

Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

27th February 2022 Year C

Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ash Wednesday 2022

Ash Wednesday is the very first day of Lent, an important event in the Christian calendar. It is a time for Christians to focus on **repentance** and **prayer** and get ready for the 40 days of Lent. Churches hold special services for Ash Wednesday that focus on both communal and personal confession of sins. Traditionally, Ash Wednesday and Lent are a time of reflection and penitence and the mood is one of sorrow. In contrast, Easter, which is the period immediately after Lent, is a time of joy and celebration.

Ash Wednesday Traditions

A popular tradition on Ash Wednesday is for members of the congregation to have a cross drawn on their foreheads out of ash. The priest will draw this cross and say "Repent and believe in the Gospel". The ashes often come from burned palm leaves, left over from Palm Sunday.

They symbolise death and repentance and remind us to
live our lives following the teachings of Jesus.

It is the day that Christians begin to give up their chosen item for Lent. It's a day of fasting. It can also be a time to "take on" some good or kind act to another.

Facts about Ash Wednesday

It's believed that Ash Wednesday was first observed in the 8th century, during the Middle Ages.

In the Middle Ages, ashes were sprinkled on the forehead, rather than drawn in cross.

Many people keep the ashes on their forehead for the entire day.

It symbolises that they're asking for God's forgiveness.

Observing Ash Wednesday isn't obligatory in the Bible, so it's optional in some Christian churches.

It's traditionally one of the most heavily attended non-Sunday masses of the year.

It occurs 46 days before Easter. The date of Easter changes every year, so Ash Wednesday's date does too.



Ash Wednesday 2nd March 2022

Mass Times

Ballymurphy 9.30am

Rathanna 10.30am

Borris 7.30pm



Parish Centre

Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9am to 2pm

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

Borris - Months Mind Mass
Sr. Veronica Kennedy Cournellan & Dublin

We also pray for:

Grazyna Jordon Woodlawn Park,
Ted Joyce Borris,
Pauline Doyle Camolin, 1st Anniversary
Patricia Rea nee Corcoran Powerstown East Goresbridge
who died during the week

Anniversary Masses this Week

Wednesday 2nd March: Deceased members of the
Cunningham Family
Thursday 3rd March: Tommy Caulfield Pound Lane
Friday 4th March: Patrick Redmond Ballymartin

God holds them in the palm of his hand...

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



Visiting the Sick

**Fr Rory will call to those
on his Sick List &
Housebound this week:**

**Thursday 3rd March
Ballymurphy & Rathanna**

**Friday 4th March
Borris**

Parish Contacts

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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

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



Change Yourself Before Trying To Change Others

Today's gospel reading gives practical guidance on how to behave as disciples of Jesus. We are warned against our tendency to be judgemental.

'Why do you observe the splinter in the eye of your brother or sister and never notice the plank in your own... Take the plank out of your own eye first and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye' (Lk 6:40,42).

This warning against arrogance and hasty judgement of others may seem to be just common sense. However, common sense by times is not all that common. We are all inclined to be judgemental. We notice the faults of others more readily than we see or admit our own faults. Indeed we can be completely blind to failings in ourselves that are all too evident to those who live and work with us.

A wee prayer...

Lord, grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change, the courage to change the one I can, and the wisdom to know that person is ME.

Michael McCabe SMA

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

The Annual Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place this year on Sunday 5th June. Due to Covid this pilgrimage was celebrated via webcam for the past couple of years.

More details to follow
in the coming weeks.

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.

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.hse.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. 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:
BOFIE2D**

*AGAIN THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
YOUR SUPPORT
Fr Rory*

Mass Times

Ballymurphy

Borris

Rathanna

Weekday Masses

Monday No Mass
Tuesday No Mass

ASH Wednesday
See Newsletter Cover

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.*