

Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

Charity Registration No: 20015848

18th December 2022

4th Sunday of Advent Year A

Parish News



Christmas in Borris Parish

Ecumenical Carol Service

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

Christmas Penitential Service

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



Parish Centre Opening Hours

Monday 19th Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd December
9am to 12.30pm
Christmas Mass Bouquets Available

Masses for Christmas

Wednesday 21st December: No Mass in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris.
Christmas Mass for residents, staff & family members
in Borris Lodge Nursing Home

Christmas Eve: 7.30pm Ballymurphy
Saturday 24th Dec

Christmas Day: 9.30am Rathanna
Sunday 25th Dec 11.00am Borris

St. Stephen's Day: 11.00am Borris *Polish Mass*
Monday 26th Dec Celebrant Fr Teodor



Parish Contacts



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Phone: 059 977 3128 Website www.borrisparish.ie



With Love We Remember...
Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th December



Ballymurphy Months Mind Mass
Mary McGee Ballybrack House



Borris Anniversary Mass
Margaret Freeman Ballinasillogue
& Patrick, Walter & Brendan Freeman

We also pray for:

Dottie Huff Station Road; Edward Rookard Inchaphooka; Elizabeth Malone Kyle; Mick Kavanagh Newtown; & Bob Kavanagh Raphoe; John Quinn Main Street Borris; William Quinn Main Street Borris; Simon Geoghegan Crow Street Borris; Annie Kirwan Main Street Borris

Mass Intentions this Week

Wednesday 21st December: No Mass
Thursday 22nd December: Carmel Murray Upper Borris
Friday 23rd December: Mick Monaghan Borris

Christmas Collection for the Priest of the Parish

Christmas Collection for Support of the Priest of the Parish will be taken up at each of the Masses on Christmas Day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout the year, both spiritually in prayer and financially. Fr R.

Please Drive with Care this Christmas Season

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.

Christmas Tree Blessing

Before Christianity came to be, trees that remained green all year round warded off evil spirits and were special to people during the winter. It wasn't until the sixteenth century in Germany that trees were brought inside and decorated.

You may bless the tree as soon as you put it up, or you can wait until after you have decorated it. When you are ready to do the blessing, gather everyone around the tree and designate someone to lead the following prayer.

Leader: Loving God, we stand before you once again. We stand here ready to celebrate the birth of your son, Jesus.

(Sprinkle water or holy water on the tree while praying the following prayer.)

Leader: Bless this tree, this sign of life and freshness and perseverance in our midst. It stands as a reminder that you are born anew in us each day. Bless our family and friends as we celebrate this joyous season. Keep us safe in our travels, kind in our conversations, and gracious in our giving and receiving. We ask you this in confidence, because we know you love us.

All: Amen.

(Join in singing a favourite Christmas carol, such as "O Christmas Tree" or "Joy to the World.")

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



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

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.

Awaiting Baby Jesus

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

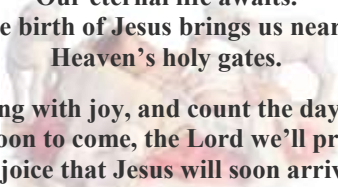
**For with this child, we embrace
the birth of God's most precious grace.**

**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.**



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 No Mass

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.**