

PARISH NEWS

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Corpus Christi 29th May 2016

In communion

'If there is hunger anywhere in the world, then our celebration of the Eucharist is somehow incomplete everywhere in the world...In the Eucharist we receive Christ hungering in the world. He comes to us, not alone, but with the poor, the oppressed, the starving of the earth. Through him they are looking to us for help, for justice, for love expressed in action. Therefore we cannot properly receive the bread of life unless at the same time we give the bread of life to those in need wherever and whoever they may be.'

Pedro Arrupe SJ

The Feast of Corpus Christi reminds us of our responsibility to be in communion with the whole body of Christ. There is room for everyone at the divine banquet – especially the poor and the hungry. In today's Gospel story of the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus refuses to leave anyone hungry, even when his own disciples suggest sending the crowds away. There is more than enough bread for everyone. Notice that Jesus gives the food to his disciples to distribute among the hungry crowd. He is passing on the responsibility to his followers. It is up to all of us to help those in need. Having received Jesus' body and blood in the Eucharist, we are expected to pass it on – to play our part in feeding the hungry and working for justice.

Collections: 29th May Envelopes €472 Baskets €590
No of Envelopes 62 Direct Debits 5
Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

Mass Schedule : Mass Monday 30th May & Friday 3rd June at 7.30pm
Mass on Tues 31st May – Thurs 2nd June at 9am

Polish Mass - A Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 4th June at 7.30pm in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris. All welcome.

Visiting the Sick Fr. John will visit the sick on his list on Tuesday 21st June in the Ballymurphy and Rathanna areas and on Wednesday 22nd June in the Borris area.

Kildare & Leighlin Diocese

Diocesan Collection for Our Retired Priests 28th/29th 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 Sunday 5th June. Departing from Borris at 7am. Adults €20, Children €10 Contact Loughlin Doyle 059-9724242 & 085-8089125 or John Coady 051-424628 We can also collect people in Bagenalstown & Leighlinbridge

Novena to the Sacred Heart in St. Fortchern's Church, Rathanna from Thursday 26th May to Friday 3rd June inclusive, each evening at 7.30pm All welcome.

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.

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

The **1st Anniversary Mass of James Gaul** , Coolnacuppogue will take place on Sunday 29th May at 11am in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris.

Announcement regarding Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Appointments 2016

Yesterday, Trinity Sunday, I concluded my last parish confirmation ceremony for 2016, a journey that has taken me into forty of our fifty-six parishes. I continue to be very taken with the affinity which parishes have with their priests, none more so that the affection evident following the death of the late Fr. P.J. Byrne. The priest is, as he should be, very much part of the community; the priest is very much owned by the people and the parish. Changing appointment in a priest's life is neither easy on the priest nor the people he has worked with. In honesty none of us relish change and yet when it is offered, it can often be the door that opens up new opportunities in life.

In different conversations with all our priests at assembly gatherings over the past year, I agreed to make the appointments a bit earlier in the year, in the hope that the priest who is being moved, has the opportunity over the summer months to settle into his new surrounds. I am so aware of the huge demands on priests in 2016, and each year the changes will get that bit more tight to ensure all parishes have priest cover. Along with the Appointments Committee and the Priests Council, I am in ongoing conversation with the Diocese of Iasi in Romania around the possibility of a couple of priests from there spending a few years with us in our diocese.

I am also aware that next Sunday one of our seminarians David Vard from Newbridge, will be ordained to the diaconate. I wish him every blessing and commend him to your prayers. It's incumbent on us all to continue to pray for vocations. Two years ago I appointed Fr. Ruairí Ó Domhnaill as a full time Vocations Director; he now returns to Parish duties while retaining his Vocation brief. Obviously the past two years have given him a good opportunity to sow the seeds that will be harvested by all of us together, working and praying for vocations.

Regarding the substance of the changes this year, I want to begin by wishing the two retiring priests every blessing – Fr. Jim O'Connell PP Stradbally who is fifty years ordained this summer, and Fr. Jim Gahan PP Clonmore as he takes up less onerous duties in the parishes of Clonmore and Hacketstown. This year sees the appointment in total of eight Parish Priests and five Curates. I sincerely thank all who are involved in the changes and wish them the very best as they take up their new commitments in the summer. The new appointments are all to come into effect on July 1st 2016.

+Denis Nulty

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Appointments 2016

Fr. Jim O'Connell PP Stradbally to retire and reside in Mountrath

Fr. Jim Gahan PP Clonmore to retire as Parish Priest and to become CC in Clonmore / Hacketstown

Fr. Jimmy Kelly PP Raheen to become PP Paulstown

Fr. John McEvoy PP Paulstown to become PP Rathvilly while continuing as a Vice-President in Carlow College

Fr. John O'Brien PP Borris to become PP Clonmore

Fr. Michael Kelly SPS Adm Rathvilly to become PP Raheen

Fr. Sean Maher CC Clonmore / Hacketstown to become PP Stradbally

Fr. Rory Nolan CC Tullow to become PP Borris

Fr. Ruairí Ó Domhnaill, Vocations Director to become CC Cathedral & Vocations Director

Fr. Alex Kochatt CC Kilcock to become CC Naas

Fr. George Augustine CC Portlaoise to become CC Kilcock

Fr. Terence McGovern CC Newbridge to become CC Portlaoise

Fr. Brian Maguire SPS to become CC Newbridge

Fr. John Roche SSCC CC Cathedral to return to the Diocese of Los Angeles

Appointments that were announced some weeks back:

Fr. John Brickley PP Naas to become PP Kilcock

Fr. Liam Morgan CC Naas to become PP Naas

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Prayer for Exam Time

Loving God,
be with me now,

As I prepare for my exams.

Thank you for the many talents and gifts you have given me and for the opportunity of education.

Calm my nerves and anxiety, help me to remember all that I have studied,
to express it clearly and to answer the questions the very best I can.

Holy Spirit, sit with me in my exam – and always.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK