

Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

Charity Registration No: 20015848

1st January 2023

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Year A
Parish News

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Today's Gospel helps us focus on Mary as the Mother of God. The reading tells us at least three things about Mary as a mother. First, Mary is described as a reflective person, keeping the reports of the shepherds in her heart. Second, we are reminded of how obedient Mary was to God when she named the baby Jesus as the angel Gabriel had directed. Third, this reading shows Mary and Joseph faithfully observing their Jewish tradition by having Jesus circumcised.

Mary's faithfulness to God is evident in all three of these things. Her reflection upon the events in her life indicates that she was a person of prayer.

This prayer made possible her obedience to God and God's will, even if the outcome was not clear. Finally, her faithfulness to a community of faith grounded her relationship with God and enabled her to participate in God's plan of salvation.

Because of Mary's faithfulness to God, she was able to receive the gift of God's Son and accept her role in God's plan for salvation. By doing so, she models for us the path of discipleship and is also called Mother of the Church.

Our call to discipleship also includes these three aspects. First, discipleship means prayer and reflection on the events of our lives that we might see God's presence and work in our lives. Second, discipleship means obedience to God and God's will, and his will is that we love our neighbour as ourselves and to do to no one what we would not want done to ourselves. Third, discipleship includes partaking in our faith community, the highlight of which is celebrating Mass together as a family of God.

Feast of the Epiphany Friday 6th January 2023

Masses in our Pastoral Area

Graiguenamanagh, the Abbey @ 10am

St. Mullins, Church of St. Moling, Glynn @ 11am

Borris, Sacred Heart Church @ 7.30pm



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With Love We Remember...

Saturday 31st January & Sunday 1st January



Rathanna Anniversary Mass

Pat & Bridgid Doyle Knockshire

Borris Anniversary Mass

James McAteer Kiledmond & formerly Donegal



We also pray for:

Patrick (Paddy) Nolan of Douglas Cork & late of Clonagoose
who died during the week

All deceased family members, relatives and friends
who died in the past year.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Mass Intentions this Week

Wednesday 4th December: No 10am Mass

Mass in Borris Lodge Nursing Home

Thursday 5th January: Sr. Veronica St. Leo's Convent Carlow

Friday 6th January: Feast of the Epiphany Mass at 7.30pm Borris

Josephine Moore, Borris

Months Mind Mass

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



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.



Borris Parish

Dates for the Diary 2023

CONFIRMATION BORRIS
Saturday 4th March at 11am

FIRST COMMUNION BORRIS
Saturday 20th May 11am

KILTENNEL CEMETERY PRAYERS
Sunday 18th June 12.30pm

SACRED HEART CEMETERY BORRIS
Friday 23rd June 7.30pm

CLONAGOOSE CEMETERY PRAYERS
Friday 30th June 7.30pm

MASS OF THE SICK
Friday 3rd July 7.30pm

RATHANNA PATTERN
Sunday 6th August 3pm

BALLYMURPHY PATTERN
27th August 3pm

MASS FOR THOSE WHO DIED DURING THE YEAR
Wednesday 1st November 7.30pm

MASS OF THE HOLY ANGELS
Wednesday 15th November 7.30pm

Please Drive with Care in 2023



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

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| Monday | No Mass |
| Tuesday | No Mass |
| Wednesday | Mass in Borris Lodge Nursing Home |
| 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. 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 continued support. Fr Rory*

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 safeguarding@kandle.ie

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.**