Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

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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.

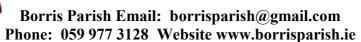
Because of Mary's faithfulness to God, she was able to receive the gift of God's Son and accept her role in God's plan for salvation. By doing so, she models for us the path of discipleship and is also called Mother of the Church.

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

Parish Contacts





With Love We Remember ...

Saturday 31st January & Sunday 1st January



Rathanna Anniversary Mass Pat & Brigid Doyle Knocksquire **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 ParishDates for the Diary 2023





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



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

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:

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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.