

Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

Charity Registration No: 20015848

23rd July 2023

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Parish News

Gospel Reflection

In the Gospel, Jesus offers parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples.

The Parables he uses contain commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. They alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the “weeds” prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. *Loyola Press*

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With Love We Remember...

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd July

Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass

Michael Reddy Rosdillig

Rathanna Anniversary Mass

Robert Williams Woodlawn Park

Borris Anniversary Mass

Eileen Kavanagh Knocksquire

We also pray for:

Attracta Byrne Cournellan

Larry Quinn Mountain View Borris

Sonny & Bridie Quinn Scorthreen

Bill & John Dreelan & Deceased Family Members Rathgeran

Mary Brophy nee McDermott

Mass Intentions this Week

Wednesday 26th July: Eileen Kavanagh Knocksquire

Roman Chmil Keenan's Borris

Thursday 27th July: No 10am Mass

Friday 28th July: Months Mind Mass Liam Hughes Woodlawn Park

& Kathleen Hughes

Also Elizabeth & Patrick O'Brien Killedmond



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.**

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.





*Come,
Follow
Me...*



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

Congratulations!!

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Fr. Phil O'Shea who this year celebrates 60 years of Priesthood.

We thank him for his service to Church and Diocese over those years.

Bishop Denis will join Fr Phil, his family and friends and local clergy for a special mass to mark the occasion on

**Thursday 27th July at 12 noon
in the Parish Church Borris.**

*All are Welcome to share
in this mass with Fr. Phil*

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

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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	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

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
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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.**