

# PARISH NEWS

## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016

The beautiful old Irish seanfhócaíl, Ar scaith a chéile a mhaireann na daoine (it is in the shadow of others that we live) is one that I grew up listening to.

It is just one of many that my beloved Aunt Kally was fond of quoting, and it always had, and continues to have, a deep resonance for me. To me, it is one of the most meaningful and beautiful sayings in a language that is not short on either. It illustrates how interconnected we all are, to our own families of origin and, of course, our wider global Christian family.

While those families of origin are moving amongst us in this world, exuberant and full of life, that seanfhócaíl can give us a wonderful warm sense of belonging, place, care and support.

When they have moved on to their eternal realm, it takes on even more significance, for me anyway.

In my case, Kally's shadow, and that of my wider family, of passing on the faith, trying to be a good example, instilling good values, being generous and decent and kind, was a bright one, and anytime feelings of missing them all threaten to overwhelm, I breathe and thank God that I had them. I learned from them. I am of them. I am truly blessed. They have not left me, they have just caught the earlier train in the great journey of life and we will rejoice at our final destination.

Today's reading reminds us that November is just around the corner and just in this life, we are all linked to those who have gone on. The wonderful chain of life continues and it is great to be a link in that chain, just like the familial one. It is so comforting and hopeful, just like our faith itself.

I believe and trust that I will see my family again, God willing, and in the meantime I will try and honour the things they taught me.

*Sally McEllistrim World Missions Ireland*

**Collections:** 23<sup>rd</sup> October Envelopes €766 Baskets €730  
No of Envelopes 81 Direct Debits 4

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

**Mass Schedule: Vigil Mass** on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct in Ballymurphy at 7.30pm for the Eve of the Feast of All Saints – No Mass in Borris that evening.

Mass on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November **All Saints Day** in Rathanna at 9.30am & in Borris at 11am  
Mass Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> & Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. at 9am  
& Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm  
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Oct Group 2

**Visiting the Sick** Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov** in Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas & on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov** in the Borris area.

**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 on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November as well as Bank Holiday Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Back open on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.**

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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.wmi.ie)

### **Message to Parishioners**

I am an Irish-American from New York who has traced my Irish family to Ballyglisheen and Gowlin, County Carlow. Seeking any living descendants of Thomas Ryan (b1842) and Bridget Morrissey (b1845) or their children-Dennis, Mary, Margaret, James, Johanna, John, and Hugh. Their sister Bridget, who emigrated to America, was my great-grandmother.

Contact Deirdre McInerney by email at [dmacastin@aol.com](mailto:dmacastin@aol.com), or leave a message in the Parish Centre.

Deirdre

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

**'The Miscarriage Association of Ireland** will hold it's Annual Service of Remembrance on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2016 at 3pm in St Teresa's Church, Donore Avenue, off South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All parents, siblings, grandparents & anyone else affected by the loss of a baby are very welcome to attend, regardless of whether the loss was recent or long ago.'  
[www.miscarriage.ie](http://www.miscarriage.ie)

### *THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*



Give thanks  
to the Lord,  
for he is good;  
his love endures  
forever.

1 Chronicles 16:34

*HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*