

# Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

*Working towards Clustering with St. Mullins & Graiguenamanagh*

21st April 2024

4th Sunday of Easter Year B

Parish News

## *4th Sunday of Easter: Prayers for Vocations*

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

O God, Who wish all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of Your truth: send, we beg You, labourers into Your harvest, and grant them grace to speak Your word with all boldness; so that Your word may spread and be glorified, and all nations may know You, the only God, and Him Whom You have sent, Jesus Christ Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns world without end. **Amen.**

God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers.

Make me an instrument to encourage others to give of themselves and challenge me to do the same. **Amen**



### *Parish Contacts*

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Church Services License No. #76100**

Charity  
Registration No:  
20015848

## *With Love We Remember...*

*20th & 21st April*

### *Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass*

Joe Murphy Ballybrack

### *Rathanna Anniversary Mass*

### *Borris Anniversary Mass*

Months Mind Mass

James Coady Jnr Upper Borris  
& Daniel Coady

*We Also Remember*

James & Mary Malone Ballymurphy

Margaret & Michael Jordan Ballyine

Joseph & Ellen Walsh Moyvalley

Mark Carroll of Croydon, London who died  
tragically recently

Friday 19th April

Special Intention

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

## *Contribution to Parish*

I want to thank you most  
sincerely for your  
continued financial support  
of our churches and parish. Contribu-  
tions 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*

## *Visiting Sick & Housebound*

Fr Rory will call to those on his list this week:

**Thursday 25th April**

Rathanna & Ballymurphy areas

**Friday 25th**

Borris area



## *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*

## *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

## *Vocations Sunday*

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is observed today, Sunday, April 21st, 2024. It is also known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday' because the Gospel is always from John chapter 10 where Jesus speaks of himself as being a caring shepherd. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction when he asked us: Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest. (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood and religious life and that the Church will always have pastors who care for God's people with the heart of Christ himself.

## *Prayer for Favourable Weather*

God our Father, we turn to you, the source of all goodness and grace. We come before you with humble hearts, seeking your divine intervention in the rhythm of the seasons.

Bless us with the favourable weather which we so badly need at this time, especially for our farming community and all others whose livelihoods depend on it.

Grant them strength and perseverance in their work. In their labour may they find solace and fulfilment, knowing that their efforts contribute to the well-being of our communities.

Bless them with resilience in the face of challenges and grant them moments of peace amidst the storms of life. Help us, as faith communities, to support and uplift them, recognising the vital role they play in sustaining life.

Guide us, Lord, to be mindful stewards of the earth and compassionate neighbours to those who cultivate it. May your loving presence be a beacon of hope and strength for all.

We ask this 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: [pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/](https://pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/)

## *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.*

## *"Fáilte Isteach Classes"*

These **free** conversational English classes are available to **migrants and emigrants.**

*Classes are held in*

**Borris Library Meeting Room  
Tuesday morning 10-12 and  
Thursday evening 7-9pm.**

*All welcome.*

Contact [faiteisteachborris@gmail.com](mailto:faiteisteachborris@gmail.com)

## *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](http://www.mentalhealthireland.ie)**

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

**[www.hse.ie](http://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

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