

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.



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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

Mob: 085-8021633, email <u>safeguarding@kandle.ie</u>

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.



Borris Vocational School

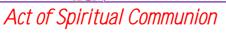
Would like to invite you to their CHRISTMAS BAZAAR in the school hall on the 4th December from 2.30pm till 5.00pm

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!!





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 Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

No Mass No Mass 10am 10am 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. 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.

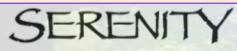
Bank transfer directly to:

Name of A/C: Borris Parish Current Account:

IBAN: IE02 BOFI 9065 1531 4388 14

> BIC: BOFIIE2D

AGAIN THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT Fr Rory



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.