

Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

Working towards Clustering with St. Mullins & Graiguenamanagh

31st March 2024

Easter Sunday Year B

Parish News

Easter Sunday

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

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With Love We Remember...

This Easter Sunday

Robbie Nolan Coolnamara

Edward Fenlon

Anne Lawlor Station Road Borris

Patrick O’Gorman Main Street Borris

Ter Doyle Upper Cottages

Jack & Kitty Carroll Kiledmond

Mary Keating Ballymartin

Mary Jo Dowling, Mary Dowling & John

Dowling Ballytiglea

Brigid Hennessy (nee Lennon) Garryhill whose funeral took place in Drumphea on Wednesday

We also remember all our loved ones who passed away in the last year and whom we hold close in our hearts. May the Lord of the resurrection welcome them to their heavenly home and until we all meet again may they Rest in Peace.

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

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:

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*Again, thank you so much for your continued support.
Fr Rory*

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.*

Come, Follow Me...

Is priesthood for you?
Why not make that call?

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

Collection for the Support of the Priest of the Parish & Retired Priests of the Diocese

The Collections taken up at masses today are for the support of myself as Parish Priest & the retired priests of the Diocese.

Each year through your generosity we as a parish have been able to contribute to that central fund for retired priests. Last year the collections for the Clergy totalled €28,910, a number that has steadily fallen over the years.

I am acutely aware of the financial pressures that people are under at this time and so ask that you would continue, as best you can to support me and my colleagues in the work we do in the parish and diocese.

Again thank you so much for your financial support and the many prayers offered for myself over not just the last year but all my years here in Borris.

F r Rory

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024

22nd of June 2024 departing Dublin.

5 Nights Full Board €849 PPS

Group Leader: Geraldine Monahan

Further Information:

Geraldine Monahan 087 416 6803

Joe Walsh Tours 01 241 0800

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.

Happy Easter

**Wishing all Parishioners and
those home at this time,**

all visitors a very

Happy Easter



Mount Leinster Rangers

MLR are running their **Lá na gClub on Easter Monday, 1st April**. This is an open day for all the community and a great opportunity for people to visit the club and view the facilities available there.

Time: 10am to 2pm

ALL WELCOME

Walking track

**& Gym open, Juvenile
games & BBQ**

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

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

From 28th August to 4th September 2024
Price €835 pps

Full Religious Programme
for the duration of the stay.

For further information please contact:
Fr John O'Brien
086 240 3787

Regular Mass Times

Ballymurphy-Borris- Rathanna

Borris: Friday 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

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

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