

Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

Working towards Clustering with St. Mullins & Graiguenamanagh

12th November 2023

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Parish News

Gospel Reflection...

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. The custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. **The question remains for us to ask ourselves: Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive and meet him?**

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With Love We Remember...

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th November

Ballymurphy 1st Anniversary Mass

Mary Magee Ballybrack

Rathanna Mass

Borris Anniversary Mass

Maureen Lennon Cournellan
Christy, Rita & Mary Kavanagh
Ballyroughan

*Maura Holly nee Quinn RIP
Burial of Ashes*

We also pray for:

Bill Crowley, England

Martha Byrne, Ballynattin

William Byrne, Cournellan

Ann McKeever, Woodlawn Park

Annie Lawlor

Betty Dolan Gowran

Michael Nolan, London & formerly Coolnamara
whose funeral takes place tomorrow, Monday
13th November in London

Mass Times

& Intentions for the coming Week



Wednesday 15th November:

Mass of the Holy Angels 7.30pm

No 10am Morning Mass

Thursday 16th November:

Special Intention

Friday 17th November:

John & Elizabeth, Kavanagh Liselican

Babs & Paddy Doyle, Carrignafeckan

Martin Doyle, Kilcoltrim

*"They are not gone from us...
They are gone before us..."*

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.



Regular 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**

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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:
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087 416 6803
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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.hsc.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**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday in our Parish Church
from 10.30am to 1pm

Thursday in Rathanna Church
from 11am to 6pm.

All Welcome

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:

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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. Ailish Higgins

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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.**