

PARISH NEWS

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd October 2017

The third side of the coin

Most of us have been raised to believe that there are two sides to every issue. So often we hear the term 'there are two sides to every story' or 'two sides of a coin' but there is, in fact, a third. A story always has your version, their version, and the truth. When it comes to a coin, there is the head side, the tail side, and the edge of the coin! One side of the coin may represent a particular point of view; the other it's opposite. However, if we just stand the coin on its edge, we can see both sides more clearly and, more often than not, a third way.

What a loaded question the Pharisees' disciples and the Herodians asked Jesus. If Jesus said the taxes shouldn't be paid, he would have pleased the Pharisees but then they could report him and have him arrested as a rebel. If he said they should be paid, he would have gained the support of the Herodians but almost certainly lost all support from his followers.

But Jesus did not come into the world to discuss Roman taxation, temporal revolutions or political action. Neither did he come to only see two sides of a coin! He neither endorses Caesar as divine sovereign (as the inscription on the coin indicates) nor does he discourage the paying of taxes. He simply reminds his questioners that these are worldly affairs in a worldly kingdom but there is another kingdom yet to come with a much higher authority. 'Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.'

Julieann Moran
Society of Missionary Children

Collections: 15th Oct Envelopes €793 Baskets €702
No of Envelopes 69 Direct Debits 4
Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

Mass Schedule: Mass on Mon 23rd & Fri 27th Oct. at 7.30pm
Mass Tues 24th - Thurs 26th Oct. at 9.00am
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 21st Oct **Group 1**

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO MOUNT LEINSTER RANGERS ON WINNING THE COUNTY FINAL ON SUNDAY

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

A **Borris Parish Finance Committee Meeting** will be held on Wednesday 25th Oct. at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Harvest Thanksgiving

*A cascade of cabbage and carrot,
A kaleidoscope of curly kale,
A trumpeting of tubers and a bursting of sprouts,
A partnership of parsnip, celery and mushroom,
A blush of beetroot in a line-up of leeks,
A winsome onion and a scintillating cucumber,
A broccoli-crowned turnip nudging a cauliflower,
All pressing around an incongruously exotic pineapple.
Harvest is a time for the giving of glory,
Fruit of the earth and work of human hands.
Gathered and gatherers sing the Giver's praises
In the gentle glory of an October evening.*



HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK