

PARISH NEWS

Third Sunday of Easter

30th April 2017

Didn't our hearts burn within us?

Today's Gospel finds Jesus' friends downcast and confused at all that happened in their world. His death had devastated them; rumours of his resurrection amazed and confused them. Into their sadness and confusion Jesus comes; walking with them, talking with them even though they didn't recognise him and yet they said later 'didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road? It's a reminder to us that he is always with us as believers even if we don't recognise him. Sometimes he speaks to us through the love and kindness of others; the friendly word or gesture, the willingness to listen, the acceptance of us for all our faults and failings. There is surely someone in all our lives who makes us feel better just for knowing them; they reflect God's goodness and love and care in the simplest ways.

The great gift that Jesus left his followers to remind them of his constant presence was the Eucharist when he promised to be with us wherever it was celebrated in memory of him. And when we have listened and nourished ourselves in communion with each other we go to bring this word and this nourishment to others. Because the religion that Jesus Christ taught was one of giving and forgiving; of living life to the full and making the most of each day. In the words of St. Catherine of Siena, 'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.'

Collections: 23rdApr Envelopes €1007 Baskets €795
No of Envelopes 76 Direct Debits 5

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Mass Schedule: Mass on Monday 1st May & Fri 5th May at 7.30pm
Tues 2nd – Thurs 4th May at 9am

Visiting the Sick; Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on Thursday 4th May in Rathanna & Ballymurphy areas & Friday 5th May in the Borris area.

Dates for Your Diary

First Holy Communion Borris Sat. 6th May 11am

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

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

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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

GETTING OLD - Prayer for Senility

God grant me the Senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference. Now that I'm older, here's what I've discovered:

- I started out with nothing. I still have most of it.
- My wild oats have turned to prunes and All Bran.
- I finally got my head together, now my body is falling apart.
- Funny, I don't remember being absent minded.
- All reports are in. Life is now officially unfair.
- If all is not lost, where is it?
- It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
- Some days you're the dog, some days you're the hydrant.
- I wish the buck stopped here. I sure could use a few...
- Kids in the back seat cause accidents; accidents in the back seat cause kids
- It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
- Only time the world beats a path to your door is if you're in the bathroom.
- If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.
- When I'm finally holding all the cards, why does everyone decide to play chess?
- Its not hard to meet expenses...they're everywhere.
- The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
- These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter. I go somewhere to get something, and then wonder what I'm here after.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK