

PARISH NEWS

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9th October 2016

So often when we hear Luke's story of the ten lepers, we concentrate on the supposed rudeness of the nine who didn't return, who seem ungrateful for the healing Jesus brought. I wonder, however, if they were being rude or simply doing what they had been told to do. Jesus said 'Go, show yourselves to the priests' and that is what they set out to do. In fact, their initial cry for help would indicate they recognised Jesus as Master, they knew to call out to him for healing, they trusted him, and they believed him when he spoke to them. They even set out in the direction he told them before there was any evidence he had healed them.

Luke makes a point of distinguishing the returning leper as a Samaritan/Gentile so, presumably, the other nine were Jewish. They, and Jesus, knew the priests would provide official acknowledgement of their being cleansed, allowing them to re-enter the community in accordance with the Law. They continued on their path to visit the priests so they could resume their lives, go home to their family and friends, and return to worshipping in the synagogue. They were cleansed. But that's not the end of the story. The Samaritan did a turnabout and returned to thank Jesus, to thank God. He, however, was not only cleansed; he was 'made well'.

All ten are healed but the thankful Samaritan is somehow more prophetic. He is grateful for the grace he has just received and, perhaps, light the way for future Gentiles to respond to the Good News through faith and thankfulness. The thankful Samaritan shows us that gratitude is an essential response to God's mercy. It is essential to our wholeness of mind, body and spirit; it is essential to salvation. To be made well we must add thanksgiving to our faith.

Julieann Moran

National Secretary, Society of Missionary Children

Collections: 2nd October Envelopes €756 Baskets €749
No of Envelopes 65 Direct Debits 5

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

Mass Schedule: Mass on Monday 10th & Friday 14th October at 7.30pm
Mass Tues 11th – Thurs 13th Oct. at 9am
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 8th Oct Group 2

Thank You All

Special Farewell & Installation Mass & Celebration We wish to thank everybody sincerely who helped in any way with the Mass & Celebration Last Weekend in Borris – with the Mass itself, the catering, the set-up and clean-up in the School - because of you all it was a great success.

Fr. Rory

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.

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.

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

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

For All Animals

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. On the fifth and sixth days of creation, you called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land.

You inspired St. Francis to call all animals his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless our animals. By the power of your love, enable them to live according to your plan. May we be faithful stewards and always praise you for all your beauty in creation.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all you creatures!

Amen.

Franciscan Animal Blessings for the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi – 4th October

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK