

Date for Your Diary First Holy Communion Borris Sat. 6th May 11am



**Another Date for Your Diary!
Chrism Mass 2017**

Monday, April 10, 7:30 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow.

Bishop Denis warmly invites parishioners from across the diocese to join him for this Mass during which the priests of the diocese will renew their priestly promises and the Oil of Catechumen, Oil of the Sick and Chrism will be blessed and consecrated for use in parishes in the coming year.

***Please come early to be sure of a seat!
Parking and refreshments afterwards in Carlow College.***

Confessions in Sacred Heart, Borris from 11.30 – 12 noon every Saturday morning. All welcome.

Note from Fr. John

Just to let you know I am doing very well. I have finished my second session and the recuperation period went very well. Next Sunday I have to return for my third session, which could be my last depending on how much tumour is reduced.

I am doing very well and almost finished with this. Once again I would like to thank you for your prayers and support. I will continue to pray for you **Fr. John**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Kindness of Strangers – A Reflection for Good Friday

Remembering Veronica, Simon of Cyrene and the Women of Jerusalem

Richard Dawkins and his ilk don't like it. They talk about the selfish gene. They are puzzled by random acts of kindness. Are such acts genetically predisposed in human beings? Or have they evolved with society? Well, neither sociology nor biology is of much concern to the woman standing by the side of the road with a burst tyre.

All she knows is that as soon as the car shuddered to a halt and she got out to see the damage, a young man standing there offering her help. She had already driven two hours in stormy weather and all she wanted was home.

Where did he come from, the red-headed stranger? She didn't know.

He steered the car to safety, and finding the spare wheel, jacked the car up and replaced it. Oh, and did I mention that he went to his house nearby for the hammer needed to knock off the damaged tyre? And that all this time it was raining. She wondered how she should thank him. She asked what she might do. He wanted nothing, saying simply that perhaps someone would look after his family in a similar manner one day if they should ever need it.

The sociologists can continue their research, the biologists can conduct their experiments, but there is a grace that flows from the 'kindness of strangers' that is not measurable by any such means.

It renews our trust. It restores our hope. It takes us home.

Anne Thurston, from Small Wonders, Veritas

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK