

# PARISH NEWS

***Second Sunday of Easter***  
***27 APRIL 2014***

***So that you may believe***

'As the father sent me, so am I sending you.' Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. I was sitting in a hospital waiting room recently when two elderly women came in. They sat down and quietly began to recite the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy together. Afterwards they handed out Miraculous Medals to those in the room, before heading on their way to visit a patient.

Their simple act of prayer was moving, as was their willingness to pass on their faith to others. It made me think of how the faith we have today has been guarded and passed down through the generations, through prayers, devotions and practices. Our task is to continue to carry the torch.

Today's Gospel recalls one of the first encounters of the disciples with Jesus after he rose from the dead. The end of the Gospel tells us that these things were recorded 'so that you may believe'. The faith we celebrate today has come down from these very disciples.

We were not there when Jesus appeared to the disciples, but we experience his presence in the Christian community.

**Collections:** Details for Easter Weekend (20<sup>th</sup>) will be printed next week

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

**Mass schedule :** No Mass on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May **Confirmation** in Borris at 11am  
Mass Mon 28<sup>th</sup> & Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm  
Mass on Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Apr & Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Apr at 9.00am

*Later on this year Marieke will get married in our church. Marieke is originally from Holland and she was neither baptised nor confirmed in the Catholic Church. With the guidance of Fr. John she wishes to become a full member of the Catholic Church. On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April Marieke will be baptised before Mass and during Mass she will receive her First Communion and Confirmation. Her wedding will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> July. We assure Marieke and her family of our prayers.*

**Borris Parish Website :** [www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie) Diocesan website [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)  
*If you wish to follow Fr. John on Twitter, you can do so @ Frjohn51*  
**Parish Centre:** The Parish Centre is open as usual Mon. – Fri. from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Phone 9773128; email [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com) **Easter Closing** Centre closed from **Mon. 21<sup>st</sup> April to Fri 25<sup>th</sup> April (Incl.) Re-opening Mon. 28<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Polish Mass** Mass will be celebrated in Polish on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.30pm in The Sacred Heart, Borris.

**Confirmation Day** Confirmation Day in Borris will be Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 11am.

**It's The Real McCoy !**

*Come and see this wonderful play performed by Rathanna Drama Club in Rathanna Hall  
Performances : Easter Monday 21<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> -Fundraiser for Repairs to Rathanna Church, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>. Starts at 8pm Admission €8.*

**Carlow Older Person's Network** is holding a Summer Dance on **Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup> in the Seven Oaks Hotel.** The event will run from **2.00 to 4.30pm** and the tickets are **€5** Music is by "The Ramblers". For more information and to purchase your **TICKETS** please contact Olive Fanning on 087 6165690 as **this is a ticket only event.**

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**Date for Your Diary : Camino de Santiago Walk :** We are organising a group to partake in this walk which takes place on 16<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> September 1014. Further information is available in the Parish Centre or from Fr. John.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

**To The Daffodils**

*You knelt down with your back bent,  
crouched over.  
Planting bulbs furiously  
in the late September sun.  
You used a soup spoon to gouge the earth out,  
To find a place for me to spend a winter  
Planning and maturing  
towards that wonderful day in Spring,  
when my head would rise above the ground.  
Christmas came, and was it cold...  
I made sure I stayed below ground  
Until, one day, I felt a beam of heat.  
And, with all my might  
I pushed myself up  
through the hard crust of the spring earth  
And celebrated my life*

*Ann O'Neill - 2010*

**HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK**