

# Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

Charity Registration No: 20015848

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## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### *Reflection on the Gospel...who will enter the Kingdom of Heaven?*

As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem. This journey, this exodus as Luke refers to it, makes up the entire middle of the Gospel. He is teaching as he goes. A question from the crowd gives Jesus the chance to make a prophetic statement. A few weeks ago, the question "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is actually faithful to the covenant. This was a concern of the Pharisees.

Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door. Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say he does not know us. People from the north, south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will take their place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.

The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendants back from the east and from the west, the north and the south. And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom.

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**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus present to us, takes place each  
Wednesday in our Parish Church from 10.30am to 1pm  
Rathanna Church every Thursday from 11am to 6pm. All Welcome**



### ***Parish Contacts***

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*Turn your worries into prayers...*

## *With Love We Remember...*

*Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st August*

### *Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass*

Patrick, Margaret & Teresa White, Kilcoltrim



*We also pray for:*

Josephine Murphy Woodlawn Park

Kathleen (Kay) Power Currane

Christy Murphy Clonagoose

Maurice Dillon Ballymartin

### *Anniversary Masses this Week*

*Wednesday 24th August:* John Doyle Borris

*Thursday 25th August:* Mary & Martin Doyle Ballyine

*Friday 26th August:* Michael & Lar Doyle Kilcloney

## *Act of Spiritual Communion*

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

### *Cemetery Pattern*



**Ballymurphy Pattern**  
**Sunday August 28th @ 3pm**

### *Relationship Counselling*

Accord Carlow are now back open for face to face relationship Counselling at St. Catherine's Community Service Centre Carlow. For further information please phone Mary at 086 414 9034 or email [accord-carlow@gmail.com](mailto:accord-carlow@gmail.com)

## *A Summer Prayer*



**Long warm days...**  
**The pace of life slows...**  
**A time for picnics**  
**and rest in the shade...**

**Lord, help me to rest awhile**  
**in the cooling shade of your presence.**  
**Slow down my restless heart**  
**And fill me with**  
**gentle compassion**  
**for all your people.**



## *Prayer for Ukraine*

**O Prince of Peace,  
Once more we hear the guns of war,  
Once more we see the faces  
Of frightened children.**

**We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
That they may be granted peace;  
We pray for the people of Russia,  
That they may demand peace;**

**We pray for our country,  
That we may be a positive part  
Of peace-making in this world.**

**O Prince of Peace,  
Lead us from this dark time  
To a deeper understanding  
Of the global human family,  
So all may break bread together  
In the secure embrace of peace.**

**Amen.**

## *Healing a Broken Heart*

Lord, please heal my broken heart. Fill me with the peace and joy I know can only come from You during this hard time. Walk closely beside me during my journey to healing and recovery that I know is possible through Your power alone. In Jesus' Name.

**Amen.**

*Unknown*



## *Rathanna N.S.- Memories of Our School Days*

Rathanna ICA would like to thank everyone who attended our National Heritage Week event in Rathanna Hall on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August. It was an opportunity for past pupils, former teachers, their families and the community to come together and share their memories of Rathanna school which closed in 1968.

Anyone who would like to share memories or photos of Rathanna School, please email [rathannaica@gmail.com](mailto:rathannaica@gmail.com)

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Helena McAteer 0871269014

## *Safeguarding*

If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact:

**Director of Safeguarding  
Ms. Kathleen Sherry**

Mob: 085-8021633,

email [safeguarding@kandle.ie](mailto:safeguarding@kandle.ie)

## *National Synthesis of Synodal Process*

The national synthesis – which has now been submitted to the Synod Secretariat in the Vatican as part of the global Synodal Process announced by Pope Francis for the Church is available to read and download on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

Dr Nicola Brady, Chair of the Synod Steering Committee, said, “We invite everyone to read the national synthesis and reflect on what we are called to do, as individuals and as a church community, as a result of what we have heard. The issues raised are not new, but the honesty and clarity with which they have been articulated in this process, and the relational approach that has characterised the work to date, offers a strong foundation to build upon.

Some of the findings are stark, many of the experiences shared are painful, but there have also been many hopeful and encouraging aspects, notably the importance many people have placed on this process and the skills and experience we will take forward into the subsequent phases of this work.

Important questions have been set out for deeper reflection and pastoral action at every level of Church life and there will be many more opportunities for people to get involved and help shape this process.”

## Support Helplines

**Alone:** Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.,  
081 822 2024.

**Third Age Ireland:** Free Phone 1800 80 45 91  
10am and 10pm on any day of the week.

**Childline:** Free Phone 1 800 66 66 66

### **Barnardos:**

Monday to Friday 10.00am to 2pm  
Free Phone 1 800 91 01 23

[www.mentalhealthireland.ie](http://www.mentalhealthireland.ie)  
[www.youth.ie](http://www.youth.ie)  
[www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie)

**Women's Aid:** 1800 341 900

**Men's Aid:** 01 554 3811

**Samaritans Helpline Free Phone 116 123**

## Contribution to Parish

**I want to thank you most  
sincerely for your  
continued financial support  
of our churches and parish. Con-  
tributions can be made in 3 ways.**

**Directly, by dropping  
your donation into the  
Parish Centre**

**By donating via the donation link  
on our website.**

**Bank transfer directly to:**

**Name of A/C:  
Borris Parish Current  
Account:**

**IBAN:  
IE02 BOFI 9065 1531 4388 14**

**BIC:  
BOFIE2D**

*AGAIN THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT  
Fr Rory*

## Mass Times

*Ballymurphy-Borris-Rathanna*

### Weekday Masses

**Monday** No Mass  
**Tuesday** No Mass  
**Wednesday** 10am  
**Thursday** 10am  
**Friday** 7.30pm



### Sunday Masses

**7.30pm Ballymurphy (Saturday evening)**  
**9.30am Rathanna**  
**11.00am Borris**

## Prayer to our Blessed Mother

Take my hand, O Blessed Mother,  
hold me firmly lest I fall.

I am nervous when I'm walking  
and to thee I humbly call.

Guide me over every crossing,  
watch me when I'm on the stairs,  
let me know you are beside me,  
listen to my fervent prayers.

Bring me to my destination safely, every single day.  
Help me with each undertaking,  
as the hours go on their way.

And when evening falls upon me, and I fear to be alone,  
take my hand, O Blessed Mother, once again and lead  
me home.

*Amen*

## SERENITY

### Serenity Prayer

**God grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change;  
courage to change the things I can;  
and wisdom to know the difference.**