

PARISH NEWS

The Ascension of the Lord

2nd June 2019

O Captain! My Captain!

The final scene of the movie, *Dead Poets Society*, is one of the most moving in modern cinema. Beloved teacher, Mr Keating (played by the late Robin Williams), is saying a final farewell to his students, who have been inspired by his unorthodox teaching methods and his encouragement to make your lives extraordinary. As he leaves the classroom, the students, in defiance of their strict headmaster, stand on their desks and salute him with the words, 'O Captain! My Captain!' – referring to a poem he taught them.

Goodbyes are often emotional, particularly if we know we might not see the other person again for a long time, if ever. In films and TV programmes, a farewell scene can be a pivotal moment, or even the climax of the drama. Sometimes, when characters say goodbye to each other, we see a shot of one of them left behind, bereft, gazing into the distance after their loved one. In this context, one line in today's first reading always grabs my attention: 'They were still staring into the sky.' The apostles had just witnessed Jesus being 'lifted up' and taken from their sight. They had lost him once with his death, and now they are losing him a second time, after precious time spent with him following his resurrection.

But the scene in today's first reading for the Ascension is no ordinary goodbye. It is not a dramatic scene written for a film script. In fact, Jesus does not seem to say goodbye at all. His last words are a promise to the disciples: the Holy Spirit will be with them as they set out on their mission. They have not been left alone.

Collections:	26 th May	Envelopes €471	Baskets €744
	No of Envelopes	62	Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule:

Mass on Mon 3rd & Friday 7th June at 7.30pm

Mass Tuesday 4th – Thursday 6th May at 10am

Retired Priests Collection: We are appealing for the support of the parishioners of the diocese 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 ongoing contributions for priests' collections and in particular for your support. There is an envelope in your box for this purpose, also part of the basket collection on the 1st weekend in June will be for this purpose.

Visiting the Sick: Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on Thursday 6th June in the Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and in Borris area on Friday 7th June.

Graveyard Masses/Prayers in June

Kiltennel Cemetery Sunday 23rd June Rosary & Blessing of Graves

Sacred Heart Cemetery Mass on Friday 28th June at 7.30pm

Clonagoose Cemetery Mass on Sunday 30th June at 3pm

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Safeguarding: If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact the **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Mr. Mick Daly** Mob: 085-8021633, e-mail – dlp@kandle.ie

Parish Centre:

Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays.

Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 2nd June – Bus departing Borris at 7am. Adults €20, Children €10 Return approx. 10pm. For further Details Contact Loughlin Doyle 085-8089125, or John Coady on 051-424628 or 087-3330558

Accord Carlow

Pre – Marriage Courses 2019

September 6th & 7th

Friday Night & Saturday

October 4th & 5th

Friday Night & Saturday

Please note there are no Pre-marriage courses in July or August.

To reserve a place book on line at www.accord.ie

For further information please contact:

Mary at Accord Carlow phone no 059 9138738

St Catherine's Community Service Centre, St Joseph's Road, Carlow

Email: accordcarlow@eircom.net

Counselling Service

Accord offers low cost confidential counselling to couples experiencing challenges or difficulties in their relationship.

For further information contact Mary at 059 9138738

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**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE AT EXAM TIME

Holy Spirit.

Be with me at this time of examinations and grant me your counsel, so that I may prepare wisely.

Grant me understanding, so that I may grasp the knowledge I am trying to learn.

Grant me fortitude so that I may have courage at the time of examination to face the challenge.

May I pray to you with faith for what I need.

Grant me your wisdom so that I may see the examinations are but a part of life and whether I do well or not is part of a bigger picture, part of a greater plan you have for me and for all the world.

I make this prayer through Christ Our Lord,

Amen.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK