

Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

Charity Registration No: 20015848

15th January 2023

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Parish News

St. John tells us of Jesus' Baptism

John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry.

The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple.

By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world, especially to those we meet each day, by our words and by the witness of our lives.

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The most difficult task as a follower of Jesus is to do just that, make him known to those close to us, by being Christ-like in our daily comings and goings...Lord, help us in our call to follow you...

Parish Contacts



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With Love We Remember...

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th January



Ballymurphy *Anniversary Mass*

Eddie & Mary Coleman Knock

Borris *First Anniversary Mass*

Ann Quinn Spahill

We also pray for:

Hannah Byrne, Pat Kelly Ballyine, Una Quirke Scortreen, Pat Murphy

Mary Odegard Slyguff, Mary Mahon Main Street Borris

David & Ann Moore Tomduff, Janina Stefaniúk Poland

Larry & Bridie Lalor Knockskuire



Mass Intentions this Week

Wednesday 18th January: Hannah Byrne

Thursday 19th January:

Friday 20th January: Pat Kelly Ballyine

Prayer by a Graveside

O Lord of life and hope, as I stand at this grave I remember with love (*Name*) Thank You for the gift of them in my life. I have been truly blessed by their presence, their words and actions, and their love. The pain of their loss is a reminder of the depth of the bond we shared. Give me the strength and courage to leave them in your care. Help me, O God, to realize that the distance between us now is not so great and that one day, I will be reunited with them in heaven, sharing in Your promise of eternal life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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



Prayer in Time of Need...

Lord, today I pour my heart out to you.
Right now, I am in desperate need of your
strength and hope. Help me to remember
that you are always with me, and that you
will give me the courage I need to conquer
this day with your grace. 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.



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

CLONAGOSE 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

St. Patrick's N.S., Ballymurphy



Applications for admission
for the school year 2023 -2024,
will begin on **22nd January 2023.**

If you are interested in
enrolling your child for September,
please call in for a visit,
see the facilities and meet the teachers.

For further info please contact **059 9773512**
or email:

ballymurphynationalschool@gmail.com

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Do Justice, Love mercy, Walk Humbly...

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindly, and to walk humbly with your God? Mk 10: 17-31

Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?

Christian Unity "Walking humbly" was challenging for the rich young man who asked Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. He had obeyed all the commandments from his youth, but he could not take the further step to join Jesus' disciples because of his wealth; he was beholden to his possessions. How difficult it is for Christians to let go of that which we perceive as riches, but which keep us from the greater wealth on joining Jesus's disciples in Christian unity. Challenge How can our churches better respond to the needs of our most vulnerable neighbours? How can we honour every voice in our communities?

Prayer: Gracious and loving God, Expand our vision that we might see the mission we share with all of our Christian brothers and sisters, to show forth the justice and loving kindness of your kingdom. Help us to welcome our neighbours as your Son welcomed us. Help us to be more generous as we witness to the grace that you freely give us.

Through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Thank You!

Borris Vocational School and the Parents Association want to thank the community for their support in attending or donating to this year's Christmas Bazaar to help the event to be such a big success.

The Christmas Bazaar and TY Company event, made a profit of €3,567.10 which will go towards funding for the school.

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 | 10am |
| 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.**