

ADVENT Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

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27th November 2022

1st Sunday of Advent Year A

Parish News

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Be Prepared

"Making your Christmas cake in September is perfect, as too fresh, a cake crumbles when cut." (Mary Berry)

My mother, like many of her generation, starts her Christmas preparations early. The first thing to be done is the Christmas cake – in our house this always took place over the Hallowe'en break. I remember finding it strange to watch her lovingly prepare the fruit cake, only to hide it away in a tin for a couple of months. I laughed when I came across the above quote from food writer Mary Berry, as it pushes the Christmas preparation even earlier. Every year we hear complaints that the lead-in to Christmas is starting earlier and earlier.

We might not all be making cakes in September, but by Hallowe'en we are certainly looking ahead to Christmas – thinking about what gifts to buy family and friends, checking out the decorations that have started to appear in the shops, perhaps even stockpiling tins of biscuits and boxes of chocolates. Many people sign up to Christmas clubs in order to spread the cost over the year. It's no wonder we often arrive at this time of year feeling like it's no time at all since last Christmas – it is never far from our minds.

As we enter Advent, we are invited now to turn our attention to our inner preparation for Christmas. We are waiting 'in joyful hope' both for Christ's birth and his return at the end of time. Taking some time each day to pray and reflect, perhaps to light the candles on our Advent wreath, will help us to focus on the wonderful mysteries that await us.

"Every year we celebrate the holy season of Advent, O God. Every year we pray those beautiful prayers of longing and waiting, and sing those lovely songs of hope and promise." **(Karl Rahner)**

**May this Advent be a time of prayer,
hope and peace for our parish, family and friends.**

Parish Contacts



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

Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass

Martin Redmond Coonogue & deceased members of the Redmond Family

Borris Anniversary Mass

Jonathon Cummins Pound Lane



We also pray for:

Ellen, Jim & Mikey Byrne Cournellan

Mass Intentions this Week

Wednesday 30th November: All on the November List of the Dead

Thursday 24th November: Special Intention

Friday 25th November: Jack Regan Borris

Hanna Fenlon Ballymurphy

Christmas Mass Bouquets

**Now Available
In the Parish Centre**



Parish Centre Opening Hours

Zaneta is available in the Parish Centre:

Mon., Wed., & Thurs.; 9am 12.30pm

Friday; 9am to 1.30pm

Office Closed on Tuesdays

Visiting the Sick/Housebound

**Fr. Rory will call on the Sick &
Housebound this coming week**

**Thursday 1st December
Ballymurphy & Rathanna**

**Friday 2nd December
Borris**



Awaiting Baby Jesus

**My heart is beating, filled with joy,
awaiting Mary's baby boy.**

**For with this child, we embrace
the birth of God's most precious grace.**

**Baby Jesus, soon to come!
For us comes the Promised One.
Baby Jesus, God's own Son,
you will be the Chosen One**

to lead our flock into salvation.

Our eternal life awaits.

**The birth of Jesus brings us nearer
Heaven's holy gates.**

**Sing with joy, and count the days,
for soon to come, the Lord we'll praise.
Rejoice that Jesus will soon arrive,
the Messiah and our faith alive.**

Prayer for Peace in the World

Lord Jesus, You came
that the world might know the peace that You have
experienced with the Father eternally.

Yet, You taught us that in this life
there will be wars and rumours of wars.

Nations will rise against nations
as violence works itself out in the world.

However, through You, the world may be saved.

O Lord, send Your spirit
into the hearts of all people,
that the world might know true peace
through Your abundant mercy.

Amen.

Quote from Pope Francis

“Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem.
May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of
God made man.”

Carols by Candlelight



Borris Parish Church
Tuesday 13th December @ 7pm
All Welcome

Christmas Penitential Service

Borris Parish Church
Tuesday 20th December @ 7.30pm
All Welcome

Ecumenical Carol Service

St Fortchern's Church Rathanna
Monday 19th December @ 7.30pm
All Welcome



Safeguarding

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

Director of Safeguarding

Ms. Kathleen Sherry

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

takes place each ...

Wednesday in our Parish Church
from 10.30am to 1pm

Thursday in Rathanna Church
from 11am to 6pm.

All Welcome



Borris Vocational School



Would like to invite you to their
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
in the school hall on the

4th December from 2.30pm till 5.00pm

On the day they will have:
Transition Year Mini Companies, selling their
Products. It will be a lovely opportunity for the
community to come together and support our
young entrepreneurs in a festive environment.

There will also be; Wheel of Fortune; Bottle
Stall & much more!



**AND a chance to meet the
man himself...Santa!!**

See you there!!



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

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

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*

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.**