

Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

6th February 2022 Year C

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Alive in Christ

Peter got great joy out of being a fisherman and a businessman, with his business partners. Especially when the catch was good and the money was flowing in from Rome and the cities east and west of Galilee.

Jesus offered more – for then, for now and for always. Life to the full was to follow, even in suffering, humiliation and death for Peter.

Christ is alive in love of our family network, our deep friendships, our care for the needy and our care for the earth. Our volunteers in many places bring the fullness of life of Jesus.

The fish in the story represent all the people who will be found for Christ. And he'd say to Peter, 'look at the fish and think of the people and know that I am alive'.

Sharing and educating in faith is bringing Christ to life. The teachers and chaplains, priests, religious, parish personnel, you and me, all educators in faith are in partnership with the Lord Jesus.

All sincere faith knowledge leads to love of God and each other. Conversion is being in love with God and his creation, with each and with everyone. We want to be in a state of love. Only the one who can love can know God, for God is love. That's the challenge to all of us in passing on the faith as best we can to another generation. We pass on our faith in love.

Donal Neary SJ



Parish Centre

Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9am to 2pm

With Love We Remember...
Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th February

Ballymurphy - Months Mind Mass
Ellie Dalton, Headfield, Ballymurphy

Borris - 1st Anniversary Mass
Billy Hayden, Crannagh & Borris

Rathanna ~ Anniversary Mass
Marie Murphy, Killedmond

Pray for:

John Doyle, Kilcoltrim
Joan Quinn, Mountain View, Borris
Peggy Dalton, Main Street, Borris
Marie Murphy, Killedmond
Jack & Nellie Kelly, Pound Lane, Borris
Eddie & Mary Coleman, Knock

“They are gone no further than God...and God is very near”



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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

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,

I'm Back!!

On the 26th of October last I got a stroke, a bleed on the brain. Initially it affected my eyesight, my vision went, and to a lesser extent my hearing. I was lucky to get to the hospital quickly and to be seen straight away. I spent over a week in hospital in Kilkenny where I received expert care.

I don't remember much of the first couple of days in hospital but I was grateful that when I woke I was able to talk, move arms and legs and to speak. But my eyesight was not good and peripheral vision to my right was gone. Those were anxious times. With a stroke it's hard to know how recovery will go. The brain is very complex. If it was hard for me it was also hard for my family. When I did wake the following evening they were at my bedside and have been with me ever since.

Over the following weeks I slowly improved, started to remember things again, my short term memory was not good those early days! But I have made great progress; thank God my eyesight, my peripheral vision, is back to what it was and I was back driving just before Christmas.

I return to Borris this weekend! I am so happy to be home! I am grateful for all the support I got from family and friends over my time away.

But I have to say a very special thanks to all of you, my friends and parishioners, people who have watched masses and followed my recovery on webcam, for all the support and prayers, cards and mass cards that were sent to me. I was really touched to receive a handmade get well card from each pupil in the primary school, (that's over 200 cards!!), and handmade cards from the Pre-School, all that has meant so much to me and gave me such a lift on the long days when the future looked so bleak. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am home, but in a limited capacity. Fatigue is one of the side effects of stroke and I suffer from this from time to time, I am grateful to be here for you but ask that you bear with me in the coming months as I return to full health. One change I have made is to the masses. There will be no mass on Monday or Tuesday morning's from this week. I do this on recommendation from my doctor and consultant and I hope you can understand why I do this at this time. I look forward to celebrating masses again and the sacraments and to visiting homes again.

Naming people is dangerous in case you leave someone out, but I have to say thanks to Fr. Shem for stepping in in my absence and to Ann who keeps the parish going from the office. Again a huge thanks to you all.

Thank you. *Fr. Rory*

Support During Covid19

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: Covid19 Support for Parents
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

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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

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Bank transfer directly to:

**Name of A/C:
Borris Parish Current
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*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

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.*