

Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

Working towards Clustering with St. Mullins & Graiguenamanagh

17th September 2023

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Parish News

Gospel Reflection...Forgiveness

Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

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With Love We Remember...
Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th September

Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass

Ben Dalton Headfield

Rathanna Mass

Bernie Scully Rosdillig

Borris Months Mind Mass

Jack Keating Ballymartin

Jack O'Kelly Borris

We also pray for:

Rose Coady Rathgeran

John, Annie & Cecilia Lennon Ballytiglea

John Lennon Goolin

James (Jim) Gowran Borris

Margaret Walsh Ballynattin & her son Michael (Mick) Walsh Corries & Ballynattin

Pat O'Shea Ballyroughan

John Murphy & son James & deceased members of the Murphy Family Kyle

Annie Lawlor

Maura Holly nee Quinn Warrington England and formerly Fairview Borris
(sister of the late Tom Quinn Spahill)

Mass Times & Intentions this Week

Wednesday 20th September:

Patrick Cunningham Cournellan & Dublin

Thursday 21st September:

Special Intention

Friday 22nd September:

William & Norah Dwyer Ballymartin & their son Patrick Dwyer

Also their son in law Michael Murray Waterford

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

Autumn Collection For the Support of the Priest of the Parish

In the month of September we take up the collection for the support of the Priest of the Parish. I invite those who use the weekly envelopes to use the special envelope for this purpose.

If you do not use the regular weekly envelopes there are special envelopes for this purpose at the entrance to the churches. These can be returned at any of the masses or to the parish centre.

I would like to say a sincere thank you for your continued financial and prayerful support especially in difficult financial times. *Fr Rory*



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



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**

Mass Times

Ballymurphy-Borris-Rathanna

Wednesday 10am; Thursday 10am; Friday 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 Sunday: 11am; Monday to Friday 10am

Skeoughvosteen: Sunday: 9.30am

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:

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*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

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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.**