

# PARISH NEWS

Pentecost Sunday

4<sup>th</sup> June 2017

'Shalom'

The disciples in today's Gospel are locked away, living in fear. There are many situations in our own lives which cause us to batten down the hatches. We can often imprison ourselves. Jesus appears amongst them bringing peace, *Shalom*, and overcoming their defences. Christ is always present to us regardless of the walls we might put up; he offers peace, joy and reconciliation. The word 'Shalom' is more than a wish for a good evening; it means that your wish for the person is a peace of body, mind and spirit. It is a holistic peace. Jesus gives this peace to the disciples and breathes his Spirit upon them. This enables them; this gives them courage; this sends them out. Jesus still bears the wounds of the crucifixion, reminding us that our wounds are part of who we are; we carry them with us.

We might ask ourselves today who it is that we might need to be reconciled with? What fears do we need liberating from? Into what situations do we send Christ's peace? Jesus is asking the disciples to be an unending witness to God's love. They (and we) must be for others what Jesus has been for them.

*'When we understand the essential unity of all that is, we discover the possibility of 'peace' – the kind of peace that in Hebrew is called, Shalom, which is infinitely more than an absence of strife; it is the wholeness of the web of life itself and of every creature in it, held in the wholeness of the one God.'*

Margaret Silf

**Collections:** 28<sup>th</sup>May Envelopes €439 Baskets €836  
No of Envelopes 65 Direct Debits 4

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

**Mass Schedule:** Mass on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> & Fri 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> June at 9am

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> June **Group 2**

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

**Kildare & Leighlin Diocese** Diocesan Collection for Our Retired Priests 27th/28th 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.**

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

**Diocesan Website:** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

**Parish Centre:** Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday

Phone 059 9773128; email [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie)

**Public Meeting Regarding Borris Town Hall** on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm in Borris Town Hall.  
All Welcome

## *Dates for Your Diary*

### **Prayers In Cemeteries 2017**

Kiltennel Cemetery: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June Rosary & Blessing of graves after 11am Mass in Borris  
Sacred Heart Cemetery: Mass on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm  
Clonagoose Cemetery: Mass on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 3pm  
Rathanna: Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup> 3pm  
Ballymurphy: Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup> 3pm  
Annual Mass of the Sick Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm Borris

**Pre-Marriage Courses** Accord Carlow are currently taking booking for the Autumn courses. Sept 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, Oct 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be no courses in July and August. If you are getting married in the Catholic Church, you are required to attend a Pre-Marriage course and should book a place on one of the above courses now. Booking on [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information.

**Barrowline Charity Walk** **SAVE THE DATE: JUNE BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY:** For the past few years we have organised our very own mini- marathon along the beautiful River Barrow from St. Mullins to Gaignamanagh and back again (optional)! Over the past four years we have raised over €25,000 for many different local and very worthwhile causes. This year again we are organising the walk in aid of Oncology Ward, University Hospital Waterford and Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Carlow. The walk will take place on Bank Holiday Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at Blanchfield's Yard (beside pub) @11 am. Your support would be greatly appreciated! All are welcome on the day so let's get up and get active and help raise some much needed funds for these two great causes! Sponsorship cards are available from Mary Doyle (0879456994), Cathy Kehoe (0860766396), Joan Doyle (0871252147) and Kathleen Doyle (0876841631) or from the local pubs and shops or donations welcome on the day!

**Volunteer Now for World Meeting of Families 2018** At least 2,000 volunteers are needed to organise and see through this amazing event in August, 2018. Volunteers can give of their time, abilities and service to organise and deliver this event in various ways: being part of stewarding, welcoming and information teams; photographers, bloggers, media support; logistics; programming support, and many other ways. There are plenty of reasons to volunteer, including the invaluable experience gained, the social interaction, making new friends or simply helping to create this amazing and once in a lifetime event. So, don't delay, sign up today and be a part of this unique opportunity! Go to [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer) for more details and for the online application form.

## *THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*

**Prayer of longing by St. Columba (521-597) Feast Day – 9 June**

Kindle in our hearts, O God,  
the flame of love that never ceases,  
that it may burn in us,  
giving light to others,

May we shine forever in your temple,  
set on fire with your eternal light,  
even your Son Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Redeemer.

Amen.

## *HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*