

Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

Working towards Clustering with St. Mullins & Graiguenamanagh

10th December 2023

Second Sunday of Advent, Year B

Parish News

Gospel Reflection...

Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us.

We hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptise with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus.

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And so we pray: Lord help us this Advent to answer the call of our baptism, may we allow you into our hearts that we may share you with others; teach us Lord to be kind, open and loving, teach us to reach out to those in any need, guide us in all we do and say. May we be ready to welcome you anew this Christmas. **Amen.**

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With Love We Remember...
Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th December

Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass

Brede Kavanagh Ballyroughan

Rathanna Mass

Borris First Anniversary Mass

John Galvin Leighlinbridge

We also pray for:

Margaret & Michael Doran Walshestown

Thomas Murphy Jr. Upper Rathgeran

Kathleen Kelly 3 Woodlawn Park

Kieran & Mary Casey Lower Borris



Mass Times

& Intentions for the coming Week

Wednesday 13th December 10am:

Joseph & James O'Connor

Thursday 14th December 10am:

Special Intention

Friday 15th December 7.30pm:

James Ryan & Mary Nolan Ballytiglea

Mass Times Subject To Change

Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday 12th December @ 7pm
Church of the Sacred Heart, Borris

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.**

Christmas Market
Goresbridge

Saturday 16th December

Ionad Dara Hall

Goresbridge

12noon to 4pm



All Welcome

Christmas
Mass
Bouquets

Christmas Mass
Bouquets are available in
the Parish Centre
as well as a selection of
Mass Bouquets for
various occasions.

Your Community
Needs you Borris!

You can make a difference
You can be a positive
influence in your community
You can leave a positive
impact on your community.

Foroige want to start a youth
club in your area and we need
adult volunteer leaders and
young people members
for that club.

A youth club has huge positive
benefits to young people in the
community, and volunteering
offers great rewards to the
adults involved.

For more information,
please contact:

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St. Vincent de Paul

Annual Church Gate Collection will take place this weekend of 9th & 10th December. Your support would be greatly appreciated

Borris Parish News

Check out the local
Church Parish News:

www.borrisparish.ie

& follow the link

Parish Newsletter, Current Issue.

Wish to include an item? Email:

borrisparish@gmail.com

Regular Mass Times

Ballymurphy-Borris-Rathanna

Wed. 10am; Thurs. 10am; Fri. 7.30pm

Sunday Masses

7.30pm Ballymurphy (*Saturday evening*);

9.30am Rathanna; 11.00am Borris

St. Mullins

Sunday Masses: Drummond 9.30am;

Glynn 11am;

Wednesday: Drummond 9.30am

Graiguenamanagh

Duiske Abbey Saturday: 7pm; Sunday: 11am;

Monday to Friday 10am

Skeoughvosteen: Sunday: 9.30am

Christmas Ceremonies 2023

It is that time of year again when we prepare for the celebration of Christmas and the Birth of Jesus. As a parish this year we are blessed to have the help of Fr Seamus Whelan for our Christmas ceremonies.

Thanks to this help, masses for Christmas and the Penitential Service are:

Penitential Service:

Wednesday 20th December, Borris, 7.30pm

Christmas Eve: Borris: Vigil Mass @ 6.30pm

Ballymurphy: Vigil Mass @ 7.30pm

Christmas Day: Rathanna: 9.30am

Ballymurphy: 10am

Borris: 11am



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

Come, Follow Me...

**Is priesthood for you?
Why not make that call?**

**Contact our Vocations Director:
Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill ; Tel: 083 3343744**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday in our Parish Church
from 10.30am to 1pm

Thursday in Rathanna Church
from 11am to 6pm.

All Welcome

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. Ailish Higgins

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.**