

Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

20th March 2022 Year C

3rd Sunday of Lent



## God's Patience, The Fig Tree

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us. *Loyola Press*



*Parish Centre*

Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
9am to 2pm



*Parish Contacts*

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**[borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com)**  
**Phone: 059 977 3128**

*With Love We Remember...*  
*Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th March*

*Ballymurphy: Anniversary Mass*  
**Hannah & James Lalor Liselican**

*Rathanna: Anniversary Mass*  
**Samuel, Catherine & Seamus Griffith Rosdillig**

*We also pray for:*

Bill McGee Knockmore & his sister Mary McGee  
Hugh & Billy Kelly Woodlawn Park

*Anniversary Masses this Week*

*Wednesday 23rd March:* Hannah Murphy Ballyphenan

*Thursday 24th March:* Eileen Connelly Graiguenamanagh

*Friday 25th* John Doyle Kyle & deceased members of the Doyle family

*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

*Thank  
You*



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

**€3,495**

*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 5<sup>th</sup> June. Due to  
Covid this pilgrimage was celebrated via  
webcam for the past couple of years.

More details to follow  
in the coming weeks.



## The Feast of the Annunciation

**The Feast of the Annunciation** marks the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, during which he told her that she would be the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is celebrated on **25 March** each year. More importantly, since it occurs 9 months before the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day, the Annunciation marks the actual incarnation of Jesus Christ - the moment that Jesus was conceived and that the Son of God became the son of the Virgin. The festival has been celebrated since the 5th century AD. The festival celebrates two things: God's action in entering the human world as Jesus in order to save humanity. Humanity's willing acceptance of God's action in Mary's freely given acceptance of the task of being the Mother of God

### The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.mentalhealthireland.ie)  
[www.youth.ie](http://www.youth.ie)  
[www.hsc.ie](http://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. 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

**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.**