

PARISH NEWS

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Sunday

'Every Christian is a Missionary'

23rd October 2016

In 1973, I decided to enter the convent. The last thing I wanted to do before I left my wonderful job was to go out to dinner with the boss. So there we sat having dinner together and he said to me, 'I am puzzled that you want to enter a convent'. I said, 'why's that?', he said 'because nuns are usually humble!'. You can imagine my shocked expression. I have been working on that point since that night.

I have made a discovery though over those 43 years. God really does exalt the humble. In very small ways I have realised that it is the very thing we do not want to do that God is waiting for us to do and in that very thing is our healing. He is waiting there in the middle of that issue with his healing oils. I have noticed humble people succeeding and I have rejoiced that I noticed. It's a start.

To call a spade a spade : we exclude people from our lives. We are so subtle and clever. Nobody knows except me and God. I would rather drown or be burnt alive than invite someone who would make me feel uncomfortable and I avoid going where they are. But there are ways of getting around it. In the same way we are so clever to exclude, we can be creative to include. Think! You might be the only person who can help that person. They are, after all, flesh and blood like us. Are we really going to spend our God-given energy on avoidance? There are so many other wonderful things to do with it. But we have to get over this mountain. What is stopping us? – a little word called pride. I challenge you. This week – you know your weakness and I know mine. Let us focus on how we can climb that mountain so that we can get on with our lives in freedom, love and mercy.

*Sr Carmen Lee SSpS
World Missions Ireland*

Collections: 16th October Envelopes €449 Baskets €666
No of Envelopes 73 Direct Debits 5

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

Fr. John's Contact Details are Fr. John O'Brien, P.P., St. Mary's, Ballyconnell, Tullow, Co. Carlow. Ph. 059-9156183 & 086-2403787 Anyone who wishes to visit Fr. John in his new Parish is most welcome anytime.

Message from Fr. John : My installation as PP of Clonmore will take place on Saturday 22nd. October at 7.30 pm in Ballyconnell church. I would like to welcome anyone who can make it to accompany me as you all have been a very special part of my life. Bishop Denis will celebrate the mass and there will be refreshments afterwards in the hall. *Fr. John*

Mass Schedule: Mass on Monday 24th & Friday 28th October at 7.30pm
Mass Tues 25th – Thurs 27th Oct. at 9am
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 15th Oct Group 1

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.

We are once again celebrating **the Mission Month of October.**

Mission Month gives us all the opportunity to reflect on our baptismal call to bring Christ to others, which is a privilege in itself. The gift we have been given, we are asked to give.

Our gift to the world is the joy of the Gospel and our Irish missionaries continue to bring the Good News to people throughout the world. World Missions Ireland, the working title of the four Pontifical mission societies, organises the Mission Sunday collection in all Churches nationwide.

Mission Sunday falls on the 23rd October. Our theme is 'Every Christian is a Missionary'. We can all do our part in an open, joyful and generous way.

For further information on WMI or to make a donation please visit www.wmi.ie

Cabaret in Aid of The Sudan, Conron's of Rathnure, Friday 6th November – Irish Night
Donation €10 (per 2)

Doors of Mercy Open for You

There are four Holy Doors of Mercy in our diocese in this Jubilee Year. They are at the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow, St Brigid's Church, Kildare Town, St Fintan's Church, Mountrath and Duiske Abbey in Graignamanagh parish.

If you haven't yet made a Holy Door pilgrimage maybe now is the time to give it a go. You are invited to make a pilgrimage to any or all of these doors, welcoming God's mercy into your life as you cross over the threshold. Your pilgrim journey can start from a place of your choosing or from the designated starting point linked to each door. You will find a prayer to accompany the pilgrimage on kandle.ie as well as in the church.

In the weeks ahead parishes might also remember to pray the Jubilee Prayer during Mass or print in the bulletin all or part of. Choirs might also be encouraged to sing the Jubilee hymn when appropriate.

A parish holy hour might be organised for the grace of the year of Mercy to be felt by as many as possible in our parishes.

Just some suggestions to keep the spirit of this Jubilee year alive.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A PRAYER FOR SOMEONE IN A HURRY

Lord help me this day to **slow down**. It will not be easy for you - even you - to slow me down for I seem caught in the traffic-rush of life. I rush through my prayers, hurry through my meals and run from one thing to another. But I have faith that my choices and your graces together can change my racetrack style of life.

I know, Lord, even before you whisper it in my ear that you are waiting for me in the slower quieter things of life. Teach me, Lord of Life, how to eat my food with awareness; show me how to walk deliberately rather than constantly run, how to truly visit and be present rather than merely exchanging words. Help me, Divine Friend, to take my time in praying to you. Show me that it is good just to "waste" time with you in such acts as enjoying a sunset or a friendship.

With Your presence and assistance, I will attempt to do all things with mindfulness: slowly, carefully and fully aware of what I am doing. Then, with your grace, I shall find you, my God, in those unhurried and mindful moments.

Amen

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK