

# PARISH NEWS

## The Ascension of the Lord World Communications Day

8<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Conveyors of mercy

As well as the feast of the Ascension, today is World Communications Day 2016. This year's theme is 'Communication and Mercy: A Fruitful Encounter'. The theme was chosen to coincide with the Holy Year of Mercy called by Pope Francis to highlight the mercy of God.

In his message for the 50<sup>th</sup> World Communications Day, Pope Francis talks about how our every word and gesture should express God's compassion, tenderness and forgiveness.

'If our hearts and actions are inspired by charity, by divine love, then our communication will be touched by God's own power. I would like to invite all people of good will to rediscover the power of mercy to heal wounded relationships and to restore peace and harmony to families and communities.'

He also highlights the importance of technology and social media as tools of communication, which must be used responsibly. 'The digital world is a public square, a meeting-place where we can either encourage or demean one another, engage in a meaningful discussion or unfair attacks. The internet can be used wisely to build a society which is healthy and open to sharing.'

It is fitting that this day coincides with the Feast of the Ascension. When Jesus was lifted up to heaven, he entrusted his disciples with the important task of preaching forgiveness to all the nations.

'The Church's words and actions are all meant to convey mercy, to touch people's hearts and to sustain them on their journey to that fullness of life which Jesus Christ was sent by the Father to bring to all.'

*Pope Francis' Message for the 50<sup>th</sup>  
World Communications Day*

**Collections:** 1<sup>st</sup> May          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 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> & Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm  
   Mass on Tues 10<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> May at 9am

**Borris Parish Website :** [www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie)          **Diocesan Website:** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)  
   Fr. John's new email address is [frjohn51@gmail.com](mailto:frjohn51@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com)          Closed Bank Holidays.

### Shannon Bombing Commemorative Mass

In January 1941 three members of the Shannon family from Knockroe were killed when a German plane dropped bombs on the mountainside. One of the bombs hit their house killing Mary Ellen, Bridget and Kathleen. Michael died three years later from injuries sustained in the bombing.

To mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragedy this year, a commemorative mass will take place in Rathanna Church on Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. This will be followed by graveside prayers and a blessing.

Everybody is welcome to attend.

**EIST Cancer Support Centre** provides emotional and practical support to people affected by cancer including those who care for them, from the time of diagnosis, through treatment and afterwards.

The Eist Cancer Support Centre opens at 10.00 am to 4 pm Monday to Thursday and 10.00 am to 1.00 pm of Fridays. Telephone Number **059 9139684**. Or you can have a look at some of our services on our website at [www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie](http://www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie) – where you can also fill in a contact form if you have any queries.

**Visiting the Sick** Fr. John will visit the sick on his list in Ballymurphy and Rathanna on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May and in Borris on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

**FIRST COMMUNION** IS IN BORRIS ON SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY AND IN BALLYMURPHY ON SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje & Dubrovnik from the 14th. September – 21st. September.**

We have a good group of people signed up already but we would need more people to make it viable. If you are interested in taking part in the pilgrimage we would appreciate if you could let Tully's know as soon as possible as they need to make reservations in the hotels etc.

*Phone Donna (059-9136100) in Tully's Travel Carlow.*

**Peace Concert in Knock Basilica**

Mayo International Choral Festival is hosting a Peace Concert with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra, in the beautiful surrounds of the fully refurbished Knock Basilica on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. This Peace Concert will commemorate the 1916 Rising and World War One. The RTÉ Concert Orchestra will be conducted by David Brophy. The orchestra will perform with a 120 member choir and soloists Anne Marie Gibbons and Owen Gilhooly. For information and tickets, visit [www.mayochoral.com](http://www.mayochoral.com).

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**We are awaiting details on local buses which will be announced at the Masses and in the newsletter in the coming weeks.**

***THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK***

**REFLECTION**

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light not our darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves: "who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous?" Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking to that other people around you won't feel insecure. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We are born to manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

***Nelson Mandela.***

***HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK***

