

Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

Working towards Clustering with St. Mullins & Graiguenamanagh

1st October 2023

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Parish News

Gospel Reflection...

The chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognise the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God. *Loyola Press*

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Charity
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With Love We Remember...

Saturday 30th September & Sunday 1st October

Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass

Edward & Hannah Fenlon Rocksavage Rathanna

Rathanna Anniversary Mass

Mary & John Walsh Crannagh
& deceased members of the Walsh family

Borris Anniversary Mass

Thomas & Rose Lawless

We also pray for:

Michael Heffernan Rathanna
& Deceased members of the Heffernan Family



Mass Times & Intentions this Week

Wednesday 4th October:

Rosemary Scully Ballinagrane

Thursday 5th October:

Special Intention

Friday 6th October:

Special Intention

A Prayer for Help

God, Sometimes I don't feel like talking about what's wrong. I just want to be mad or sad or frustrated. I would rather sit by myself. Sometimes, things feel too big for me to figure out. Sometimes, life seems really unfair. I need Your help, God. You are the only One who sees everything and knows everything. You are the only One who knows everything about me. Can You help me to trust You, today? Please teach me how to take what I feel and give it to You to sort out. Amen

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.



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

Borris Parish

Dates for the Diary 2023

**MASS FOR THOSE WHO
DIED DURING THE YEAR**

Wednesday 1st November 7.30pm

MASS OF THE HOLY ANGELS

Wednesday 15th November 7.30pm



Calling All Artists!!

Theme: My Community

Entry Rules: One Entry Per Person
No Larger Than A3

Closing Date: 31st October 2023



Further Information:

Borris Town Hall

Facebook Page

or

ainestewart@gmail.com

Parish Envelopes

There are a number of Parish Envelopes for the coming year to be distributed from the Parish Centre:

**Rathgeran/Ballymurphy;
Kilmisson;**

**Coolnamara/Ballyroughan;
Knockmore/Ballybrack**

If there was a person from those areas who could help with the distribution of those envelopes I would be very grateful.

Fr Rory

Mass Times

Ballymurphy-Borris-Rathanna

Wed. 10am; Thurs. 10am; Fri. 7.30pm
Sunday Masses

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

St. Mullins

Sunday Masses: Drummond 9.30am;
Glynn 11am;

Wednesday: Drummond 9.30am

Graiguenamanagh

Duiske Abbey **Saturday:** 7pm; **Sunday:** 11am;
Monday to Friday 10am
Skeoughvosteen: **Sunday:** 9.30am

Borris Parish News

Check out the local Church Parish News:

www.borrisparish.ie

Follow the link

Parish Newsletter, Currant Issue.

Wish to include an item?

email: **borrisparish@gmail.com**



Visiting the Sick & Housebound

**Fr. Rory will call to those on his
Sick/Housebound List this week:**

**Thursday 5th October:
Ballymurphy & Rathanna**

Friday 6th October: Borris

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

Come, Follow Me...

Is priesthood for you?

Why not make that call?

Contact our...

Vocations Director:

Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill

Tel: 083 3343744

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.**