

# Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

Charity Registration No: 20015848

30th July 2023

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Parish News

## *Gospel Reflection*

In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light. **Loyola Press**

## *Thank You*

I would like to say a special thanks to Fr. Seamus Whelan who has been so helpful in the parish over the last number of weeks. His kindness, generosity and willingness to help ensured that I could take some time off. It is very much appreciated. We wish him well as he returns home to Argentina. *Fr Rory*

### ***Parish Contacts***

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## *With Love We Remember...*

*Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th July*

*Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass*

James, John & Eddie Doran Moycullen

*Rathanna Anniversary Mass*

Ellen & James Tuite Killedmond

William (Billy) Walshe Newbridge formerly Rathanna

*Borris Anniversary Mass*

Johnny Rice Main Street Borris

*We also pray for:*

Annie McCabe Woodlawn Park

Thomas Corcoran Ballytiglea

William (Bill) Young Pound Lane

Liam Murphy Killedmond

Tony Murphy Pound Lane

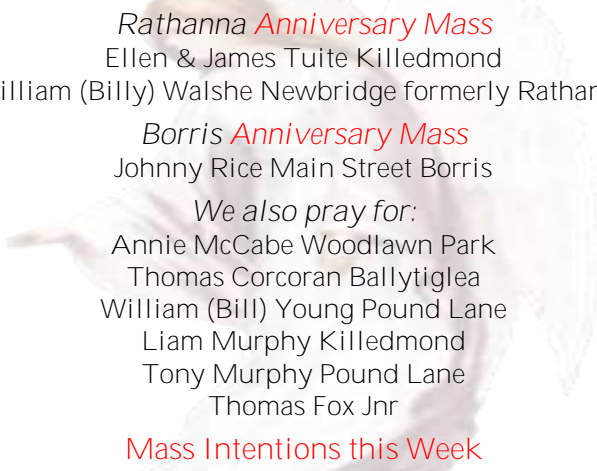
Thomas Fox Jnr

*Mass Intentions this Week*

*Wednesday 2nd August:* Tomas Corcoran Ballytiglea

*Thursday 3rd August:* Patrick, Margaret & Sr. Teresa White Kilcoltrim

*Friday 4th August:* Mary Anne Redmond Ballymartin



## *Rathanna Pattern & Mass*

**Next Sunday, 6th August at 3pm**

***(No 9.30am Mass in Rathanna)***

***All Welcome***



*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.



## *Diocesan Director of Safeguarding*

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ossory Are seeking to recruit a Diocesan Director of Safeguarding with responsibility for children and vulnerable adults.

Full details are available on the notice boards in the three churches and on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

<https://www.kandle.ie/diocesan-director-of-safeguarding/>



## *Visiting the Sick/Housebound*

**I will call on the  
Sick/Housebound this week.**

**Thursday 3rd August:  
Ballymurphy & Rathanna**

**Friday 4th August:  
Borris**



*Come,  
Follow  
Me...*



**Vocations Director:**

**Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill Tel: 083 3343744**

## *Borris Parish* **Dates for the Diary 2023**



**RATHANNA MASS/PATTERN**  
Next 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](http://www.mentalhealthireland.ie)

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

[www.hsc.ie](http://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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10am</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>



### Sunday Masses

**7.30pm Ballymurphy (Saturday evening)**  
**11.00am Borris**  
**3pm Rathanna Pattern & Mass**

### 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](mailto: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.**