

Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

Working towards Clustering with St. Mullins & Graiguenamanagh

18th February 2024

1st Sunday of Lent Year B

Parish News

First Sunday of Lent

In Mark's Gospel today, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfilment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

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With Love We Remember...
Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th February

Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass
James Breen Coonogue & deceased
members of the Breen family

Borris Anniversary Mass
Trish Rea Powerstown East

We also pray for:

Tom & Nancy Bolger Clonagoose
James & Hannah Lawlor Liselican
Pat & Ann Doyle Newtown Borris

Mass & Intentions this Week



Friday 23rd February

Lizzie Joyce Upper Cottages
John Joe Doyle Kilcoltrim

Mass times are subject to change
Please check the Parish Website

**“...nothing can separate us from the love of
God...that is Christ Jesus our Lord.”**
Romans

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



Prayer for Lent

Heavenly Father,
As I enter the first week of my
Lenten journey, guide me to
the path that leads to you.

Fill my heart with gratitude,
patience, strength, and peace
as I strive to become the-best-
version-of-myself,
honestly admitting my
shortcomings and sins.

As I renew my resolve each
day to become a better person,
let me hear your voice in the
deepest reaches of my heart.

Give me rest in you.
Help me to accept others,
showing them your great love
instead of casting judgment.

Stay with me through the busy
days this week and remind me
that when I need comfort, soli-
tude, wisdom, or guidance, I
can always turn to you.

Help me develop discipline
and generosity through fasting
and almsgiving, and come
closer to you through prayer
this Lent.

Amen



Regular Mass Times

Ballymurphy-Borris-Rathanna

Borris: Fri. 7.30pm

Sunday Masses

7.30pm Ballymurphy (*Saturday evening*);

9.30am Rathanna; 1

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

Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The diocesan training programme, 'Sharing from the Table of the Lord', takes place in **Emo National School this Saturday, February 24, from 10am – 4 pm.** Those attending are asked to bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee will be provided. **If you would like to take part in this training, please contact the Parish Office asap.**

Carlow Older Persons Forum

are hosting an Information Roadshow for over 55's on **Tuesday 27th February, 10:30am-12:30pm, Lord Bagenal Hotel, Leighlinbridge.**

For more info phone (087) 2145262,
Email: agefriendlycarlow@carlowcoco.ie

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 Bouquets

Mass Bouquets are available in the Parish Office for those who have died and

for various occasions.

Feel free to drop in for a look.

Easter Mass Bouquets
Now Available

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

***Please have Items to be included
in the Parish News emailed to
the Office by Thursday at 5pm
for inclusion that weekend***

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.**