Direct Debits 5

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

Mass on Monday 30th April & Friday 4th May 7.30pm Mass Schedule:

> Mass Tues 1st - Thurs 3rd May at 10am Ballymurphy Servers Sat 28th May Group 1

Dates for the Diary:

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

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

Visiting the Sick Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on Thursday 3rd May in the Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and on Friday 4th May in the Borris area.

A sum of money was found in the church after the confirmation – please contact the Parish Centre between 9.30 & 12.30 for enquiries.

<u>Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes:</u> 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. **For booking forms please call to the Parish Centre.**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

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.

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

Mob: 085-8021633, e-mail - dlp@kandle.ie

Solemn Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help:- Our 13th Solemn Novena continues on this Monday 16th April. We invite people to place their petitions in the petition boxes in St Clare's Church, Graiguecullen. During our Novena, through the prayers of our Faith Community and the intercession of Our Lady we will ask Jesus to relieve whatever burdens we carry.

The theme for this year's Novena is 'Witnessing the message of Jesus in the Ireland of Today'

Our guest speaker this week is:- Mgr Eoin Thynne - Parish priest Mulhuddart, Dublin & former Army Chaplain

(25 years)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Three Tenors-In Concert
Borris Church
Saturday 12th May 8.30pm
Ireland's Greatest Voices with Star Violinist

An Evening of Popular Classic Hits

from Sinatra, The Dubliners, Pavarotti & Spiritual Favourites!

Tickets €25

Available from The Parish Centre, Borris, O'Sheas Centra Borris, Brophy's Shop Borris, The Little Shop Bagenalstown & Doran's Supervalu Graiguenamanagh.

This is a Fundraiser for Borris Church

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK