



Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

Charity Registration No: 20015848

19th March 2023

4th Sunday in Lent, Year A

Parish News

Gospel Reflection...Loyola Press

In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

Parish Contacts



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With Love We Remember...

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th March



Ballymurphy *1st Anniversary Mass*

Mary Kavanagh Kyle Ballymurphy

Rathanna *Anniversary Mass*

Samuel, Catherine & Seamus Griffith Rosdillig

Borris *Anniversary Mass*

Hugh Kelly & Billy Kelly Woodlawn Park & Attymass Co. Mayo



We also pray for:

Bill McGee Knockmore and his sister Mary Dublin

John & Elizabeth McEvoy Currane

& Deceased member of the McEvoy Family

Julia Hughes Woodlawn Park & her daughter Judy Nolan

Mass Intentions this Week

Wednesday 22nd March: Pat Kehoe Kilcoltrim

Thursday 23rd March: Kearns Family Ferns

Friday 24th March: John Doyle Kyle & Deceased members of the Doyle family

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



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.



Message from Fr. John O'Brien Medjugorje: Update

Further to the information I supplied earlier I am delighted to announce the following with regard to this years pilgrimage to Medjugorje:

We hope to **leave on Wednesday 7th. October** and return on Wednesday 14th. October. **Price is €795 per person sharing.**

This price includes:

- Return flights Dublin to Dubrovnik,**
- 20kg baggage allowance,**
- Return transfers to Medjugorje accompanied by a guide,**
- 7 nights accommodation in Exclusive Marian pilgrimages houses close to St. James's church;**
- Full religious programme operated by Marian pilgrimages,**
- Daily Mass,**
- Full assistance of Marian Pilgrimages guides and representatives;**
- Sight-seeing and admission fees,**
- Daily breakfast and evening meal,**
- Free Wi-Fi in guest houses,**
- Special invite to an evening of prayer through song with David Parks,**
- Pilgrimage Insurance.**

Registration forms will soon be available.

Fr John O'Brien

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Killinure Upper, Tullow.
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Fr. John (086-2403787)



Mass Bouquets

A selection of Mass Bouquets are available in the Parish Office for various occasions...

- Masses for those who have Died**
- Get Well Masses for the Sick**
- Masses for those doing Exams**
- Masses for Thanksgiving...**

Easter Mass Bouquets are now available.

Trocaire

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



Your support would be greatly appreciated

Éist Cancer Support Centre

Monday to Thursday
10am to 4pm



Friday
10-1pm

Phone: 059-9139684

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.

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	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

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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.**