

Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

Charity Registration No: 20015848

29th January 2023

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Parish News

The Sermon on the Mount

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favour with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as *happy*, *fortunate*, or *favoured*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God. *Loyola Press*

*'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven...
...rejoice, your reward will be great in heaven.'*



Weekly Collection 21st/22nd January: Envelopes €431; Bags €574; Total €1,005

Parish Contacts



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With Love We Remember...

Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th January

Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass

James Breen Coonogue and deceased members of the Breen Family



Borris Anniversary Mass

John Sherwood Bog Lane



We also pray for:

Breda Kavanagh Southfields London & formerly High Street
Graiguenamanagh Jack & Nellie Kelly Pound Lane,

Nan Tracey Station Road, Mary O’Gorman Main Street Borris,

Tommy Doyle, Cournellan, Johnnie Doyle, Cournellan, Rose Lee, Galway,
Mary & Dan Kavanagh Clonagoose Patrick & Sarah Murphy Crannagh,

Mass Intentions this Week

Wednesday 1st February: Special Intention (Get Well)

Thursday 2nd February: **Mary O’Gorman Main Street Borris**

Friday 3rd February: Mary & Dan Kavanagh Clonagoose



Happy St. Brigid’s Day 1st February 2023



**Patron of our Diocese, renowned for her Hospitality,
Giving to the Poor & Care of the Sick. May her Blessing & Protection be with us today and always.**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

takes place each ...

Wednesday in our Parish Church
from 10.30am to 1pm

Thursday in Rathanna Church
from 11am to 6pm.

All Welcome



Quote from Pope Francis

You can, you must try to seek God in every human life. Although the life of a person is a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God.

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.



Borris Parish

Dates for the Diary 2023

CONFIRMATION BORRIS

Saturday 4th March at 11am

FIRST COMMUNION BORRIS

Saturday 20th May 11am

KILTENNEL CEMETERY PRAYERS

Sunday 18th June 12.30pm

SACRED HEART CEMETERY BORRIS

Friday 23rd June 7.30pm

CLONAGOOSE CEMETERY PRAYERS

Friday 30th June 7.30pm

MASS OF THE SICK

Friday 3rd July 7.30pm

RATHANNA PATTERN

Sunday 6th August 3pm

BALLYMURPHY PATTERN

27th August 3pm

MASS FOR THOSE

WHO DIED DURING THE YEAR

Wednesday 1st November 7.30pm

MASS OF THE HOLY ANGELS

Wednesday 15th November 7.30pm

Visiting the Sick/Housebound

Fr. Rory will call on the Sick & Housebound this coming week

**Thursday 2nd February
Ballymurphy & Rathanna**

**Friday 3rd February
Borris**

If you know of a neighbour or friend who would like me to call to them please contact the Parish Office or myself. *Fr Rory 087 2714161*

St Brigid's Day 2023



St. Brigid is reputed to have been born in the Townland of Umeras. Just outside Monasterevin, Co. Kildare.

This Year a new Bank Holiday to honour St. Brigid takes place on Monday 6th February.

To Commemorate Brigid, Monasterevin Parish have organised a Camino Walk in her honour. Starting at St. Brigid's Shrine at Mountrice on the Monasterevin – Rathangan Road (R414) @ 11 am on Monday 6th February (walk is approx. 6km). Car parking provided at Mountrice Cross.

The Walk will be led by Bishop Denis Nulty and will journey via Umeras then along the New Canal Blue Way, finishing in St. Peter & Pauls Church Monasterevin with a service of light at 12.30 pm.

A bus will leave the Parish Church Monasterevin at 10.30 am to Mountrice and return to Mountrice at 2.00 pm. for those who wish to avail, payment on the bus.

All those who participate will be issued with a special St. Brigid Camino passport that will be stamped at St Peter & Pauls Church and will be given a certificate to say they have completed the Camino.

St Brigid's Crosses and refreshments will be provided on the day.

**For more information,
please contact
Monasterevin Parish office:
045 525346.
All WELCOME.**

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

Mass Times

Ballymurphy-Borris-Rathanna

Weekday Masses

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	10am
Thursday	10am
Friday	7.30pm

Sunday Masses

7.30pm Ballymurphy (Saturday evening)
9.30am Rathanna
11.00am Borris

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:

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*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. Kathleen Sherry**

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.**