

# PARISH NEWS

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

24<sup>th</sup> September 2017

## *Am I a grumbler?*

Many of Jesus' parables are difficult. We are invited to place ourselves in the story. Which character do we identify with? To which group would we belong? Sometimes we find ourselves sympathising with the character who turns out to be in the wrong. God's ways are not our ways! The parable of the labourers in the vineyard is one of those tricky ones. We are drawn into the story, and we feel some sympathy for the crowd who end up grumbling at the landowner. These early birds who were hired at daybreak have done the most work. They have toiled all day in the heat, doing far more labour than those who were hired only at the last minute – yet they all receive the same pay. It's hardly fair, is it?

But the landowner makes his point: 'Why be envious because I am generous?' Of course, Jesus anticipates the discomfort of his audience. He uses parables to gently pull the rug from under their feet, to challenge their assumptions, and offer them a new way of thinking that is focused not on themselves, but on the wider community.

Place yourself in the story. If you identify with the grumblers, ask yourself why. Why should we be concerned about what others are getting? Who are we to judge what others deserve? Surely we, too, should want God's love and blessings to be extended to everyone!

**Collections:** 17<sup>th</sup> Sept Envelopes €757 Baskets €794  
No of Envelopes 76 Direct Debits 4

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

**Mass Schedule:** Mass on Mon 25<sup>th</sup> & Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 7.30pm  
Mass Tues 26<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 9.00am  
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept **Group 3**

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

**Polish Mass** A Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30pm in The Sacred Heart Church Borris. All welcome.

A meeting for parents of **First Communion Children** will be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm in Borris National School.

*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](http://www.borrisparish.ie) **Diocesan Website:** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

**Parish Centre:** Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday  
Phone 059 9773128; email [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

**Kildare and Leighlin** looking for expressions of interest in Organ Tuition programme

The diocese is looking for expressions of interest in an organ tuition programme organised by the Advisory Committee on Church Music, based at the National Centre for Liturgy, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. This course requires a basic competence in the keyboard (grade 4/5). See [kandle.ie](http://kandle.ie) for further details.

Once we know the level of interest, we hope to host the tuition in a convenient location within the diocese. To indicate your interest please contact Julie at [Julie.kavanagh@kandle.ie](mailto:Julie.kavanagh@kandle.ie) or 059 9164084.

### **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 on Saturday/ Sunday September 30th/1st October 2017 to promote Mission Awareness.

### **What we do**

**HEALTH CARE:** healing the sick, building healthy communities

**EDUCATION:** key to human development at all levels

**PASTORAL CARE:** The Word of God alive in people's lives

**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:** in cities, villages and rural communities

### **JUSTICE AND PEACE**

**CARE FOR THE EARTH:** loving the planet

**REFUGEES:** reaching out to street children, fighting against human trafficking

**REBUILDING** shattered lives after devastation of war and disease

**PRAYER** is central to our lives. It is God's work we are doing, not our own. Through prayer and the Eucharist we grow closer to Christ who leads us in our faith, and to Mary our mother.

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

*Take down your lantern from its niche and go out!  
You may not dwell in firelight certainties,  
Secure from drifting fog of doubt and fear.  
You may not build yourself confining walls  
And say: 'Thus far, and thus, and thus far shall I walk,  
And these things shall I do, and nothing more.'*

*Go out!*

*For need calls loudly in the winding lanes  
And you must seek Christ there.  
Your pilgrim heart shall urge you still one pace beyond,  
And love shall be your lantern-flame.*

*Raphael Consedine PBVM*

## **HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK**