

# Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

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21st May 2023

The Ascension of the Lord, Year A  
Parish News

## *The Ascension of Jesus*

Our gospel last Sunday hinted at the Christ's ascension, this Sunday, in both the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of Luke we have two accounts of the Ascension. The earthly mission and ministry of Jesus are now over and he is now returning to sit at the right hand of God. Jesus trusts his friends and followers to carry on his work of proclaiming and spreading the Kingdom of God.

In the first reading, they are told that *will be baptised with the Holy Spirit* and in the gospel he tells them they are *witnesses* (to this) and that they will be *clothed with power from on high*. He knows that they will need help encouragement and strength for the task that lies ahead of them. This promise points and leads us directly to Pentecost which we celebrate next Sunday. Jesus knows that these men and woman will need all the help they can get as they spread the good news of his resurrection.

Today as the church, we too are called by Christ and sent out just as these first Christians were. We are asked to proclaim the Kingdom of God, and like them, we too are strengthened by the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul tells us in Romans 5.5, '***God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.***' We are Christ's witnesses today in our homes with our families and with our neighbours in our parish community. We are called and challenged by Christ not only to hear the good news of the gospel, but to do whatever we can to share it with others we meet. We do this through the quality of our daily lives in how we speak to each other and treat each other. As St. Francis of Assisi reminds us, 'we must use every means possible to proclaim the gospel and if we have to, we will have to use words.' **Ref: [www.oblates.ie](http://www.oblates.ie)**

### ***Parish Contacts***

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## *With Love We Remember...*

*Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st May*

*Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass*

Gerard Byrne Cournellan

*Rathanna Anniversary Mass*

Denis Drennan Crannagh  
& his daughter Kathleen McCormack Offaly

*Borris Anniversary Mass*

Jamie Spruhan Ballytiglea

*We also pray for:*

Mary Dowling Ballytiglea

Elizabeth Kavanagh Liselican

Stella Hynes Woodlawn Park whose funeral took place during the week

*Mass Intentions this Week*

*Wednesday 24th May:* Eamon Dalton Ballytiglea

*Thursday 25th May:* Special Intention

*Friday 26th May:* John & Mary Murphy Upper Rathgeran  
& their daughter Hannah

*“I am the resurrection and the life.”*

*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.



## *Éist Cancer Support Centre*

Monday to Thursday 10am to 4pm



Friday 10-1pm

Phone: 059-9139684

## *Pilgrimage to Knock*

*St. Mullins and Surrounding Parishes*

*Sunday 4th June*

*Bus leaves from Cournellan @ 6.50am &*

*Daltons Square Borris @ 7am*

*Cost: €25 Adults €15 Children*

For further details contact:

Loughlin Doyle 085 808 9125

or

## *Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima*

O Most Holy Virgin Mary,  
Queen of the most holy Rosary,  
you were pleased to appear  
to the children of Fatima  
and reveal a glorious message.

We implore you,  
inspire in our hearts a fervent love  
for the recitation of the Rosary.  
By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption  
that are recalled therein,  
may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask,  
through the merits of Jesus Christ,  
our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

## *Retired Priests Collection*

The **Diocesan Collection for Retired Priests of our Diocese** takes place at all Masses on the weekend of **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May**. Please use the Special Envelope in the box for this collection or if you wish to make a donation, please place your contribution in an envelope marked Retired Priests Collection. Many thanks to all for supporting and contributing to this collection.

*thank you*

## *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.

## *Junior & Leaving Certificate Exams 2023*

Mass will be celebrated on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7.30pm** in the **Sacred Heart Church Borris** offered for all sitting the **Junior & Leaving Certificate** and all examinations this summer.

**All Welcome.**

## *All Ireland Rosary Rally in Knock*

The All Ireland Rosary Rally will take place on Saturday June 3rd from 1pm in Knock. It will include Holy Mass, the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross. The Main Celebrant for the Holy Mass is Archbishop Eamon Martin. A bus will leave from Kildare. Please book your seat early to avoid disappointment. Ring Niamh: 086 1758458

## *Pope Francis says...*

"Easter is the event that brought radical news for every human being, for history and for the world: the triumph of life over death; it is the feast of reawakening and of rebirth. Let us allow our lives to be conquered and transformed by the Resurrection!"

## 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](http://www.mentalhealthireland.ie)  
[www.youth.ie](http://www.youth.ie)  
[www.hsc.ie](http://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

<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.**