

Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

Charity Registration No: 20015848

12th February 2023

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Parish News

Saint of the Week...St. Valentine

With Valentine's Day this week, love birds all over will be scrambling to plan the perfect day for their romantic partners. From candlelit dinners to chocolate and roses, February 14th is everything about love and romance. But did you know that the saint who the day is named after is buried in Dublin?

St Valentine was a 3rd-century Roman saint who was born circa 226 AD. From the High Middle Ages, his Saints' Day has been associated with a tradition of courtly love.

Sadly, St Valentine had a rather gruesome end to his life. He didn't die in Ireland but in Rome. The then Emperor of Rome, Claudius, ordered for him to be beheaded for refusing to renounce his Christian faith.

On February 14th 269, he was beheaded with his remains buried in Rome. But where do Whitefriar Church in Dublin city centre and an Irish priest come into the equation? You have to go all the way back to the 1800s and one priest called Father John Spratt. He was a famous preacher of his day, and one of his many fans was none other than Pope Gregory XVI. Fr Spratt was invited to Rome to speak at the Church of the Gesu, where Pope Gregory was amongst those listening to him. And it was here that the Pope decided to gift Spratt with the remains of St Valentine and a vial of his blood.

The remains were contained in a small wooden box wrapped in a white ribbon. Fr Spratt arrived back in Ireland with the remains of St Valentine in November 1836. Since that day, the remains of St Valentine have been on show for all to see in Whitefriar Street Church.

So while the likes of Paris and Milan may consider themselves cities of love, it's Dublin that has St Valentine's actual remains!!



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Parish Contacts



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With Love We Remember...

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th February

Ballymurphy First Anniversary Mass
Sally King



Rathanna Anniversary Mass
John & Paddy Coady Kyle

Borris Anniversary Mass
Agnes McKelvie Kilcloney
& Jack, William, Jim, Mai, & Patrick McKelvie



We also pray for:

Fr. Pierce Murphy Clonagoose, Mary Redmond Coonogue,
Andrew Kelly Knockroe, Marie Murphy, Killedmond,
Michael Scully Ballinagrane, James Fleming Hillside Borris

Mass Intentions this Week

Wednesday 15th February: Special Intention

Thursday 16th February: Birdie McCabe Woodlawn Park

Friday 17th February: Elizabeth (Lizzy) Joyce Upper Cottages Borris
& Andrew Kelly Knockroe

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



Quote from Pope Francis

“Holiness doesn't mean doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith. .”



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 Lodge Nursing Home Vacancies

Borris Lodge Nursing home have vacancies for HCA (health care assistants) no experience necessary as training will be given also staff nurses required.

Please forward your C.V. to joanna@borrislodge.ie or phone (059) 977 3112.

Pilgrimage to Fatima

Special Kildare Pilgrimage to Fatima

Travelling dates
9-14th June 2023
ex Dublin

For the Feast Day of Saint Anthony,
Patron Saint of Portugal

Visit Saint Anthony's Baptismal Font and the place where he was born in Lisbon
Contact James Treacy 061 921470

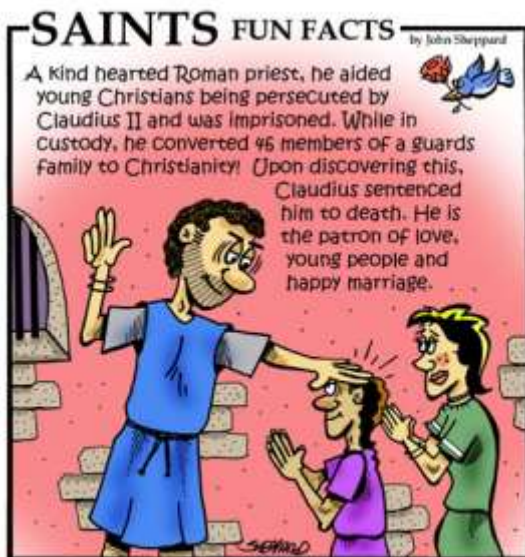
Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome

Visiting the Tombs of St Francis, St Clare and Blessed Carlo Acutis; a guided tour of the St Peters Basilica and attendance a General Papal Audience.

Travelling dates
25th – 31st May 2023, cost €1235 pps, single supplement €270.

Spiritual directors
Fr Liam Merrigan & Fr John McEvoy.

For further details contact
Monasterevin Parish 045-525346,
Rathvilly Parish 059-9161114
or visit www.marian.ie



St. Valentine



Social Dance

Rathanna Hall
on Sunday 12th February.
Dance to Colm Burke from 9.30pm.
Admission €10.
Raffle & Refreshments on the night.

Collection for the People of Syria and Turkey

Bishop Nulty is requesting that a collection be taken up at all masses next weekend, **18th and 19th of February**, for the people of Syria and Turkey.

This collection will go to Trócaire who are working with their partner, Caritas Syria, to support those affected by the terrible events following the recent devastating earthquake.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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:
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.**