

Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

Working towards Clustering with St. Mullins & Graiguenamanagh

10th March 2024

4th Sunday of Lent Year B

Parish News

Fourth Sunday of Lent

We meet Nicodemus in our gospel today...but what happened to him after his encounter with Jesus? We don't know. But we know he remained very close to Jesus and the next time we find him in the Gospel it is when Jesus is on the cross and Jesus dies on the cross, and Joseph of Arimathea, another secret disciple, took the body, both he and Nicodemus took the body down from the cross, and Nicodemus laid the body of Jesus in the arms of his mother.

In Michelangelo's portrait of taking Jesus down from the cross, you will see in the centre of the picture, a man filled with sadness and sorrow, but holding the body of Jesus and bringing him down from the cross to be given to his mother. And that is the end of Nicodemus, but it is said of him that he, too, became a disciple, and that he lived the life of a fervent, fervent lover of Jesus himself.

That is the story of Nicodemus. Was he a coward for going in the night? No. He was being prudent, because as a leader of the Jews he didn't want anybody to have misunderstandings and he knew that he was there just to find out what Jesus really was like — and he found out.

What kind of a person was he then? He was a courageous man, for at the time when Jesus was beaten, when Jesus was nailed to the cross, when the whole countryside was screaming at him for being a fraud, it was this little Nicodemus that actually climbed the cross and brought him down. And he brought with him myrrh and many spices, and he washed the body of Jesus with Joseph. And the two of them, with strips filled with the myrrh and the perfume, they wrapped the body of Jesus and put him in a grave, a grave that no-one had been in before, and then they turned back and went home.

And so, when we think of our approaching Holy Week, when we think of our approaching our ordinary things that we do for Jesus during this time, we should remember that our faith is based on the quiet heroism of the most peculiar people, and one of them, of course, is the Pharisee who took Jesus and gave him back to his mother. This is a very wonderful ending to a very sad and terrible story. www.fatherrhanly.com

Lord may all we do as we approach Easter and prepare to celebrate again your resurrection be done in humility... and, though at times difficult, help us to see you in all people. Amen

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With Love We Remember...

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th March

Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass

Kitty Byrne Cournellan Months Mind Mass

Ellie Cummins Inch 1st Anniversary Mass

Rathanna Anniversary Mass

Borris Anniversary Mass

Kate Cox Station Road Borris & her parents Peter
& Sarah Doyle Ballyroughan

We also pray for:

Andrew Kelly Knockroe

Mary O'Shea Coolnamara

Pat Kehoe Kilcoltrim

Also

James Coady Jnr Upper Boris

Funeral Arrangements Later

John Mahon Lower Borris

Funeral Arrangements Later

Friday 15th March

John Doyle Kyle

& deceased members of the Doyle family

Hugh & Billy Kelly Woodlawn Park

Mass times are subject to change

Please check the Parish Website

**"...nothing can separate us from the love of
God...that is Christ Jesus our Lord."**

Romans



Contribution to Parish

I want to thank you most
sincerely for your
continued financial support
of our churches and parish. Contribu-
tions 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:**

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*Again, thank you so much
for your continued support.
Fr Rory*

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.*

Bake Sale

**In aid of Borris National School
after masses today, 10th March,
in Rathanna & Borris**

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

**St Joseph's Church, Mountmellick,
Tuesday March 12th from 8:00 – 9:30 pm**

**Church of St Patrick and St Brigid, Clane,
Tuesday March 19th 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*