

PARISH NEWS

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd October 2016

The Deep End

I used to be a terrible worrier. You know the type. Somebody who actually worries about not worrying! I have improved hugely however. It would be hard not to as time, experience and faith have stood me well. Virtually all of the things I have ever worried about have never become a reality and for this I am grateful.

Generally, I have always liked to believe I am quite rational, but the head and the heart can sometimes be at odds with one another, so when I was in my 'worry maze' the reasoning side of me always knew that my worries, in the main, were idle, but a tiny, annoying voice would say 'maybe this time'. That's where wonderful friends come in. I am blessed to have lots of truly genuine people in my life who 'tell it as it is'.

A lovely friend of mine once berated me for 'worry worming'. He was a man of faith, and during a telly off from him (a necessary one) he said, 'For God's sake Sally, would you listen to yourself; You talk a lot about your faith but you are certainly not putting it into action. Absence of faith is fear and absence of fear is faith.' Take a minute to process this, Good isn't it? That simple but hugely profound sentence has come to my rescue time and again and I would go so far as to say that it is the reason I don't really worry any more.

Because I do have the incredible gift that faith is, and, as in Luke, it has increased my joy, my serenity and my peace. Every prayer is an act of faith in God and faith that whatever happens in this life, God and I will deal with it together. To me, faith and gratitude are getting the best insurance policies against getting trapped in the insidious net of worry.

Don't worry.....have FAITH! And wonderful friends!

Sally McEllistrim

Collections: 25thSeptember Envelopes €756 Baskets €749
No of Envelopes 71 Direct Debits 5

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

Mass Schedule: Mass on Monday 3rd & Friday 7th October at 7.30pm

Mass Tues 4th – Thurs 6th Oct. at 9am

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 1st Oct Group 4

Mass as normal at 11am on Sunday 2nd Oct.

Special Mass & Celebration A Special Farewell Mass for Fr. John will be held on Sunday 2nd October in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris at 3pm.

The Instalment Ceremony for Fr. Rory will also be held at this Mass and the Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Nulty. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Vocational School. All welcome

Should anybody wish to donate confectionery or other items for the refreshments they can leave them in to the Vocational School beforehand. Envelopes have been placed at the back of the 3 Churches should you wish to donate towards this celebration. You can put these in the offertory basket, in the wooden envelope boxes at the back of the Churches or you can drop them in to the Parish Centre.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 5th October at 8pm.

Annual Envelopes Could anybody who has not received a box of envelopes and wants one please contact the Parish Centre or Fr. Rory. Due to a change in the programme we use for envelopes, your envelopes will have different identification numbers on them this year and in future years. Your records from past years are preserved irrespective of the identification number. Also, this year, in an effort to reduce stationery costs, Maintenance Envelopes have not been issued to parishioners who already pay into the Maintenance Fund by Standing Order.

The September Collection for the Priests of the Parish A sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to this collection. Anyone who has forgotten to leave in their envelope may still do so.
Fr. Rory

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

Defibrillator Course – Premier First Aid on Wednesday 28th September & Wednesday 5th October 7.30pm – 10pm in Rathanna Hall. Includes Infant First Aid. Certificate on Completion. €40 Phone Liz on 087-7547137 to book or turn up on the night.

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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Hermit and the Blackbird

(This beautiful prayer/poem comes from the hermit tradition of Celtic Christianity. The blackbird intuitively experiences the Sacred Presence from the heart of its being.)

I need to watch the sun, to calculate the hours that I should pray to God.
But the blackbird who nests in the roof of my hut makes no such calculation:
He sings God's praises all day long.

I need books to read, to learn the hidden truths of God.
But the blackbird who shares my simple meals, needs no written texts:
He can read the love of God in every leaf and flower.

I need to beg forgiveness, to make myself pure and fit for God.
But the blackbird who drinks with me from the stream sheds no tears of contrition:
He is as God made him, with no stain of sin.

Grace Clunie, Sacred Living

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK