

PARISH NEWS

Third Sunday of Easter 19th April 2015

Rest in God

You may have heard it said that it is a wonderful compliment when someone falls asleep in your company - it means they trust you and feel comfortable with you. Many of us are at our most relaxed with members of our families or our oldest friends. And then there are the lovely occasions when we meet someone new and feel at ease with them straight away.

Today we hear a story of the disciples encountering the risen Jesus. They are not immediately at ease; they are alarmed as they think they are seeing a ghost. But as soon as they are convinced it really is Jesus, they are filled with joy, and they settle down to eat with him. They are back in the company of their beloved friend and teacher. The disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus had a similar experience - they immediately felt comfortable in Jesus' company, even when they thought he was no more than a learned stranger, and invited him to dine and to stay with them. Our relationship with Jesus should be one of ease and trust. But we need to spend time with him to reach that level of closeness. Today's Psalm describes beautifully the joy and comfort that this relationship can bring: 'I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.'

Mass Schedule: Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 20th & Fri 24th April
No Mass Tues 21st to Thurs 23rd April
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 18th April – Group 3

Dates for Your Diary Weekend Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick & Knock Sat 27th - Sunday 28th June 2015 €100 per person, includes bus, dinner & bed & breakfast in hotel. **Please book as soon as possible if you are interested in this pilgrimage as we need to finalise details. The deposit is €20 per person.**

Polish Mass Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 25th April at 7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris. All welcome
Polish Charismatic Meeting is on Tuesday 21st April in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris at 6.20pm

Trocaire Collection – The amount collected to date is **€4,496** If there are any outstanding boxes you can drop them into the Parish Centre or give them to Fr. John but do not leave in the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

The Little White Book, a book of 6 minute reflections on the Resurrection Narrative according to John, is available at the back of the Churches or the Parish Office. Cost €3

Easter Collection We wish to thank all our Parishioners for their very generous Easter Contributions. These collections go to the Clergy fund which is used to pay the Priests of the Parish.

Fr. John

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 Closed Bank Holidays
Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie Diocesan website www.kandle.ie

The Carers Association Carlow/Kilkenny will be having their 11th Annual Mini Marathon on the May Bank Holiday in Kilkenny on **May 4th 2015**. We welcome people who have participated in the Mini Marathon as well as any new participants. If you want more information or to take part please contact us here at the Carers Association, Springhill Medical Centre, Kilkenny. Phone us on 056-7721424 or email us at Kilkenny2@carersireland.com. You can also register online: <https://endurancecui.active.com/event-reg/select-r...>

Donation We wish to thank the Knights of St.Columbanus, who are working in the Parish of St. Francis Cabrini in Texas (this is the Parish that Fr. John helps out in in America) for their kind donation of USD 250 to our Parish and their continued support of the Catholic Church. We assure them of a place in our prayers.

Accord Pre-marriage Courses Couples getting married this Summer or Autumn 2015 should now book a place on either May 8th & 9th course or June 12th & 13th **There are no courses in July or August.** Bookings can be made on www.accord.ie or phone 059 9138738

Confirmation Day Confirmation in Borris will be on Thursday 30th April at 11.30am Bishop Denis Nulty will preside over the ceremony.

The **Eist** centre six week CLIMB programme starts the end of April. This programme aims to support children (5 to 12 years) who have a parent, family member or significant other, coping with a cancer diagnosis. The programme runs for one hour each week and is an enjoyable, interactive experience and a time for the children using drama, art and play to help children share their feelings. Please contact the centre for more information on CLIMB on 059 9139684 The centre opens Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays p am to 4 pm. We wish to take this opportunity to wish all our clients and supporters a very Happy Easter.

Eist Cancer Support Centre Carlow, The Waterfront , Mill Lane, Carlow Town
www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie Visit us on Facebook

Sisters from the Convent of St. Elizabeth in Belarus will be visiting the Parish on the weekend of 9th/10th May. They will be displaying Crafts and Religious Objects, the proceeds from which go to their work in Belarus. **‘The Convent has been supporting more than 200 orphans with special needs. Our assistance stretches from purchasing diapers for the bedridden children to their rehabilitation and socialization. Another big project started about ten years ago when the Convent established a rehab center where socially vulnerable and disadvantaged people may find support, spiritual care and protection. There are about 200 people undergoing rehabilitation at the center’.**

The Irish Cancer Society’s Care to Drive service is currently seeking volunteer drivers to drive local patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments. We are looking for volunteers to pick patients up at their homes, drive them to the door of the hospital, pick them up when they are finished their treatment and bring them home again. Volunteer expenses are paid. For more information or an application form, telephone Rebecca on 01 2316 642 or email transport@irishcancer.ie

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Morning Prayer

May my horizon this day, Lord, not be so foreshortened that I notice little. Instead, open my eyes that I may see afar and above as well as in front and beneath me. Lead me to keep my life in perspective and balance and discover that the thread of your presence is interwoven through the events and people of this day.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK