

# PARISH NEWS

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

30<sup>th</sup> July 2017

## *Treasures & pearls*

In the immediate aftermath of the horrific bomb attack in Manchester on 22 May this year, the hashtag #roomformanchester began to trend on social media. In the midst of the chaos and terror, locals were opening up their homes and hearts to anyone who had been affected by the incident and was in need of help. People who lived nearby offered food or a cuppa, a place to charge phones, or a bed for the night. Hotels took in dozens of children and teenagers who had been separated from their parents. Taxi drivers offered free lifts, and others offered to drive those who had been stranded home to surrounding areas. People began to queue up at donor banks to give blood to help those injured in the attack. In the face of an evil and senseless act that inflicted so much pain, kindness and goodness shone through.

Difficult times often bring out the best in people. We can see it in the way friends rally around a bereaved family, or communities raise money to help a sick child. There are treasures in our people and our communities that we could never put a price on. Jesus talks today about hidden treasures and fine pearls, and prompts the question – what is most important to us, and what are we willing to sacrifice for it? Sometimes treasures like compassion and love are there for all to see, and other times we have to go in search of them, and to remember to bring them to others. The kingdom of God is always close at hand and within each of us.

**Collections:** 23<sup>rd</sup> July Envelopes €500 Baskets €625  
No of Envelopes 59 Direct Debits 4

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

**Mass Schedule:** Mass on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July & Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Aug at 7.30pm  
**No Morning Mass** Tues 1<sup>st</sup> – Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug at 9am  
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 29<sup>th</sup> July **Group 2**

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

### **Message from Fr. John**

'Just a quick update on my health. Last week I had a meeting with the Urologist.

He informed me that the chemotherapy has done its work and what remains of the tumour is benign.

He said when he operates it will probably just fall out into his hand.

Because of the clot in my leg, he will be unable to do the operation until mid-September.

He told me I can resume my 'normal' life, walking swimming, playing golf, but just to listen to my body. I still have very little energy and it will take some time to recover my full energy.

When I mentioned my planned trip for October/November, he said I would have to postpone this because of the clot.

The most prudent thing I can do at the moment is to take it day by day.

The wonderful news is that what remains is benign, when I get through surgery I will have a clearer idea about my plans for the future.

Thanks again for all the support and prayers.'

*Fr. John*

## *Dates for Your Diary*

### **Prayers In Cemeteries 2017**

Rathanna: Sunday August 6th 3pm

Ballymurphy: Sunday August 27th 3pm

**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.

The Parish Centre will be **closed** from Monday July 24<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August (incl.)

Back open on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

**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)

### **Pre-Marriage Courses**

Accord Carlow have a limited number of places available on the following courses this year.

Sept 8th & 9th, Oct 13th & 14th. Nov 17th & 18th Couples getting married in the Catholic Church are required to attend a Pre-Marriage Course. Please book now on [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) and avoid

disappointment. For further information phone Mary at 059 9142590

**Youth 2000 Summer Festival**, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1400 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. **Free** busses travelling from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or tel: 01-6753690

**Lough Derg 2017:** You may begin the Three Day Pilgrimage on any day up to and including Sunday 13th August. Advance booking is not necessary.

There are various travel options available countrywide. The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality. Telephone Maureen or Lorraine on 071 9851518 (from NI 00353 71 9861518). Email:

[info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

## *THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*

### *Indian Poet Rabindranath Tagore*

Let me not pray to be sheltered from dangers but to be fearless in facing them.

Let me not pray for the stilling of my pain but for the heart to conquer it.

Let me not look for allies in life's battlefield but to my own strength.

Let me not crave in anxious fear to be saved but hope for the patience to win my freedom.

Grant me that I may not be a coward, feeling your mercy in my success alone;

But let me find the grasp of your hand in my failure.

## *HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*