

# Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

*Working towards Clustering with St. Mullins & Graiguenamanagh*

5th November 2023

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Parish News

## *Gospel Reflection...*

The scribes and Pharisees were teachers of the Mosaic Law, the Law of Moses. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. In order to appreciate the conflict that is evident in this passage, we must understand that Jesus was basing his teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the Law of Moses in order to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings, therefore, are often highlighted and amplified by Matthew.

This part of Matthew's Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew's Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honoured and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church.

The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honour in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.

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## *Parish Contacts*

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*With Love We Remember...*  
*Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th November*

*Ballymurphy Mass*  
*Rathanna Mass*  
*Borris Anniversary Mass*  
Gretta Carter Upper Cottages

*We also pray for:*

Breda Walsh Ballynattin  
Mary Kane Currane  
Ben Nolan Edenderry  
Jim Coleman Woodlawn Park  
Peter Kavanagh Main Street Borris  
James & Maura Doyle Ballymartin  
George & Mary Murray  
Tomduff & Rathfarnham  
Louie & Molly Murphy  
Sean, Miley, Winnie & Eileen Murphy  
& deceased members of the Murphy Family  
Tomduff

*Mass Times & Intentions this Week*

*Wednesday 8th November:*

Special Intention

*Thursday 9th November:*

Special Intention

*Friday 10th November:*

Michael Lawlor Station Road



*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*



*A Prayer by the Graveside*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

O Lord of life and hope, as I stand at this grave I remember with love...Thank You for the gift of them in my life. I have been truly blessed by their presence, their words and actions, and their love.

The pain of their loss is a reminder of the depth of the bond we shared. Give me the strength and courage to leave them in your care. Help me, O God, to realize that the distance between us now is not so great and that one day, I will be reunited with them in heaven, sharing in Your promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Scripture tells us...*Romans 8:38-39 "I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, not present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God.

*Pray the Our Father the Hail Mary and Glory be...*

Lord, with reverence, I leave my prayers and love at this grave and I remember, in faith and hope, the promise of the day of resurrection. Until that day, eternal rest be to...and to all the holy dead. I place this prayer before you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

## *A Prayer in the Church*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

(Light a candle and then pause to pray for & remember your deceased loved ones)

Jesus you said, I am the light of the world. May your light shine on N. ... and all those who have died. May they be bathed always in the light of your love and grace, and come to eternal life with you. Amen.

*God's Consoling Word...*

Psalm 34:18 "The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."  
John 11 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

*Pray the Our Father the Hail Mary and Glory be...*

Loving God, you are close to those who call on you. Be with me and with all who remember and mourn departed family and friends. Comfort us with your promise of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Blessing*

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May the love of God and the peace of Christ, bless and console all who mourn and gently wipe away every tear from their eyes. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



## *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, Current Issue.*

Wish to include an item?

email: **borrisparish@gmail.com**

## *Borris Parish*

**MASS OF THE HOLY ANGELS**

**Wednesday 15th November 7.30pm**

## *Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024*

**22nd of June 2024** departing Dublin.

**5 Nights Full Board €849 PPS**

**Group Leader: Geraldine Monahan**  
**Spiritual Director**

**Further Information:**

**Geraldine Monahan**

**087 416 6803**

**Joe Walsh Tours**

**01 241 0800**



## *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. Ailish Higgins**

**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.**