

PARISH NEWS

Third Sunday of Easter
4 MAY 2014

'And they recognised him'

Have you ever seen someone who looks familiar but you cannot quite place them? Or perhaps someone you know well changed their hair colour or style and you did not recognise them? Reading over today's Gospel, one question springs immediately to mind: how could it be that disciples of Jesus would not recognise him, especially when his story was all they wanted to talk about to a complete stranger?

After the event it makes sense to them; 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' they wonder, and they rush back to Jerusalem to share their story. The experience with Jesus, which culminated in the breaking of the bread, stirred something within them and piece by piece, like a jigsaw, it all fell into place.

Perhaps they were not ready at the start and had to take a journey with Jesus (even one in the 'wrong direction') to finally arrive at a place where they were able to recognise him and become what they were supposed to be - disciples. Once they had come to recognition they did what all good disciples should - rushed off to tell others! When was the last time your heart burned within you?

Collections:	27 th April 2014	Envelopes	€446	Baskets	€519
		No of Envelopes Returned	67	Direct Debits	8
		Envelopes for Easter Sunday will be listed next week.			

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

Mass schedule : Mass Mon 5th & Fri 9th May at 7.30pm
Mass Tues 6th May to Thurs 8th May at 9.00am
First Communion will take place in Borris on **Sunday 11th May** and in Ballymurphy on **Sunday 18th May**

Visitation of the Sick Fr. John will attend the sick on his list in Ballymurphy & Rathanna on Tuesday 13th May and those in the Borris area on Wednesday 14th May.

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan website 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

Bus To Knock From St. Mullins & Borris on Sunday 1st June – which is the Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Day in Knock. Further details for this day trip are available from John Coady, Drummond 051-424628 or Loughlin Doyle 059-9724242. You can also contact the Parish Centre if you wish to go.

Carlow County Development Partnership Ltd Care and Repair Programme

Are You 65+ years of age? Do you have a small repair job that you would like us to help you with? CCDP in partnership with Age Action Ireland can help you through the Care & Repair Programme. How do I arrange to have a Job Done? Phone 059 9720733
Email us At: careadmin@carlowdevelopment.ie or Go on line to: www.carlowdevelopment.ie

Date for Your Diary: Camino de Santiago Walk : We are organising a group to partake in this walk which takes place on 16th – 25th September 2014. Further information is available in the Parish Centre or from Fr. John.

Tax Refund for the Parish Please return your **CHY3** forms to the Parish Centre in order for us to reclaim from Revenue the tax paid on your donations. From your contributions of €250 we can gain another €77.50 from the Tax Man. Should you not have received a form from us and are eligible – the scheme now applies to all tax payers PAYE or Self Assessment – please contact the Parish Centre.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP starting this **Monday Night 5th May (til Mon 30th June (9 weeks))** at 7.30pm in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen. Theme for this year is: "The Year of Faith" **GUEST SPEAKER: Archbishop Eamon Martin (Archbishop of Armagh)**
We invite you to come and join us in prayer.

MONSTER BINGO Graiguecullen Monster Bingo: Tues 5th May, 2014 @ 8:30pm In Graiguecullen Hall, Great Money to be won on the Night All Line Checks €50 Double Lines €60, Full House from €150 / €200 ,PLUS JACKPOT, Interval & Flyer on the Night, All loose Sheets €2 Each, Six Panel Book €5.00, Double Book €10.00. Everyone Welcome & Bring a Friend

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

There is a story told about a little girl who was standing with her grandfather by an old-fashioned open well. They had just lowered a bucket and had drawn some water to drink.

'Grandfather', asked the little girl, 'where does God live?'

The old man picked up his little granddaughter and held her over the open well.

'Look down into the well', he said, 'and tell me what you see'.

'I see a reflection of myself', said the little girl.

'And that's where God Lives', said the grandfather.

'God lives in you.'

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK