

Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

Charity Registration No: 20015848

25th December 2022
Christmas Day Year A
Parish News



*Wishing you all a
Very Happy Christmas*



Masses for the coming Week

St. Stephen's Day:
Monday 26th Dec

11.00am Borris *Polish Mass*
Celebrant Fr Teodor

No Mass Tuesday to Friday

Masses Next Weekend

Saturday	31st December	7.30pm Ballymurphy
Sunday	1st January	9.30am Rathanna
		11.00am Borris

Parish Centre is Closed this Week
Re-opening Wednesday 4th January

Parish Contacts



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With Love We Remember...
Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th December



Rathanna Anniversary Mass

John Welsh Moyvalley

Borris First Anniversary Mass

Elizabeth Gaul Ballymartin



We also pray for:

Mary Kavanagh Clonagoose, Mick McCormack, Jacki McKelvie Kilcloney, Deceased members of the Furlong Family Knockroe, Matthew Hickey Knockroe, James Brophy and all deceased members of the Brophy Family Lower Borris, Ann-Marie Murphy nee Ralph Kyle, Tom Mahon Killedmond, Thomas Murphy Ballyglisheen, Thomas Murphy Rathgeran and Deceased members of the Murphy family, John Doran Moycullen

Mass Intentions this Week

Wednesday 28th December: No Mass

Thursday 29th December: No Mass

Friday 30th December: No 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



Crib Blessing at Home

O God, out of your love for us you sent your dearly beloved Son to become man. You willed that he be born in a humble stable in order to give us an example of humility. We pray you now to bless this crib, a representation of the scene of his birth; may it draw us closer to him. By imitating his humility may we become a worthy dwelling place for his rebirth, Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

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.



Bishop Denis: Christmas Message

“You’ll never guess what Santa brought, a train set” the young boy tells his grandad early Christmas morning in the television advertisement. I think it’s an ad. for Barry’s Tea, but it always gets my vote for the best and simplest Christmas message.

Christmas is a time for gift-giving. Children, like that little boy in the television ad., are attracted by the gifts; we all are. But we also need to be attracted to the crib, to the Christmas crèche, where we will learn the message that God’s greatest gift to us is His Son. Whatever we receive this Christmas, we will be very grateful for; but the gift that will last the longest is the knowledge and realisation that we are loved, cherished and held by God.

To understand Christmas we have to understand the language of God, the greatest gift-giver. We find the language of God as we look into the crib. The inn-keeper closed one door but left the stable door ajar, enough for Mary and Joseph to squeeze through, exhausted by the census journey. The empty manger has been filled. God’s gift comes not in tinsel and glitter but *“wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger”* (Lk. 2:12). God speaks to us from that manger, in the simplest of languages; we are the ones who too often complicate that message.

Christmas brings out the best in all of us. It’s a busy time, it’s a hectic time, but we wouldn’t want it any different. I am so impressed by how the commercialisation of Christmas is matched by the generosity in giving to those in need: the Society of St. Vincent de Paul with their outreach in every parish, the local food kitchens, the Ukrainian appeals, support for Trócaire as it enters its fiftieth year and the many other causes that command our attention these days. Christmas brings out the best in all of us. As much as is spent in gifts, a huge amount is generously donated to charities.

And every gift doesn’t necessarily cost hard-earned money, such as the gift of generosity, so obvious in the great response to those charitable appeals. Christmas is a celebration centred on generosity, God generously sharing with us His Son. The gift of time, spending time with those close to us is a precious gift, enjoying one another’s company. The gift of kindness, words used to heal rather than hurt.

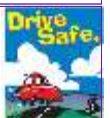
Christmas doesn’t have to be complicated. The message is simple, like the boy’s train set. The message that God’s greatest gift to us is His Son Jesus, and that’s a gift that keeps on giving all year round.

May the peace and joy of Christmas be in your heart and every good wish and blessing for 2023.

✠ Denis Nulty December 2022



Please Drive with Care this Christmas Season



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.hsc.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	Mass 11am (Polish Mass) All Welcome
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	No Mass
Thursday	No Mass
Friday	No Mass

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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BIC:

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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:

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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.**