

PARISH NEWS

Third Sunday of Lent
4th March 2018

'A certain fiery and starry light shone from his eyes and the majesty of Godhead gleamed in His face.'

St. Jerome

What gives you the right? Who do you think you are? In our world, it can be difficult to work out who has authority to speak on certain issues. There are 'experts', both qualified and unqualified, at every turn, telling us how we should spend or invest our money, how we should eat, exercise or dress. We usually manage to tune a lot of it out. But when unsolicited advice or criticism is aimed directly at us, we can feel under attack and react accordingly. 'What gives you the right to tell me how to live my life?' is a common response. We sometimes need to hear someone's credentials before we are willing to give them a fair hearing.

The Temple scene in today's gospel sparks a debate about Jesus' authority. When the Jews question him, asking for a sign to justify what he has done, it is as if they are saying 'Who do you think you are, coming in here, criticising our activities and telling us how to run things? In calling the Temple 'my Father's house', Jesus has already identified the source of his authority, but his interrogators do not seem to understand, nor indeed do his disciples. This scene offers much more than an angry Jesus and a clueless audience. It is a public revelation by Jesus that he is the authoritative Son of God, and a foreshadowing of his death and resurrection.

Collections: 25thFeb Envelopes €473 Baskets €874
No of Envelopes 67 Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule: Mass on Mon 5th & Fri 9th Mar. at 7.30pm
Mass Tues 6th – Thurs 8th Mar. at 10am
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 3rd Feb **Group 1**

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

Visitation of the Sick Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list in Rathanna & Ballymurphy areas on Thursday 1st March and in the Borris area on Friday 2nd March.

[Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes](#)

The Parish Pilgrimage this year 5 night package starting on **Tuesday 07 August 2018**.

The cost would be EUR 755.00 per person sharing a twin / double room and EUR 155.00 for the single room supplement. The cost would include the following;

Transport & Accommodation

- Flight from Dublin to Lourdes
- Transfer on arrival from the airport to the hotel with guide assistance
- Accommodation in the Hotel Paradis
- Breakfast, lunch and evening meal served each day at hotel
- Transfer to Lourdes Airport for return flight
- Luxury air-conditioned coach for all transfers and tours

Tours & Religious Programme

- Introductory tour of the Grotto Domain, visiting the Grotto, Baths, Basilicas and the Stations of the Cross
- Guided walking tour of Lourdes visiting places associated with the life of St. Bernadette
- Religious processions in Lourdes led by Spiritual Director: Blessing of the Sick, Blessed Sacrament and Torchlight Marian Procession
- Full services of guides and representatives throughout the pilgrimage and at airports

For booking forms please call to the Parish Centre.

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.

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

The Three Tenors-In Concert

Borris Church

Saturday 12th May 8.30pm

Ireland's Greatest Voices with Star Violinist

An Evening of Popular Classic Hits

from Sinatra, The Dubliners, Pavarotti & Spiritual Favourites!

Ireland's Most Popular Trio- RTE award-winners Shane Morgan, Dominic McGorian, Derek Moloney, promise you a night to remember! This thrilling concert is packed with the most beautiful spiritual favourites– Ave Maria, The Prayer, I Believe, & the world's most popular, uplifting, magical songs from Sinatra (*My Way*), and Pavarotti (*O Sole Mio*). Their noted friendliness & connection with their audience makes this a unique Tenors concert.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Registering for WMOF: As of now, on-line registration is only open for the Congress that takes place in the RDS from August 22-24. When booking a one day or a three day ticket, as of now, people also have the option of booking a ticket for the Festival of Families on the Saturday evening and/or the Closing Mass on Sunday afternoon. Group registration of more than 15 people can be done without initially giving the names of the people. The name of a group leader is needed and a spread sheet is subsequently sent to this person to enter the details of attendees. Within the initial registration you can indicate the number of 1 day, 3 day, concession tickets you are looking for as well as the festival of families and closing Mass tickets (though each of the latter two cannot exceed the number of congress tickets being sought). Registration can be paid by direct debit/credit card or by cheque / bank transfer within 14 days. See www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets/Congress-Registration

24 Hours for the Lord: Families are encouraged to commit some time together in prayer at one of the churches hosting 24 hours for the Lord on March 9/10: Rhode, Portlaoise, Newbridge, Allenwood, Rathvilly and Bagenalstown. I am sure that I can speak for parishes in saying that we are all grateful for these parishes for taking on the hosting of these 24 hours on behalf of us all.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

