

Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

Charity Registration No: 20015848

27th August 2023

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Parish News

Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term *church* in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.



Come, Follow Me...

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With Love We Remember...

Sunday 27th August

Ballymurphy

Pattern Mass & Blessing of Graves 3pm Sunday 27th

Rathanna 1st Anniversary Mass

Josie McAteer Kiledmond & Borris Lodge Nursing Home

Borris 1st Anniversary Mass

Darragh Muldoon Cournellan

We also pray for:

Margaret Murphy Upper Rathgeran

Maurice Dillon Ballymartin

Helen Joyce Main Street Borris



Mass Times & Intentions this Week

Wednesday 23rd August: Special Intention

Thursday 24th August: Special Intention

Friday 25th August: Mass for the Sick

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Catholic Marriage Encounter is a Weekend experience for any Sacramentally married couple. Every relationship is a journey, and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse.

This is a space for you and your spouse to pause, reflect, and reconnect privately. Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th November 2023 at "The Cork International Hotel" Cork. To book your place visit us: website: www.marriageencounter.ie Tel. 087-2162436

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.



Mass for the Sick

**Takes place next Friday
1st September @ 7.30pm All Welcome**

Pattern Mass & Blessing of Graves in Ballymurphy

**Takes place today,
Sunday 27th August @ 3pm
All Welcome**

Prayer on Going to School

Dear Jesus, you who promise to be with me always, I pray that you would be with me today as I go to school. Bless my going and my coming. Bless my learning and my playing. Please protect my heart from fear. Please keep me safe. Please give me good friends. Give me joy this day, and thank you for loving me from head to toe. Amen.

***Best of Luck to all students and staff
who begin a new school year!!***

***...Especially those going for the first
time and for those who will, later in
the year, sit exams.***

***May God bless and keep all
our young people safe in his***



Parish News

The parish News is a weekly newsletter for the parish. It is published online each weekend and can be accessed via our website; www.borrisparish.ie, following the link **Parish Newsletter, Currant Issue**. If there is an item relating to a Parish Activity you would like included please email it to:

borrisparish@gmail.com

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

Éist Cancer Support Centre

**Monday to
Thursday
10am to 4pm**

**Friday
10-1pm**

Phone:

Borris Parish

Dates for the Diary 2023

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



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:

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BIC:

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*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.**