

Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

Charity Registration No: 20015848

16th July 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Parish News

Gospel Reflection

Jesus used parables to illustrate for his listeners what he meant by the kingdom of heaven. Today we hear the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

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Lord, may our faith in you be strong, our trust in you, though tested, never fail and may we be always open to be your hands and feet in our world today...

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With Love We Remember...

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th July

Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass

Breda Kealy Tinnecarrig

Rathanna Anniversary Mass

Months Mind Mass; Gerard Bolger Knockroe

Also pray for: Rita & John Shannon Knockroe & deceased member of the Shannon Family

Borris Anniversary Mass

Ann Quinn Woodlawn Park

We also pray for:

Matthew Kavanagh Mount Leinster Lodge

Mary O'Shea Ballyroughan

John Jordon Killedmond

Mass Intentions this Week

Wednesday 19th July: NO MASS

Thursday 20th July: NO MASS

Friday 21st July: Ann Redmond Ballymartin



Annual Leave

Fr Rory is on annual leave, **no weekday masses this week. The weekend masses will be at the usual times.** *Emergency calls to 087 271 4161*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each ...

Wednesday in our Parish Church from 10.30am to 1pm

Thursday in Rathanna Church from 11am to 6pm.

All Welcome



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.



Graveyard Mass Ullard

Ullard Graveyard Mass will take place on Friday 21st July at 7.30pm

Carlow Tús Programme

Are you in receipt of a Jobseeker's Allowance or Disability Allowance Payment for at least 11 months from the Department of Social Protection. If so, you can self-refer to Carlow Tús Programme. We have vacant placements in Drumpea, Lorum and Ballinkillen.

If interested please contact

Tús Supervisor Doreen on 086 1588695

A Prayer for Safe Travel

O God, our heavenly Father,
whose glory fills the whole creation,
and whose presence we find
wherever we go:
preserve those who travel;
surround them with your loving care;
protect them from every danger;
and bring them in safety
to their journey's end;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Retracing the footsteps of St Brigid and St Conleth

An 8km walk on the Curragh Plains led by Bishop Nulty takes place on Saturday 29th July. The walk begins at St Anne's School, The Curragh at 12noon and concludes with a prayer service in St Brigid's Church, Kildare at 4pm. Refreshments will be available and all are welcome to join.

To register please contact Aras Bhríde on 045-521352 or email kildareparish@gmail.com

Borris Parish **Dates for the Diary 2023**



RATHANNA MASS/PATTERN
Sunday 6th August 3pm
(No 9.30am Mass in Rathanna)

BALLYMURPHY MASS/PATTERN
Sunday 27th August 3pm
(No 7.30pm Mass in Ballymurphy
Saturday 26th August)

MASS OF THE SICK
Friday 1st September 7.30pm

**MASS FOR THOSE WHO
DIED DURING THE YEAR**
Wednesday 1st November 7.30pm

MASS OF THE HOLY ANGELS
Wednesday 15th November 7.30pm

Éist Cancer Support Centre

Monday to
Thursday
10am to 4pm

Friday
10-1pm

Phone:
059-9139684



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.hsc.ie

Women's Aid: 1800 341 900

Men's Aid: 01 554 3811

Samaritans Helpline Free Phone 116 123

Mass Times

Ballymurphy-Borris-Rathanna

Monday No Mass
Tuesday No Mass
Wednesday No Mass
Thursday No Mass
Friday No Mass



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

Contribution to Parish

I want to thank you most
sincerely for your
continued financial support
of our churches and parish. Contributions
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 continued support. Fr Rory*

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

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.**