Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

Charity Registration No: 20015848

23rd April 2023 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A

The Road to Emmaus

Two disciples walk from Jerusalem after the events of Jesus' trial, conviction and death. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday were fast days for the disciples. Trauma followed tragedy with no time to process or make sense of what happened. In shock, overcome with grief, the pair are soon joined by a stranger who to their amazement, seems not to know what has transpired. As they walk, the two explain the situation of confusion, torture and loss.

The stranger, who is the risen Jesus unrecognized, tells them the story from a new lens and a larger perspective. Beginning with the foundations of faith in Moses and the prophets witness, the hidden Christ unpacks all the promises of God to show how they point to the paschal mystery of death and resurrection.

Comforted and amazed by their new companion's perspective, the disciples invite him to join them for their evening meal. As he blessed and broke the bread, they recognized Jesus in this familiar and intimate gesture and knew at once who sat with them. As this new recognition dawned, Christ the messenger disappeared. The two returned to Jerusalem to witness the resurrection of Jesus and share how the empty tomb was not a disappointment, but a promise kept, the covenant fulfilled.

The walk on the road to Emmaus was very likely the first time they could "stop and look around." In stepping away, the disciples could explore the meaning of the events with greater clarity. This bit of distance gave them a new perspective. When Jesus reminded them of the bigger story of God's work in the world and the broader picture of salvation, they were able to see what beauty God makes of the world's brutality.

Life today is fast, even on the slow days! And it can be hard to see the bigger picture when we are rushing about. This second account of the resurrection on a nondescript road outside Jerusalem speaks to us in our busyness, amid everything overstuffed into our days. Every day, every moment, we are called to open our eyes to the broader story of grace, accompaniment and love happening all around us.

To make meaning of our experience, we take the long view and see how goodness, hope and love are resurrected again and again in our lives. Resurrection, the joy and hope of Easter, indeed the person of Jesus, can find us anywhere. In the hallways, bedsides and boardrooms and at our home offices or shared workstations. Our celebrations and grief can all be opportunities to stop, look around and see the sacred in our midst. www.chausa.org

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With Love We Remember ...

Saturday 22nd & 23rd April

Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass Moiré Murphy Tinnecarrig Rathanna Anniversary Mass Patrick Doran Knockroe Borris Anniversary Mass Ann Lawlor 2 Station Road

We also pray for:

Gregory Murray Ballybrack & Patrick & Loretta Murphy
Michael & Margaret Jordon Ballyine
Mary & James Malone Ballymurphy
Tom Murphy Upper Borris
Matt Kavanagh Kyle
Bridget (Babby) Kavanagh Kyle
Ellen Tuite Killedmond

Edward Fanning & Deceased members of the Fanning Family Ballyroughan Zenovia Belei & Victor Bilyk Ukraine who both died recently

Mass Intentions this Week

Wednesday 26th April: Deceased Members of the Cunningham Family
Thursday 27th April: **Patrick O'Gorman Main Street Borris**Friday 28th April: Catherine Rice Borris
Paddy & Kitty Kinsella Currane



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



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.

Eist Cancer Support Centre

Monday to Thursday 10am to 4pm

Éist

Friday 10-1pm

Phone: 059-9139684

The Annual General Meeting of Éist Cancer Support Centre will take place on Wednesday April 26th, 2023 at 8pm. This meeting will be held in Éist Cancer Support Centre, 46 Idrone Park, Carlow R93 R280. For any queries please call 085 8661499

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.

K&L Eucharistic Adoration Committee

Invites you to a Day of Prayer and Celebration
Saturday 29th April, 9.30am - 4.00pm.
Church of the Irish Martyrs (Ballycane Church) Naas W91 K6CT:
Take the South exit off M50 into Naas, turn left after the hospital.
All welcome - Refreshments served.



Trocaire

There is still time to return Trocaire Boxes to the Church, at mass times, or the Parish Office during Opening Hours

Your support is greatly appreciated

Pope Francis says...

Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone.

Darkness Into Light

Darkness Into Light Carlow will take place once again in St. Laurence O'Toole Athletic Club. Registration for this year's event is now open and will be exclusively online at www.darknessintolight.ie. The committee will be in the Fairgreen Shopping Centre each Saturday in April to help people register.

This year is cashless once again so you will need to have an email address and debit card. All T-shirts will be posted this year but to guarantee yours you must register ASAP. For updates please find Darkness Into Light Carlow on Facebook. We are also looking for volunteers to help out on the night. Please contact us on carlow@darknessintolight.ie.

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

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday No Mass No Mass 10am 10am 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:

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BIC: BOFIIE2D

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.