

# Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

Charity Registration No: 20015848

30th April 2023

4th Sunday of Easter, Year A

Parish News

## *Vocations Sunday... "Take the Risk for Christ"*

"We all have our Vocation story to tell. It's not earth shattering but it's ours and we must own it. What attracted us to the life we live today? I encourage each of you to tell something of your own story next Sunday, as we begin a dedicated 'Year for Vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood' with the theme 'Take the Risk for Christ'.

Looking over the parishes where our vocations were nourished, taking the group of men in active ministry and those who are retired, it's interesting to see that our 79 priests come from just 40 parishes. There are 16 parishes that have no native son serving in the diocese. **The parishes with the most vocations to the diocesan priesthood are Carlow Cathedral and Tullow, followed closely by Borris and then Edenderry.** The County Carlow end of the diocese has had the largest number of diocesan vocations with 36 priests from parishes within the county.

We are blessed with men born in other parts of the country who are part of our diocesan family. We are further enriched by thirteen men from abroad who minister here and of course the Religious Orders, especially our friends in Kiltegan, who so generously give of their gifts, having served out on the missions.

As in our Synodal discussions and reflections across the diocese we honestly ask where and how is the Holy Spirit leading us? Is Ireland now a Mission territory as some suggest? It is. The fact is we will always need priests. However, before we can cultivate vocations, we must evangelise. There are still vocations here. There are still young men who generously give of themselves to the Lord, perhaps they need a little encouragement to take that risk for Christ".

### *Parish Contacts*

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**Website [www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie): Phone: 059 977 3128**

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## *With Love We Remember...*

*Saturday 29th & 30th April*

Ballymurphy *Anniversary Mass*

Robbie Nolan Coolnamara

Rathanna *First Anniversary Mass*

James McCarthy Knockskire

Borris *First Anniversary Mass*

Anne (Nan) McEvoy Currane

*We also pray for:*

Renata Kempka Poland

Eamon Dalton Ballytiglea

Jim Whitty Milltown

Bríd Uí Laoighaire Millhouse Lower Borris

**Anastasia O'Shea Main Street Borris**

Mai Lennon (nee McCarthy) Dunroe Borris

**Kieran Lennon "Springhill" Borris who died during the week.**

*Mass Intentions this Week*

*Wednesday 3rd May:* Patrick Breen Ballymurphy

*Thursday 4th May:* Kavanagh Family

*Friday 5th May:* James Byrne Skeoughvosteen

## *Darkness Into Light*

**Darkness Into Light Carlow. Venue: St. Laurence O'Toole Athletic Club. Registration online only at [www.darknessintolight.ie](http://www.darknessintolight.ie). The committee will be in the Fairgreen Shopping Centre each Saturday in April to help people register.**

**Volunteers to help out on the night needed: Please contact [carlow@darknessintolight.ie](mailto:carlow@darknessintolight.ie).**

*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.



## *Eíst Cancer Support Centre*

Monday to Thursday 10am to 4pm



Friday 10-1pm

Phone: 059-9139684

## *Visiting the Housebound*

I will call on the  
Sick/Housebound this week.

**Thursday 4th May:  
Ballymurphy & Rathanna**



**Friday 5th May:  
Borris**

## *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.

## *Pilgrimage to Knock*

*St. Mullins and Surrounding Parishes  
June Bank Holiday Weekend*

For further details contact:  
Loughlin Doyle 085 808 9125  
or

John Coady 051 424828; 087 333 0558

## *Rathanna Drama Group*

Presents

“A Fish Out Of Water”

In Rathanna Hall  
on

Sunday 30th April  
&

1st, 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th & 13th May



## *The Totus Tuus Women of Faith Conference 2023*

will be LIVE on Radio Maria Ireland  
Saturday May 6th from 2pm.

*Speakers include Siobhán Dunniece,*

*Sr. Benedetta (Sisters of Merciful Jesus), Katie Ascough and Mary Anne Collins.*

You can follow the conference by: **1.** Going online at [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie).

**2.** Download the Radio Maria IRELAND App to your smartphone or tablet. **3.** Listen live via Facebook. **4.** Call 01 4373277 and listen live **5.** Listen through your TV on SAORVIEW Channel 210

## *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.

## 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

**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](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.**