PARISH NEWS

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th June 2016

'Restoration'

In this section of Luke's Gospel, Jesus speaks through his actions and today we hear about a miracle of resurrection. This widow has nothing left, her security and her loved ones are gone. Jesus reaches out to her, crossing cultural boundaries, as to come in contact with a dead body according to the laws of the time would make one 'unclean'. The crowd must have been shocked as Jesus moved towards the bier. No one approached Jesus or asked him to intervene in this situation. He acts out of deep sympathy and compassion for the woman who has lost her son. Often we can give up on people, those who suffer addiction, refugees, prisoners, people who endure one tragedy after another. In today's Gospel, we see an example of Jesus restoring someone to life. He reaches through the social, moral and cultural stigmas of the time and performs the ultimate miracle. We can ask 'did he really do this?'; 'is this possible?' but one clear interpretation of the passage for us today is that Jesus restores people; He restores life to the man; He restores the son to his mother; He restores the crowd's faith through his deep compassion. Through Jesus, the crowd experience God's presence among them in a time of total despair. Today we might recall moments where God reached into our desperate situations and restored life.

Our task is not to protest the world into certain moral conformity, but to attract the world to the saving beauty of Christ.

Brian Zahnd

Collections: 29th May Envelopes €948 Baskets €972

No of Envelopes 81 Direct Debits 6

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

Mass Schedule : Mass Monday 6th June & Friday 10th June at 7.30pm Mass on Tues 7thth – Thurs 9th June at 9am

Polish Mass - A Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 4th June at 7.30pm in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris. All welcome.

Visiting the Sick Fr. John will visit the sick on his list on Tuesday 21st June in the Ballymurphy and Rathanna areas and on Wednesday 22nd June in the Borris area.

Kildare & Leighlin Diocese

Diocesan Collection for Our Retired Priests 28th/29th 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.

Novena to the Sacred Heart in St. Fortchern's Church, Rathanna from Thursday 26th May to Friday 3rd June inclusive, each evening at 7.30pm All welcome.

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.

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese in this jubilee Year of Mercy at the Shrine of Our Lady in Knock. Sunday 5th June 2016 with the Diocesan Choir directed by Fr. Liam Lawton

Ceremonies in the Basilica begin at 2.30pm

- Buses travelling from various parishes around the diocese will arrive in Knock between 11am and 12.30pm depending on time of departure.
- Upon arrival: Pilgrims may use this time for lunch, shopping, availing of Confession, visiting the Chapel of Adoration or making the Way of the Cross
- 2.30pm Ceremonies begin in the Basilica with the anointing of the Sick
- 3.00 Pilgrimage Mass followed by Rosary Procession and concluding with Benediction (outdoors weather permitting)
- Ceremonies are usually concluded by 5pm
- You are invited to bring your Parish Banner and assign someone to carry it in the Rosary Procession. This person with the banner should make their way to the Basilica sacristy by 2.15pm for instructions.

Bus To Knock Sunday 5th June. Departing from Borris at 7am. Adults €20, Children €10 Contact Loughlin Doyle 059-9724242 & 085-8089125 or John Coady 051-424628 We can also collect people in Bagenalstown & Leighlinbridge

PRE-Marriage Course Accord Carlow's last course before the Autumn is June 10th &11th. There are a few places still available and couples getting married this Summer or early Autumn should book a place now on www.accord.ie or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information. Please note there are no courses in July or August.

Special Pilgrimage Weekend – Starting Saturday 25th June – Walk to Holy Year Cross on Knockroe Hill with Rosary and Prayers for the Sick. Starting Point Shannon's Lane at 2pm Sunday 26th June Rathanna Church Mass with Prayers for the Sick usual time 9.30am

Graveyard Masses this Summer

Kiltennel 19th June - Rosary & Blessing of Graves after 11am Mass Sacred Heart Cemetery Borris – Mass on Friday 24th June at 8pm Clonagoose Cemetery Borris – Friday 1st July at 7.30pm Rathanna Pattern : August 8th 3pm

Ballymurphy Pattern : August 28th 3pm

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Something Beautiful Remains

The tide recedes, but leaves behind
Bright seashells on the sand.
The sun goes down but gentle warmth
Still lingers on the land.
The music stops and yet it lingers on
In sweet refrain.
For every joy that passes
Something beautiful remains.

Anonymous

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK