

# Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

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The Transfiguration of the Lord, Year A  
Parish News

## The Transfiguration

This is the Transfiguration. Jesus took Peter, James and John and they went up a high mountain together. These three Apostles had no idea what was coming. Most likely while on the way they were complaining interiorly, wondering why they had to go up the mountain. But the mountain is a symbol of our upward journey to Heaven. It takes focus and drive, commitment and resolve to go there, and it's an elevated place, a place away from the ordinary occurrences of life.

So they were on this difficult climb up the mountain and suddenly they stopped in shock and awe. They saw before their eyes Jesus changed in a glorious way, His clothing being whiter than any white they had ever seen. And Moses and Elijah, the great Law-giver and the great Prophet, were there before them conversing with Jesus.

And what was going on in Peter's head? What was he experiencing? He was experiencing a small glimpse of the glory and splendour of God. Jesus, who up until this moment had kept His divinity veiled, lifted the veil ever so slightly. And with the lifting of that veil, His divinity shone through brighter than anything this world could ever contain. And Peter, James and John did not know what to think. But Peter cried out that he wanted to build three tents, one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah! For within that momentary experience, he experienced the desire to remain there forever.

So why did Jesus give these Apostles this very brief experience of His glory? Because they would need that taste of His goodness for the road ahead. They would need to forever remember what their final destiny was. They would need to hold this experience close as they endured the many crosses and sufferings ahead. And they would use this experience to remind themselves that whatever they had to endure on the journey up the mountain of life is worth it. Because on the summit is a glory so great that no hardship they would have to endure would ever prove to be too big.

God wants to give that message to us through them. He wants us to ponder this experience they had and He wants us to try to enter into it so that we too can willingly press on during the journey.

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### ***Parish Contacts***

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## *With Love We Remember...*

*Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th August*

Ballymurphy *Anniversary Mass*

Attracta Byrne Cournellan

Rathanna *Pattern & Mass 3pm*

Borris *Anniversary Mass*

**John & Philip O'Neill Clonagoose**

*We also pray for:*

Mary-Anne Redmond Ballymartin

Billy Rutledge Mount Leinster Gate Lodge Raheenkyle

George & Alice Kiernan & deceased members of the Kiernan Family

Hugh Coleman Ballyine

Dinny, Brigid & Luke Roche Knockskire

Maura Corcoran Ballinagree

William (Billy) Walsh Newbridge Formerly Rathanna



### *Mass Intentions this Week*

*Wednesday 9th August:* John Clare Cournellan

*Thursday 10th August:* Kathleen Scully

*Friday 11th August:* Kathleen & Mick Spruhan Coshill

## *Youth 2000 Summer Festival*

Join young people between 16 and 35 this August at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival. The festival takes place in **Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from Thursday 10th August to Sunday 13th August 2023**. The festival includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, games, activities, a concert, workshops, reconciliation and healing services and Mass. It is Donation only and we have buses going from all over Ireland. **For more information and to book your place go to [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or follow us on social media at [youth2000ireland](https://www.facebook.com/youth2000ireland).**

*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.



## Diocesan Director of Safeguarding

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ossory Are seeking to recruit a Diocesan Director of Safeguarding with responsibility for children and vulnerable adults.

Full details are available on the notice boards in the three churches and on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

<https://www.kandle.ie/diocesan-director-of-safeguarding/>



*Come,  
Follow  
Me...*



Vocations Director:

Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill Tel: 083 3343744

## Heritage Week 2023 County Carlow

Rathanna I.C.A. have been busy capturing memories about Rathanna National School.

They are hosting a "School Reunion" for Past Pupils and staff of Rathanna N.S. on

**Sunday August 13th; 10am to 12pm  
in the Rathanna Community Hall.**

**All are welcome.**

At the School Reunion they will play a short video of recordings; a collection of segments from the interviews conducted so far.

*Refreshments served!*



## Borris Parish

### Dates for the Diary 2023

#### **BALLYMURPHY MASS/PATTERN**

**Sunday 27th August 3pm**  
(No 7.30pm Mass in Ballymurphy  
Saturday 26th August)

**MASS OF THE SICK**  
Friday 1st September 7.30pm

**MASS FOR THOSE WHO  
DIED DURING THE YEAR**  
Wednesday 1st November 7.30pm

**MASS OF THE HOLY ANGELS**  
Wednesday 15th November 7.30pm



*Éist  
Cancer  
Support  
Centre*

Monday to  
Thursday  
10am to 4pm

Friday  
10-1pm

Phone:  
059-9139684



## 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

**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.**