

Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

Working towards Clustering with St. Mullins & Graiguenamanagh

19th November 2023

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Parish News

Gospel Reflection...

In our gospel today Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. In the time of Jesus a *talent* was a coin of great value. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbour. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven and each other.

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Parish Contacts

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Charity
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With Love We Remember...

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th November

Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass

Jim Fogarty Seskin

Rathanna Mass

Borris Anniversary Mass

Paudie Redmond Brooklodge

We also pray for:

Terence Kelly Kilmison
William (Bill) Byrne Cournellan
Michael Murphy Coonogue
May & Betty Rennicks Edenderry
Dan Carroll Oak Tree Court
who died during the week

Mass Times

& Intentions for the coming Week

Wednesday 22nd November 10am:

William (Bill) Byrne Cournellan

Thursday 23rd November 10am:

Special Intention

Friday 24th November 7.30pm:

Michael Murphy Coonogue



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

Borris Town Hall

Upcoming Events

Sunday 26th November we welcome local **Senior Citizens** for the annual **Christmas Dinner and Party**. Festivities begin at 3pm with entertainment from **"The Looney Tuners"**

7th & 8th; 10th & 14th of December the hall doors are open to all for the **Boris Idrone Players** performance of **"Many Happy Returns"** Tickets are €12 available at the door each night.

December 9th the Hall hosts the **Borris Christmas Market**. Come along for that special gift!

Xmas Bazar

Borris Vocational School Xmas Bazar takes place in the school on Sunday 3rd December.

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.

November

By Alice Cary

The leaves are fading and falling,
The winds are rough and wild,
The birds have ceased their calling,
But let me tell, you my child,

Though day by day, as it closes,
Doth darker and colder grow,
The roots of the bright red roses
Will keep alive in the snow.

And when the Winter is over,
The boughs will get new leaves,
The quail come back to the clover,
And the swallow back to the eaves.

The robin will wear on his bosom
A vest that is bright and new,
And the loveliest way-side blossom
Will shine with the sun and dew.

The leaves to-day are whirling,
The brooks are all dry and dumb,
But let me tell, you my darling,
The Spring will be sure to come.

There must be rough, cold weather,
And winds and rains so wild;
Not all good things together
Come to us here, my child.

So, when some dear joy loses
Its beauteous summer glow,
Think how the roots of the roses
Are kept alive in the snow.

Pope Francis...

How powerful prayer is!
May we never lose the
courage to say: Lord, give
us your peace.

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**

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.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:

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. Ailish Higgins

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.**