

Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

Working towards Clustering with St. Mullins & Graiguenamanagh

3rd March 2024

3rd Sunday of Lent Year B

Parish News

Third Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

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With Love We Remember...

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd March

Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass

Margaret Dreelan Rathgeran & deceased members of the Dreelan family

Rathanna Anniversary Mass

1st Anniversary Mass for
Bernadette Byrne Inchaphooka
Tim & Kathleen Brennan Kiledmond

Borris Anniversary Mass

William, James & Sean Joyce Kilcoltrim
& deceased members of the Joyce family

We also pray for:

Tommy Caulfield Pound Lane Borris
Patrick Redmond Ballymartin
John & Mary Kavanagh Ballinagree
Mary Jo Dowling Ballytiglea
Mass & Intentions this Week



Friday 8th March

Mary & James Fleming Upper Borris
Paddy & Mary Mahon Main Street Borris

Mass times are subject to change
Please check the Parish Website

Spring...G.M. Hopkins

Nothing is so beautiful as spring—

When weeds, in wheels, shoot long
and lovely and lush;

Thrush's eggs look little low
heavens, and thrush

Through the echoing timber does
so rinse and wring

The ear, it strikes like lightnings to
hear him sing;

The glassy peartree leaves and
blooms, they brush

The descending blue; that blue is
all in a rush

With richness; the racing lambs
too have fair their fling.

What is all this juice and all this
joy?

A strain of the earth's sweet being
in the beginning

In Eden garden.—Have, get, be-
fore it cloy,

Before it cloud, Christ, lord, and
sour with sinning,

Innocent mind and Mayday in girl
and boy,

Most, O maid's child, thy choice
and worthy the winning.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024

22nd of June 2024 departing Dublin.
5 Nights Full Board €849 PPS

Group Leader: Geraldine Monahan

Further Information:

Geraldine Monahan 087 416 6803

Joe Walsh Tours 01 241 0800



Regular Mass Times

Ballymurphy-Borris-Rathanna

Borris: Friday 7.30pm

Sunday Masses

7.30pm Ballymurphy (*Saturday evening*);

9.30am Rathanna; 1

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

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.

Mass Bouquets

Mass Bouquets are available in
the Parish Office for those who
have died and

for various occasions.

Feel free to drop in for a look.

Easter Mass Bouquets

Now Available

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

From 28th August to 4th September 2024

Price €835 pps



**Full Religious Programme
for the duration of the stay.**

For further information please contact:

Fr John O'Brien

086 240 3787

Volunteer English Tutors Needed

Preparations are currently ongoing to form a Failte Isteach group for Borris. We are seeking volunteers to support migrants and refugees through conversational English classes. Teaching or TEFL/ESOL helpful but not essential. Training and resources will be provided. These will be informal sessions possibly once a week.

Contact failteisteachborris@gmail.com if interested.

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

***Please have Items to be included
in the Parish News emailed to
the Office by Thursday at 5pm
for inclusion that weekend***

Introducing a Ritual for use when a priest is unexpectedly absent on a Sunday

For years now we have been aware of the falling number of vocations to the priesthood, especially in the Irish church and our own diocese. Many of you will remember 3 priests in Borris parish, 2 in St. Mullins and 3 in Graigue-namagh; today there are just 3 of us in the 3 parishes. This is echoed around our diocese and indeed around the country. In response to challenges this poses, Bishop Denis asked the Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation to prepare a text for use on a Sunday when a priest is absent in circumstances that are unplanned and/or unexpected, it could be sudden illness of a priest or a death in a priest's family. Whatever it may be it would be good and appropriate that a community gather to pray and receive Holy Communion in his absence.

A session will be offered in three locations on the first three Tuesdays of March to introduce the materials to be used on such occasions. The session will give the context for its use, the content, and practical implications. Priests and deacons are invited to attend and also people who may be interested in leading this celebration on the day, if and when, such a celebration takes place in the parish.

Those who might consider attending one of these sessions may include the Sacristan, choir director/ music leader, co-ordinator of Readers and Eucharistic Ministers. ***But it is open to all adults who practice their faith in the parish and I extend that invite to you.***

Session times and locations

**K&L Deanery South in St Lazerian Church,
Leighlinbridge, on March 5 from 8:00 - 9:30 pm**

**K&L Deanery West in St Joseph's Church, Mountmellick,
March 12 from 8:00 – 9:30 pm**

**K&L Deanery North in Church of St Patrick and St Brigid, Clane,
March 19 from 8:00 – 9:30 pm**

If you are interested in attending one of these sessions please contact myself or contact the Parish Office with your name and contact details ASAP.

Thank You. *Fr Rory*