

PARISH NEWS

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th October 2017

Where is God?

As someone who has willingly left these shores to assist people on the margins, I am familiar with the inhumanity of man to his fellow man, where millions of people are left to their own devices, forgotten in their own poverty. The *I'm alright* attitude permeates not just the so called 'developing world'; it is alive and well here in Ireland.

Does God, like the absentee landowner in the gospel parable, leave us and depart for another country? A personal relationship with anybody means that the person is present.

God should be no different. God is deep within our heart, not something out there and distant! I battle with the castigation of the high priests and elders, the negative portrayal of the people of God, and the raw deal for the slaves that came to rescue the situation. Is this the forgiving God that out of the worst injustice can transform human hearts?

So where is the hope? Jesus doesn't condemn in the passage: he invites us to understand his meaning. He asks the elders what they would do. This question is asked of us too.

Jesus then refocuses the parable: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'. This is the high point of this gospel, where Jesus reminds us of the marvel that he is: the one that was rejected, the one that was overlooked- the one abandoned by us. It is this stone, this rock, that becomes our Saviour. The rock symbolises one who never leaves us. God loves us not because we are good but because God is good.

Shane Halpin
Viatores Christi

Collections:	1 st Oct	Envelopes €961	Baskets €834
		No of Envelopes 64	Direct Debits 3

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

Mass Schedule: Mass on Mon 9th & Fri 13th Oct. at 7.30pm
Mass Tues 10th & Thurs 12th Oct. at 9.00am

No Mass at 9am on Wednesday 11th Oct – the Vocational School Start of Year Mass will be at 12 noon. All Welcome

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 7th Oct **Group 2**

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

Visiting the Sick Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on Thursday 5th Oct. in the Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and in Borris on Friday 6th Oct.

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.

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

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

PARISH UPKEEP

We are grateful to all who give so generously to the running and upkeep of the Parish. We are also blessed to have three fine Churches in the Parish in good condition. To maintain these, work needs to be done on an ongoing basis. There are several jobs in the pipeline over the coming years, these include:

- ❖ Painting & Repair of Windows and Doors in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Borris
- ❖ Storm glazing of same
- ❖ Upgrading of Outdoor Lighting in St. Patrick's, Ballymurphy
- ❖ Painting of all three Churches

The Church of The Sacred Heart, Borris will celebrate its' Two–Hundredth Anniversary in 2020. It would be great to have the Church looking its' finest for this historic celebration.

It is now possible to donate to the Parish Renovation Fund through our website, www.borrisparish.ie On the homepage there is a link to Paypal, follow this link to make a donation. Likewise to make a donation directly to the account the details are:

Account Name: Borris Parish Renovation Fund

BIC: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE60 BOFI 906515 1587864222

Again a sincere thanks to all who support the upkeep and running of the Parish, it is greatly appreciated.

Fr. Rory

Parish Priest

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 8th October 2017: World Mission Sunday is in 2 weeks' time!

Please remember that in two weeks 'time, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection, the Mission Sunday collection. World Missions Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas missions and is responsible for coordinating Mission Sunday in Ireland. See World Mission Ireland's website -

(www.wmi.ie)

'Faith is strengthened when it is given to others!' Saint John Paul 11, Mission of the Redeemer

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK