

PARISH NEWS

Easter Sunday of The Lord's Resurrection 5th April 2015

Open the door

'Not knowing when the dawn will come I open every door'

Emily Dickenson

The open tomb is a part of the Easter story. When Mary of Magdala visits the tomb on the third day after Jesus is crucified, she finds that the stone has been moved away. Along with Peter and the other disciples, the realisation gradually dawns that something wonderful has happened. Jesus is risen from the dead!

Easter is a time for openness. The hearts of Mary and the disciples were opened that first Easter morning, and they suddenly understood what Jesus had been trying to teach them all along. In rising from the dead, Jesus had broken down their barriers. Are our hearts open? Are we ready to hear the good news?

*Look where the garden door is open wide!
Come to the garden, there's no need to hide.
God has broken down the fences
And he stands with arms wide open, come along inside!*

From 'An Easter Carol' Damien Lundy

Collections: 29th March 2015 Envelopes: €740 Baskets €634

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

Mass Schedule Next Week: Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 6th & Fri 10th April
Mass at 10am Tues 7th to Thurs 9th April

Ballymurphy Servers Easter Sunday – Group 1

Timetable of Ceremonies for Holy Week

Holy Thursday 2nd April No morning Mass, Solemn Mass of the Last Supper at 7.30pm in Borris

Good Friday 3rd April Day of Fast & Abstinence. **Stations of the Cross Community Event** at 11am in Borris. Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm in Borris & 7.00pm in Ballymurphy.

Holy Saturday 4th April Easter **Confessions** in Borris from 11.30am to 12noon

Vigil Mass at 9.00pm in Sacred Heart Church Borris. We will have the *Blessing of the Easter Fire* at the back of the Church. At 8.30pm we will have the *Blessing of Food for the Polish Community*.

Easter Sunday 5th April Mass in Ballymurphy at 8.30am, Rathanna at 9.30am and Borris at 11am. The collections on Easter Sunday are for the Priests of the Parish. There is a special envelope in your box for this collection. We would ask you all to be as generous as possible.

Stations of the Cross for Our Time Good Friday morning @ 11.00am we will have a Community Stations of The Cross for our time. We will congregate in the Sacred Heart Church at 11.00am, we will then walk to the different localities and in each area we will have a different Station. We would encourage you to come along and join us in this community event.

Dates for Your Diary Weekend Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick & Knock Sat 27th - Sunday 28th June 2015 €100 per person, includes bus, dinner & bed & breakfast in hotel. **Please book as soon as possible if you are interested in this pilgrimage as we need to finalise details. The deposit is €20 per person.**

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 Closed Bank Holidays
The Parish Centre will be closed from Friday 3rd April until Friday 10th April (Incl). Back open on Monday 13th April.

Graiguecullen Monster Bingo, Tuesday 7th April 2015 @ 8.30pm Great Prizes to be won. Bring a friend

The Eist Centre six week CLIMB programme starts the end of April. This programme aims to support children (5 to 12 years) who have a parent, family member or significant other, coping with a cancer diagnosis. The programme runs for one hour each week and is an enjoyable, interactive experience and a time for the children using drama, art and play to help children share their feelings. Please contact the centre for more information on CLIMB on 059 9139684

The centre opens Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays p am to 4 pm. We wish to take this opportunity to wish all our clients and supporters a very happy Easter.

Eist Cancer Support Centre Carlow, The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow Town, Co. Carlow

www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie

Visit us on Facebook

Trocaire's door-to-door fundraisers will be in this area in April/May. The fundraisers are clearly identifiable as they will be wearing a blue branded Trocaire jacket. Also, each fundraiser will be carrying photo ID. The purpose of their visit is to raise awareness of the work Trocaire does and to ask people if they would like to support Trocaire on an ongoing basis. Trocaire works with the poorest families and communities in Africa, Asia and Latin America helping to build better futures. Please support this campaign if you can. To find out more about Trocaire's work, please visit our website www.trocaire.org

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan website www.kandle.ie

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Awaken Me

Risen One, come, meet me in the garden of life.
Risen One, send me forth a disciple of your unwavering love,
Resurrected One, may I become ever more convinced
That your presence lives on, and on, and on.
Awaken me!

Joyce Rupp

HAVE A WONDERFUL EASTER

