

# Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

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26th February 2023

1st Sunday in Lent, Year A

Parish News

## *Lent Begins...*

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

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## *Parish Contacts*



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*With Love We Remember...*  
*Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th February*



*Ballymurphy Months Mind Mass*

Eileen Doran Moycullen

*Rathanna Anniversary Mass*

Tim & Kathleen Brennan Killedmond

*Borris First Anniversary Mass*

Patricia (Trish) Rea Powerstown East Goresbridge



*We also pray for:*

John Joe Doyle Kilcoltrim

*Mass Intentions this Week*

*Wednesday 1st March:* Tommy Caulfield Pound Lane

*Thursday 2nd March:* Eileen Connelly Newpark Graiguenamanagh

*Friday 3rd March:* Patrick Redmond Ballymartin

*Good Luck*

**Prayerful Good Wishes to the children of our Parish who this week will make their First Confession on Wednesday and to those who will be Confirmed next Saturday in Borris.**

**Best of Luck to BVS Junior Camogie team in the Final next Saturday!**

*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*

During Lent, this season of conversion, let us renew our **Faith**, draw from the “living water” of **Hope**, and receive with open hearts the **Love** of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ.”

*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](mailto:joanna@borrislodge.ie) or phone (059) 977 3112.**

## *Visiting the Sick/Housebound*

**Fr. Rory will call on the Sick & Housebound this coming week**

**Thursday 2nd March  
Ballymurphy & Rathanna**

**Friday 3rd March  
Borris**

**If you know of a neighbour or friend who would like me to call to them please contact the Parish Office or myself. *Fr Rory 087 2714161***

## *Éist Cancer Support Centre*

**Monday to Thursday: 10am to 4pm**

**Friday: 10-1pm**

**Phone: 059-9139684**



Bishop Denis invites you to...

L – make do with LESS

E – EXAMINE our life and make amends where we need to

N – say 'NO' knowing that sometimes it is good for us

T – give God a little more TIME

A Holy Time



## *Message from Fr. John Medjugorje?*

I'm hoping to organise a pilgrimage to Medjugorje early September 2023. Medjugorje is a small town in Herzegovina and a place where heaven meets earth and wonderful miracles happen through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God.

I will need to know if I have enough people interested to proceed with the pilgrimage.

**Date:** Early September;  
**7 nights**, Full Religious Programme,  
Daily Mass and Spiritual Activities.

**Cost c. €750**

Please let me know asap (**086-2403787**) if you are interested so that I can proceed with the planning.

*Fr. John*

**Fr. John O'Brien,  
Parochial House,  
Killinure Upper, Tullow.  
R93 XV34,**



## *Collection for the People of Syria and Turkey*

**Thank you for your generous support for the people of Syria and Turkey taken up at last weekend masses.**

**€3,715** was forwarded to Trocaire and will be used in the relief effort.

## *Trocaire*

*Theme for 2023*

**Hold Fast to  
Love and Justice**

Trocaire boxes for this years **Lenten Appeal** are **available** in the **3 churches of the Parish and the Parish Centre**

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10am</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>

### 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](mailto: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.**