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 our 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

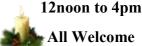
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

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



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.hse.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:

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BIC: BOFIIE2D

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.