

# PARISH NEWS

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**2<sup>nd</sup> August 2015**

## **Desire**

In Titian's painting *Noli Me Tangere* (1511-15), the risen Jesus veers just inches away from Mary's touch. She may, in a second, fall to the ground. In the eternal now of the painting, however, she remains just inches away. Mary desires touch to make sense of sight but must learn to let go in order to know her rabbi more deeply. A resuscitated Jesus could only ever be a phantom, a zombie even. The risen Jesus remains present no longer as the mistaken gardener but in the bodies of others, in the touch of the community that form his body.

In today's readings Paul and John both speak of desire. Paul urges the Ephesians to abandon old desires and illusions while John's Jesus tells his followers that their desire is misplaced. They are looking for food that rots but he is offering himself as bread from heaven. Paul asks his readers to desire Christ, to unite themselves to his body. Likewise, in the Gospel, Jesus offers his body. This is no attempt to flee the world. Instead, Christian faith invites us to live as the body of Christ and, in so doing, experience his presence in the bodies of others.

Paul Clogher, W.I.T.

**Collections:** 26<sup>th</sup> July Envelopes €tbc      Baskets €tbc

No of Envelopes      Direct Debits

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

**Mass Schedule:**      Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> & Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Aug  
Mass at 9am Tues 4<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Aug

**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](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com)      Closed Bank Holidays

**The Parish Centre will be closed for annual holidays from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August Incl.  
Back open on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August**

**Borris Parish Website :** [www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie)      Diocesan website [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

**Youth 2000 Summer Festival**, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2015. For young people aged 16-35, this is a great opportunity to find out what your Catholic faith is all about in a friendly, chilled out atmosphere. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or phone [01 6753690](tel:016753690)

**Borris Garda Station** will remain closed until August this year - date to be confirmed - as further work is being carried out. Existing arrangements where a Garda is available in Borris Library on Wednesdays between 4pm and 5pm will remain in place until then. You can still phone Borris Gardaí at 059-9773102, it is diverted to a mobile number, or you can phone Bagenalstown Gardaí at 059-9721212

**Pre-Marriage Courses :** Accord Carlow are currently taking booking for the following courses Sept 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. Booking can be made on line at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) Or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information.

**The Eist Cancer Support Centre**, The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow provides practical help and emotional support to anyone affected by cancer in County Carlow and the surrounding areas opens Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am to 4.30pm. You are free to contact us at 059-9139684 or drop-in during our opening hours. Website: [www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie](http://www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie)

### ***National Dawn Walk for Cancer***

'The National Dawn Walk for Cancer is a new nationwide initiative which seeks to honour all of those who battle or who have battled cancer on a day to day basis, by means of a dawn challenge on Mount Leinster. The walk takes place on the **22nd of August at 5.45am** and will take participants on a 10km journey over Mount Leinster, from The Nine Stones to the picturesque village of Myshall, Co Carlow. Bishop Denis Nulty as well as Ms Elma Walsh, mother of the late Donal Walsh will be joining us on the walk. . On the morning of the walk we will be gathering at the Presentation De La Salle College, Bagenalstown or Myshall Community Centre (for those coming from the Bunclody side of the mountain) from 4am onwards with all buses due to depart at 5.15am in order to ensure that participants reach the mountain before the break of dawn. The walk will end at about 8am in Myshall where tea, coffee and refreshments will be served. At this point, a special ceremony will be held and the Remembrance Balloons will be released to soar upwards on the breeze in the direction of Mount Leinster. If parishes wish to bring a bus of participants to the event please contact us at 085 7473522. **You can now register online at our website—[www.nationaldawnwalkforcancer.com](http://www.nationaldawnwalkforcancer.com). Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. The cost to participate is €10 for adults and €5 for children.** You may also register at the number above and 089 2296620”

## *THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*

### **GATHERING PRAYER**

God of faithfulness, you are with us, now as we journey into the future...

We find ourselves needing to begin again.

We are in need of energy and renewed hope.

What change are we able to effect by our words, our actions, and our prayers?

We are in need of your grace to unsettle and redirect our hearts.

We are in need of your love that we might recognise the ever-present possibility for change and conversion and growth.

O God, you call us to act tenderly, to walk humbly with you.

We hear these words as a call to partnership with you.

We know that to do this means that we must change, that we must get involved.

Just as Brigid's Cross reached to the four compass points, may we learn to embrace the whole human family, and all of creation, with respect, reverence and a willingness to share the good things of our earth with justice,

Spirit of God,

Touch us and help us to touch others with compassion;

Give us the courage of Brigid to take action on the issues of our day;

Make your justice our work,

Make your love real through our lives.

*Amen.*

## *HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*