

# PARISH NEWS

## *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

6<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### *A brief history of love*

God does not have favourites, Peter tells us. You wouldn't think that was the case sometimes, listening to some of the people who purport to speak on his behalf.

When Professor Stephen Hawking passed away earlier this year, people from all walks of life paid tribute to his brilliance, his scientific legacy, his courage and his sense of humour. Professor Hawking's work taught the world so much about the boundless mysteries of the universe. Though he considered himself an atheist, he believed that life had meaning, and that we should always be curious about how the universe came into existence. He believed in love, and is quoted as saying 'It would not be much of a universe if it wasn't home to the people you love.'

And yet, after his death, there were some who couldn't resist the opportunity to ask; where is he now, this man who did not believe in God? The judgement and lack of compassion was staggering, coming as it did from 'Christian' commentators. Where is the love in such attitudes?

Today we bring everything back to one word: love. There are more than 20 references to love in today's readings. God's love does not discriminate. In the second reading we hear that 'everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God', while 'anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.' That love that God showed by sending his Son for us, is the same generous, wholehearted, self-sacrificing love we are called to show others – whether their beliefs align with ours or not. God does not have favourites.

**Collections:** 29<sup>th</sup> Apr      Envelopes €454      Baskets €639  
No of Envelopes 67      Direct Debits 5

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

**Mass Schedule;**      Mass on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> & Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm  
Mass Tues 8<sup>th</sup>– Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> May at 10am  
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 5<sup>th</sup> May **Group 2**

### [First Communions](#)

Borris Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> at 11am  
Ballymurphy Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm

[Please note that on this weekend the Rathanna Mass normally on Sunday morning at 9.30am will be on Saturday evening 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm](#)

### Dates for the Diary:

- The visit of the Icon of the Holy Family has been extended and it will now be visiting the Diocese between 27th April and 7th May.
- Diocesan Family Fun Day, Carlow College Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>, details soon.

**Visiting the Sick** Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May in the Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May in the Borris area.

**Bus to Knock on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – departing Borris at 7am. Adults €20, Children €10**  
Return approx. 10pm. For further Details Contact Loughlin Doyle 085-8089125, John Coady 051-424628

## Sacred Heart Church 2020 Celebrations

In 2020 our Parish Church in Borris, the Sacred Heart, celebrates its 200<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:borris2020@gmail.com) **Fr. Rory**

*A sum of money was found in the church after the confirmation – please contact the Parish Centre between 9.30 & 12.30 for enquiries.*

**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. **For booking forms please call to the Parish Centre.**

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

**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)

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**The Three Tenors-In Concert**

**Borris Church**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 8.30pm**

**Ireland's Greatest Voices with Star Violinist**

**An Evening of Popular Classic Hits**

**from Sinatra, The Dubliners, Pavarotti & Spiritual Favourites!**

**Tickets €25**

Available from The Parish Centre, Borris, O'Sheas Centra Borris, Brophy's Shop Borris, The Little Shop Bagenalstown & Doran's Supervalu Graiguenamanagh.

***This is a Fundraiser for Borris Church***

## HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

