

# Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

*Working towards Clustering with St. Mullins & Graiguenamanagh*

7th January 2024

The Baptism of the Lord Year B

Parish News

## *The Baptism of Jesus in the Bible*

The baptism of Jesus is recorded in the Gospel Bible books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. In this story, we see that Jesus approaches John and asks to be baptized. John has been proclaiming the Gospel and baptizing those who repent of their sin, want to make right their relationship with God, and await the coming Messiah. John is astonished that Jesus, the sinless Son of God, is asking to be baptized and John feels like he should be the one asking Jesus to baptize him!

In all three accounts, the baptism was a crucial first step Jesus took as he began his ministry, an approximately three-year journey that would eventually lead him to the cross. According to Luke's Gospel, Jesus was 30 years old when he was baptized.

Jesus tells John that His baptism is "fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness". Jesus is baptized as a symbol of giving His will up to His Father and the beginning of His earthly ministry. God affirmed Jesus' baptism in a powerful way as recorded in Matthew's Gospel. As soon as Jesus was baptized and came up out of the water, the heavens opened. John sees the Spirit of God descending like a dove upon Jesus and they hear God's voice from heaven say "This is my Son, the beloved, whom I have approved." The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus following his baptism. This was a sign that Jesus' ministry was empowered by the Spirit and would usher in peace between humankind and God. As Jesus rose from the water, God the Father spoke monumental words about who Jesus was, which left no question that Jesus was indeed the anticipated Messiah and beloved Son of God.

Jesus didn't need to repent or turn from sin, rather, his baptism served as a sign to John, and future generations of believers, that he was the Messiah. With this confirmation in place, John's mission to prepare the way for the Messiah was complete.

Jesus' baptism account is a beautiful portrayal of the loving union of the Trinity – Father, Son, and Spirit. This moment in his life marked the beginning of his ministry in which he was partaking in the human experience fully as the spotless lamb of God sent to save the world.

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## *Parish Contacts*

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*Church Services License No. #76100***

Charity  
Registration No:  
20015848

*With Love We Remember...*  
*Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th January*

*Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass*

Ellie Dalton Headfield

*Rathanna Anniversary Mass*

James (Jimmy) McAteer Killedmond

*Borris Anniversary Mass*

Ann Quinn Spahill

*We also pray for:*

Tom Byrne Ballytiglea &  
Ted Rookard Inchaphooka

Mary Cosgrave Clonagoose

Jim McCabe Rocksavage & all deceased  
members of his Family

Willie Flood Knock & deceased  
members of the Flood Family.

William (Willie) Hayes Kilcoltrim

Matthew McCabe 9 Woodlawn Park

Bridie Gittons Kilcoltrim

Mary Odegard Slyguff

*For those who died recently;*

Kathleen Ryan Knockmore

Ciss Madden (nee Kavanagh) Liselican &  
London

*Mass Times*

*& Intentions for the coming Week*

*Wednesday 10th January:*

Special Intention

*Thursday 11th January:*

Special Intention

*Friday 12th January*

William (Willie) Hayes Kilcoltrim

Mass times are subject to change  
Please check the Parish Website

*May The Road  
Rise Up To Meet You*

May the road rise  
up to meet you.

May the wind be always  
at your back.

May the sun shine  
warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft  
upon your fields  
and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the  
palm of His hand.

(traditional Irish blessing)

*Welcoming the  
Relic of St Brigid*

As we prepare to celebrate the  
life of St Brigid on February  
1st and on this, the  
1500th anniversary of her  
death, the Brigidine Sisters  
from their convent in Tullow  
are very generously loaning  
their relic of St Brigid to  
Kildare Parish for the year.

The relic will be housed in a  
specially designed shrine in **St  
Brigid's Church, Kildare.**

The shrine will be unveiled  
and Mass will be celebrated in  
honour of St Brigid and the  
generosity of the Brigidine  
Sisters on **Sunday**

**28th January at 11am.** This  
is seen very much as a home-  
coming for St Brigid and all  
are most welcome to attend.

## *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**

### *Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024*

**22nd of June 2024 departing Dublin.**

**5 Nights Full Board €849 PPS**

**Group Leader: Geraldine Monahan  
Spiritual Director**

**Further Information:**

**Geraldine Monahan**

**087 416 6803**

**Joe Walsh Tours**

**01 241 0800**

### *Diocesan Evening Prayer*

**for the Feast of St Brigid,**

**will take place in the**

**Cathedral of the Assumption,**

**Carlow, 1st February 2024,**

**7:30 pm. *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.

### *God's Blessings*

We ask God's Blessings on all children  
who return to our schools this week  
from Tots to Teenagers and Older. Lord  
look with kindness on them and all staff  
in 2024.

Be especially with students who face  
important exams and decisions. Be their  
guide, protector and inspiration in all  
they do.

### *Mass Bouquets*

There are Mass Bouquets availa-  
ble in the Parish Office for those  
who have died and

for various occasions.

Feel free to drop in for a look.

### *Borris Parish News*

**Check out the local  
Church Parish News:**

**[www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie)**

**& follow the link**

*Parish Newsletter, Current Issue.*

Wish to include an item? Email:

**[borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com)**

## 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](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.**