

PARISH NEWS

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st October 2017

What is Mission ?

What does it mean to be a missionary? I have held to a variety of definitions since I first identified myself as one. When I first went out 'on mission', it was clear to me that mission was strictly limited to making disciples of all nations, to bring people in to the faith. During my first long term placement in Uganda I met my husband, who identified as a missionary, but shockingly he was a carpenter, and had never led a single Bible study. Could he truly be a missionary if his day to day work was (as I saw it) so mundane?

As I watched how he gave all of himself to build beautiful, strong buildings that would benefit so many people, my eyes were opened. He developed quality relationships with the builders he worked with, and the skills he taught them completely transformed their lives. And it was all motivated by his faith in Jesus.

On return to Europe I struggled with no longer being a missionary. I couldn't see how I could honestly respond 'I will go', and mean it, because I wasn't going anywhere!

So I redefined (again!) my concept of mission. For me, mission is bringing about the kingdom of God, wherever we find ourselves in the world. I will go, even if 'go' means 'stay'.

Louise Talbot Beirne
VMM International

Collections: 24th Sept Envelopes €582 Baskets €670
No of Envelopes 64 Direct Debits 3
Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

Mass Schedule: Mass on Mon 2nd & Fri 6th Oct. at 7.30pm
Mass Tues 3rd – Thurs 5th Oct. at 9.00am
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 30th Sept **Group 1**

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

Visiting the Sick Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on Thursday 5th Oct. in the Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and in Borris on Friday 6th Oct.

Parish Envelopes – would those who distribute the parish envelopes please collect them from the Parish Office – they are now ready for collection.

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Parish Centre: Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday

Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays.

Safeguarding: If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact the **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Ms. Joan Treacy**

Mob: 085-8021633 e-mail – dlp@kandle.ie

Holy Hour Rathanna

'Spare an Hour for The Lord'. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each Thursday from 1pm until 8pm. If you can give an hour in prayer please leave your name and the time that suits with Ann in the Parish Office 059-9773128

PARISH UPKEEP

We are grateful to all who give so generously to the running and upkeep of the Parish. We are also blessed to have three fine Churches in the Parish in good condition. To maintain these, work needs to be done on an ongoing basis. There are several jobs in the pipeline over the coming years, these include:

- ❖ Painting & Repair of Windows and Doors in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Borris
- ❖ Storm glazing of same
- ❖ Upgrading of Outdoor Lighting in St. Patrick's, Ballymurphy
- ❖ Painting of all three Churches

The Church of The Sacred Heart, Borris will celebrate its' Two–Hundredth Anniversary in 2020. It would be great to have the Church looking its' finest for this historic celebration.

It is now possible to donate to the Parish Renovation Fund through our website, www.borrisparish.ie On the homepage there is a link to Paypal, follow this link to make a donation. Likewise to make a donation directly to the account the details are:

Account Name: Borris Parish Renovation Fund

BIC: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE60 BOFI 906515 1587864222

Again a sincere thanks to all who support the upkeep and running of the Parish, it is greatly appreciated.

Fr. Rory

Parish Priest

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary (The Killeshandra Nuns) was founded in 1924 by Bishop Joseph Shanahan CSSp to bring the Gospel message to the women of Southern Nigeria.

Sisters are presently on mission in Brazil, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, South Africa, Sierra Leone, the U.S.A. and Zambia. Sr. Mary Gallagher will speak at the Masses in the Parish on Saturday/ Sunday September 30th/1st October 2017 to promote Mission Awareness.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 1st October 2017: Mission Month of October 2017

Today marks the first day of the Mission Month of October. World Missions Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission and is responsible for coordinating Mission Sunday in Ireland. A calendar of events has been put in place by World Missions Ireland throughout the month of October, details of which can be found on our website (www.wmi.ie)

'Faith is strengthened when it is given to others!' Saint John Paul 11, Mission of the Redeemer

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK