

Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

6th March 2022 Year C

1st Sunday of Lent

Two Reflections as we start our Lenten Journey

The story of Jesus' temptation in the desert appears just after Jesus' baptism and before Jesus begins his public ministry. We can imagine this as a time of transition, a turning point in Jesus' life. Perhaps we can liken it to one of the important turning points in our own lives: the decision to marry, the birth of a child, the acceptance of a new job, or the decision to move to a new home. After the moment of decision, having reached the point of no return, we sometimes begin to wonder if we are prepared and ready for the task before us. Turning points can be times of doubt and insecurity. Jesus' response to the temptations of the devil offers an example for responding in faith when our doubts and insecurities tempt us to distrust God's sufficiency. Jesus rebukes the devil by quoting Scripture. Each citation is an affirmation of trust in God. We learn to trust in big things by practicing trust in little things. Our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving invite us to trust God in these small ways. They remind us that God will suffice for us. They prepare us to trust in God in all things, especially in moments of doubt and uncertainty.



The gospel for the first Sunday of Lent is always the story of the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. It is intended to make us think not only about Jesus and his struggle but to help us realise that the history of God's people from Adam and Eve to the present day involves a similar story. The essence of the temptation of Jesus was the idea that he could go it alone, that he could be entirely self sufficient. Jesus resisted this because he recognised his complete dependence on the Father. He knew that he needed to be nourished by God's word and that his true destiny lay in his seeking to do his Father's will. When Satan succeeds in convincing us that we have it in our power to save ourselves then we are on the path to self destruction. Lent is a time for us to humbly take God's hand and to walk the path of faith and love that leads to Easter.



Parish Centre

Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9am to 2pm



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With Love We Remember...

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th March

Borris - Anniversary Mass

Kate Cox, and her parents Peter & Sarah Doyle, Ballyroughan

We also pray for:

Johnny Phelan Ballymartin 1st Anniversary
John Doyle Kyle,
Eileen Connolly Graiguenamanagh,
Patrick Redmond Ballymartin,
Mary-Jo Dowling Ballytiglea,
William, James & Sean Joyce Kilcoltrim
& deceased members of the Joyce family Kilcoltrim,
May & Johnny Byrne, Moyvalley, Rathanna
Lizzie, Bridget & John Flood, Knock
Lorcan Murphy, Ballycoppigan
Bridget Coleman, Ballyellen

Carmel O'Donaghue, Borris Vocational School

Anniversary Masses this Week

Wednesday 9th March: Mary Kavanagh Ballinagree

Thursday 10th March: Jim Rice Main Street Borris

Friday 11th March: Mary Fleming & James Fleming Borris

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

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.

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.



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



Saint of the Week

St. John of God 1494-1550



Feast Day 8th March
Patron Saint of Nurses, the Sick, Heart
Patients, Printers & Booksellers

Irish Saint of the Week

St. Senan died 544



Feast Day 8th March
Senan was a monk in Kilrush Co. Clare.
His vocation seems to have resulted from
an experience of danger from the sea.
His principal monastery was on Slattery
Island near Kilrush. He was anamchara
(soul friend) to Ciaran of Clonmacnois.
He died in 554

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.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. 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:

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AGAIN THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
YOUR SUPPORT
Fr Rory

Mass Times

Ballymurphy-Borris-Rathanna

Weekday Masses

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| 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.

