

Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

Charity Registration No: 20015848

4th September 2022 Year C

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Following Jesus...

In our Gospel today, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong.

Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship.

Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes “hating” one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second.

In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to “hating” father or mother, but to *loving them more* than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else. *Loyola Press*

Follow me...

**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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*“God, you love me so much that you gave your one and only Son for me.
Because I believe in Jesus, I will not perish, but have eternal life.” Nancy DeJesus*

With Love We Remember...

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th September

Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass

Ann-Marie Murphy (nee Ralph), Kyle, Ballymurphy

Rathanna Anniversary Mass

Michael & Anastasia Furlong Knockroe

Borris Mass

Special Intention

We also pray for:

Nora Dwyer Ballynattin

Patrick O'Higgins Rathanna

Michael Murray Waterford

Hannah Carton (nee Hayes) Kilcoltrim who died in Perth during the week

Anniversary Masses this Week

Wednesday 7th Sept.: Deceased members of the Sheehan Family Rathanna

Thursday 8th Sept.: John Lacken Gravesend Kent

Friday 9th Sept.: First Anniversary Mass: Mick Spruhan Currane

Months Mind Mass: Kathleen Spruhan Currane

Margaret Flood Ballyglisheen

John & James Murphy Kyle Road Ballymurphy

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.

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 accordcarlow@gmail.com

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.

Volunteer with ALONE

ALONE provide services to older people living at home. ALONE recruits, trains and supports Volunteers for two services: a Visitation and Befriending Service, and a Telephone Support and Befriending Service.

Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided.

If interested please sign up here:

<https://alone.ie/volunteers/>

for more information, contact

Fiona on fiona.boyle@alone.ie

or on 086 1366539.

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

Season of Creation

1 September – 4 October

A prayer for the Earth
(Martyn Goss, Diocese of Exeter)

God our Creator, maker and shaper of all
that is, seen and unseen;
You are present in the breadth and depth
of the whole of creation,
and in the processes
that make life possible.

Yet, we are distracted by the
gods of the marketplace.

Our lives have become
fractured and fragmented.

**In our brokenness we disturb the Earth's
capacity to hold us.**

Call us back from the brink.

Help us to choose love and not fear,
to change ourselves and not the planet, to
act justly for the sake
of the vulnerable,
and to make a difference
today for the life tomorrow.

We make this our prayer in your name,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Amen.

**More information on
On our website
www.borrisparish.ie**

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
www.youth.ie
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.**