

# PARISH NEWS

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**6<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

## *A spark of faith*

*'If you start thinking that only your biggest and shiniest moments count, you're setting yourself up to feel like a failure most of the time.'*

*Chris Hadfield*

A question: do you feel that your faith is strong enough? I'd hazard a guess that for many of us the answer is no. Faith can be a fragile thing. It changes throughout our lives. It is tested and it wanes and wobbles at times, particularly when we go through periods of pain or loss.

A lot of the time we feel like we could be doing better – we should be spending more time in prayer, meditating on the Scriptures, making more effort to put the Gospel into action in our families and in our communities. No matter what stage we're at in our faith journey, there is room for improvement; God always wants to draw us closer to him.

There is a great image of hope in today's Gospel. The mustard seed brings to mind something that is tiny, weak and insignificant. But Jesus says that if our faith is even the size of a mustard seed, we are capable of great things! God grows strength out of weakness. Once we have a small spark of faith in our hearts, it can grow into something strong. If we nourish it, turn to God more often, make more space for him in our daily routine, wonderful things will follow.

Find that spark, and let it shine!

## **Collections:**

29<sup>th</sup> September

Envelopes €962

Baskets €933

No of Envelopes 91

Direct Debits 5

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

## **Mass Schedule:**

Mass on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> & Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm

Mass Tues 8<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am

**Safeguarding:** If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact the **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Mr. Mick Daly** Mob: 085-8021633, email – [dlp@kandle.ie](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie)

**Borris Parish Website:** [www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie)

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

**Parish Centre:** Mon/Wed/Fri 9.30 – 12.30, Tues & Thurs 1pm – 4pm

Phone 059 9773128; email [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com) Closed Bank Holidays.

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

**Yearly Envelopes** *The boxes of yearly envelopes are ready for distribution. Could those who distribute them call to the Parish Centre for them during the usual opening times? If you are not available this year to distribute them we would be grateful if you would let us know so that we can organise another person to do so.*  
*Sincere thanks to everybody who helps in this regard.*

## **Sacred Heart Church 2020 Celebrations**

In 2020 our Parish Church in Borris, the Sacred Heart, celebrates its 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We are looking for ideas on how to celebrate this as a Parish. We would welcome also old photos and stories about the Church which we can integrate into our celebrations. All of these can be emailed to a special email address [borris2020@gmail.com](mailto:borris2020@gmail.com) **Fr. Rory**

### *THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*

#### ***Count your Blessings***

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness,  
you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle,  
the loneliness of imprisonment,  
the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation,  
you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment,  
Arrest, torture, or death,  
You are more blessed than almost three billion people in the world.

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep,  
You are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish somewhere,  
You are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If your parents are still alive and still married, you are very rare. If you hold up your head with a smile on  
your face and are truly thankful,  
You are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder, you are blessed because you  
can offer God's healing touch.

If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you, and  
furthermore, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

You are so blessed in ways you may never know.

### *HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*