

Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

Working towards Clustering with St. Mullins & Graiguenamanagh

14th January 2024

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Parish News

St Anthony Feast Day 17th January

Anthony was born in Egypt in 250. At age 20, when his parents died, Anthony made sure his younger sister's education could be completed in a community of holy women. He then sold all his possessions and left for a life of solitude in the desert. There an elderly hermit taught him about prayer and penance. For 20 years, he lived in isolation. Anthony wanted to know God deeply. He did penance by taking only bread and water once a day at sunset. The devil appeared to him in terrible shapes to tempt him. But Anthony had great confidence in God. Anthony's unusual life did not make him harsh but radiant with God's love and compassion.

Stories of Anthony's holiness spread, and people came to learn from him how to become holy. Some admirers wanted to stay, so Anthony—at age 54—founded a type of monastery consisting of hermitages near one another. Anthony wrote a rule that guided the monks. Later when Anthony heard of the persecutions of the Christians, he wanted to die a martyr. At 60, he left the desert to minister to the Christians in prisons, fearlessly exposing himself to danger. He came to realize that a person can die daily for Christ by serving him in ordinary ways with great love. So he returned to the desert to his life of prayer and penance. His life of solitude was again interrupted, however, when at age 88 he had a vision in which he saw the harm Arian followers were doing to the Church by denying the divinity of Christ. Anthony left for Alexandria to preach against this heresy. At age 90, another vision sent Anthony searching the desert for Saint Paul, the first hermit. These two holy men met and spoke of the wonders of God. Anthony is said to have died peacefully in a cave at age 105. *Loyola Press*

Parish Contacts

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Charity
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20015848

With Love We Remember...

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th January

Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass

Hannah Byrne Kilmisson

Rathanna Anniversary Mass

John Cummins Coshill

Borris Months Mind Mass

Paddy Lyons Ballymartin

We also pray for:

Henry Ward Coonogue

Patrick & May Lawlor Headfield

Pat Murphy Ballinagrane

William (Willie) Hayes Kilcoltrim

Mass Times

& Intentions for the coming Week

Wednesday 17th January:

Bridie Gittons Kilcoltrim

Thursday 18th January:

Tim & Helen O'Mahony

Friday 19th January

Seamus Power Currane Months Mind Mass

We pray for Pat Kelly Ballyine

John 6:40: "For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

Mass times are subject to change

Please check the Parish Website

Ballymurphy NS

Ballymurphy National School will be having an **Open Afternoon** for prospective students and their families on Wednesday **January 24th from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm** to come and view our lovely facilities and meet the staff.

If this date does not suit and you are considering our school, please contact the principal, Aisling McEvoy to arrange a visit on another date to find out more about our wonderful school.

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

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.



Social Dancing

This Sunday 14th Jan.

in **Rathanna Hall.**

Dance the night away to

The Wicklow Man.

**Admission is €10 and there will
be refreshments and a raffle.**

All welcome.

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

Mass Bouquets

There are Mass Bouquets available
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

& follow the link

Parish Newsletter, Current Issue.

Wish to include an item? Email:

borrisparish@gmail.com

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*

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:

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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. 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.**