

PARISH NEWS

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

8th April 2018

We do not come through suffering and difficult times unscarred.

We are changed by them. Often they bring some sort of growth into our lives and that is usually not a pleasant experience. Today's gospel shows us that even in those difficult times, faith can be transformative. Jesus came and stood amongst the disciples even though the doors were firmly closed. The peace that he gives them (shalom) is a peace of body, of mind and of spirit; it moves the disciples from despair and being 'locked away' to 'rejoicing'. Jesus then asks the disciples to be an unending witness to God's love. They, and we, must be for others what Jesus has been for them. The risen Jesus is active in all our lives and in the world around us, but we must be careful not to close ourselves off or let fear take over. This is not easy as we often meet cynicism and doubt. Yet, John tells us that he writes these things so that we may come to believe and have life; reminding us of the importance of the Word of God for our lives. Through the Word we come to know Jesus more deeply and can experience this *peace* that he offers us.

'For even if the whole world believed in resurrection, little would change until we began to practise it. We can believe in CPR, but people will remain dead until someone breathes new life into them.'

Shane Claiborne

Collections: 1st Apr Envelopes €TBC Baskets €TBC
No of Envelopes Direct Debits

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

Mass Schedule;

Mass on Monday 9th April & Friday 13th April 7.30pm
Mass Tues 10th – Thurs 12th April at 10am
Ballymurphy Servers Sun 7thApr **Group 2**

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

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.

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**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

This Is the Time

In the spring, it is my job to envision fruitfulness and commit to it.

It is my task to breathe in the air and perceive the earth and ripe, vulnerable seed,

To grasp the possibility.

In spring my work is to imagine and to dig and dig and feel and listen and smell and taste.

It is time to learn my desires and put them to work.

Spring is the time to test my strength and stretch my thoughts,

To raise my arms, open my heart, invite sunlight, wind, downpour, silence, night, to participate, then, in the world waking up.

Vinita Hampton, in *Sacred Space: The Prayer Book 2018*(from www.sacredspace.ie)

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

