

# Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

*Working towards Clustering with St. Mullins & Graiguenamanagh*

28th April 2024

5th Sunday of Easter Year B

Parish News

## *5th Sunday of Easter*

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfilment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbour. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

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20015848

## *With Love We Remember...*

*27th & 28th April*

### *Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass*

Dan & Babs Maloney Tinnecarrig

### *Rathanna First Anniversary Mass*

Mary Corrigan Crannagh

### *Borris First Anniversary Mass*

Kieran Lennon Springhill

*We Also Remember*

Renata Kempka Poland

Jim Kane Currane

Catherine Rice Main Street Borris

Joan Hickey nee Curry

Eamon Dalton Ballytiglea

Jim Whitty Milltown

*We also remember...*

Tom Murphy Main Street, Dunkineely, Donegal,  
formerly Borris who died during the week

*Friday 3rd May*

Maura Hayes Kilcoltrim

*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. 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**

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BOFIE2D**

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

## *Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help*

**Monday 6th May at 7.30pm**

St Clare's Church, Graiguecullen

Rosary recited at 7.10pm

Novena begins at 7.30pm

**Speaker: Geraldine Mullan**

Geraldine's story of how faith, hope and love have carried her since her life changed dramatically in 2020 when her husband & 2 children tragically died.

## *Serenity Prayer*

*God grant me the serenity  
to accept the things  
I cannot change;  
courage to change  
the things I can;  
and wisdom*

## *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*

## *National Pilgrimage for Life*

The first *National Pilgrimage for Life*, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May in Knock Shrine with Mass at 3.00pm in the Basilica. Anointing of the Sick will take place during Mass. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

## *Come, Follow Me...*

Is priesthood for you?  
Why not make that call?

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



## *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/](http://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.**

## *Prayer before an Exam...*

Lord, I thank you that you are with me right now, Your love surpasses all fear, I give you the anxiety I feel and I surrender all my worries to you

Clear my mind; Calm my heart  
Still my Spirit; Relax my being  
That I may always glorify you in everything I write, speak and do.

## *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**

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