# Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna Working towards Clustering with St. Mullins & Graiguenamanagh 14th April 2024 3rd Sunday of Easter Year B

Parish News

# 3rd Sunday of Easter

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples.

The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins. *www.loyolapress.com* 

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## With Love We Remember... 13th & 14th April

Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass Gerard Byrne Cournellan

Rathanna Anniversary Mass Patrick Doran Knockroe

Borris Anniversary Mass Months Mind Mass John Mahon Lower Borris Sally Murphy Liselican

#### We Also Remember

Kathleen Fleming Main Street Borris James Breen Main Street Borris Tom Murphy Upper Borris Anne McEvoy Currane Anne Kavanagh Mount Leinster Lodge

Mary Loftus nee Coleman Formerly of Ballyellen who died in London this week

> Friday 19th April Anne McEvoy Currane

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord May perpetual light shine upon them My they rest in peace...

### Town Hall Committee

A meeting of the Borris Town Hall Committee will be held this Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

All committee members are invited to attend.

### 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

# 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: BOFIIE2D

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

# First Confession

#### FIRST CONFESSION FOR BORRIS & BALLYMURPHY

This Thursday 18th April at 7.00pm in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Borris

### Graiguecullen/Killeshin Parish Novena To Our Lady Of Perpetual Help

Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen from the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 (9 Monday nights). The Rosary is recited at 7.10pm and the Novena begins at 7.30p.m.

We invite people to place their petitions in the petition boxes in St. Clare's Church and during the Novena, through the prayers from our Faith Community and the intercession of Our Lady, we will ask Jesus to relieve whatever burdens we may carry.

## Prayer for Suitable Weather

Dear Jesus, sometimes we feel You place the weather as a physical reminder that we will pass through varying seasons of life. These seasons remind us that although times may change, Your promises are yes and amen. Yet, at times like now and the past weeks, lousy weather overwhelms us, and it feels like we are sinking.

And although we cannot control the weather, we know You can, for there is nothing too difficult for You. You have said that if we ask for anything in Your name and believe in our hearts without doubt, You will do it for us.

So, we come to You concerning the weather that threatens to overwhelm us, recalling that You calmed the storm in the sea. We ask that You turn away this lousy weather and give us peace and calm. We pray for weather that allows lands to be tilled and crops sown, stock fed and an abundant harvest in time to come. Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** 

## All-Ireland Pollinator Plan

The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan is an island-wide attempt to reverse declines in pollinating insects. One third of our bee species are threatened with extinction in Ireland. The good news is that you can help by making your garden pollinator friendly. Every garden, no matter its size, can be a haven for hungry pollinators. See the link below for more information: <u>pollinators.ie/top-ten</u> <u>-ways-to-help-pollinators/</u>

## 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.* 

## 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

## 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.

# 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

Regular Mass Times Ballymurphy-Borris-Rathanna

Borris: Friday 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

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 <u>safeguarding@kandle.ie</u>