

Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

27th March 2022 Year C

4th Sunday of Lent

The Love of God the Father

“So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But his father ordered his servants, ‘Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.’ Then the celebration began.” — Luke 15:20-24

However, the prodigal son’s older brother, who has remained serving in his father’s house, does not share his father’s joy. Instead, he is jealous that his father has not honoured him. His father urges him not to resent his brother, but to instead be happy for him.

The story of the prodigal son is a picture of God’s love for us as His children. God’s love for us does not depend on our faithfulness; it is unconditional. He loved us while we were still sinners. Though we are demanding and do not remain faithful, God is still our faithful and loving Father.

When we come to repent of our sins, He is willing to forgive us and welcomes us with open arms.



Parish Centre

Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9am to 2pm



Parish Contacts

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With Love We Remember...
Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th March

Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass
Jim Doran Moycullen
Borris: Months Mind Mass
Trish Rea Powerstown East Goresbridge

We also pray for:

Jimmy Mahony Fairview Borris,
Patrick O'Gorman Main Street Borris
Jim Flood, Ballinvalley

Anniversary Masses this Week

Wednesday 30th March: James Kavanagh Ballytiglea
Thursday 31st March: Ita Canning Ballinagree Borris
Friday 1st April: Eileen Lawlor Station Road Borris

Peace at Last

May the Lord support us all the day long; till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then in his mercy, may he give us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at last. Amen



**Don't forget to
put the clock
forward!!**



**A sincere thanks to all
who supported our appeal for Ukraine
The amount collected was:**

€3,495

*Thank
You*

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.

For All Mothers...

May the blessing of the Divine
Be an especially bright benediction
Upon mothers everywhere
On your blessed day -
On Mother's Day!



The Twists of History

***From The Irish Catholic
March 24th 2022***

A Russian soldier who was home for a short break during World War II was coming down the street where their apartment was and saw a huge pile of bodies being loaded onto a cart to be taken away.

The soldier looked at the pile and realised that a pair of shoes in the heap belonged to his wife. He demanded that they uncover her but the men told him she was dead. His father said that she was his wife.

After an argument, they let him take the body. She was alive and the soldier took her back upstairs to their home and nursed her back to health.

Eight years later in 1952, that woman gave birth to a son called Vladimir Putin.

President Putin shared this story with Hilary Clinton at a state dinner and she recorded the anecdote in her book ***Hard Choices***.



...where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy. ...***St Francis***...

Lord where there is war in our world;
bring peace...Amen.

Safeguarding

If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact the

Director of Safeguarding

Ms. Kathleen Sherry

Mob: 085-8021633,

email safeguarding@kandle.ie

Éist Cancer Support Centre

Éist Cancer Support Centre is now open at
[46 Idrone Park, Tullow Road, Carlow.](#)

Mobile: 085 866 1499

Phone: 059 9139684

Email: reception@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie



Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice
We pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the
laying down of weapons
We for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your spirit of
comfort draw near to them.

We pray for those with
power over war and peace,
For wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious
children at risk that you would
hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus,
the Prince of Peace.

*Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell*



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

Contribution to Parish

I want to thank you most
sincerely for your
continued financial support
of our churches and parish. Con-
tributions 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 SUPPORT
Fr Rory

Mass Times

Ballymurphy-Borris-Rathanna

Weekday Masses

Monday No Mass
Tuesday No Mass
Wednesday 10am
Thursday 10am
Friday 7.30pm



Sunday Masses

7.30pm Ballymurphy (Saturday evening)
9.30am Rathanna
11.00am Borris

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

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.*