

# Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna

*Working towards Clustering with St. Mullins & Graiguenamanagh*

19th May 2024

## Pentecost Sunday Year B

Parish News

### *Pentecost Sunday*

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is to we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an Advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the apostles mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath." This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people. [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com)

### *Parish Contacts*

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Charity  
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20015848

## *With Love We Remember...*

*18th & 19th May*

*Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass*

Elizabeth Kavanagh Liselican

*Rathanna Anniversary Mass*

*Borris Anniversary Mass*

**Annie (Nan) O'Neill Slyguff**

*We Also Remember*

Jamie Spruhan Borris

*Friday 24th May*

1st Anniversary Mass

Mick Burke Kiledmond

Jamie Spruhan Borris

Padraig Lennon Springhill

## *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:**

**BOFIE2D**

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

## *Prayer to the Holy Spirit*

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

**Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.**

*Let us pray.*

**O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## *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

***No Adoration in Rathanna this week due to works in the church.***

## *Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock*

**When? 2nd June**

**Contact:**

**John Coady      051 424628  
087 3330558**

**Loughlin Doyle    085 8089125**

*More Details To Follow*



## *All-Ireland Pollinator Plan For May*

Reduce mowing to allow native wildflowers like Dandelions, Clover and Birds-foot Trefoil to naturally return over time. Why? This action helps to restore species-rich grasslands: a vital habitat providing food and shelter for pollinators. Where? Everywhere! Roadside verges, **lawns**, schools, parks, field margins, farm lanes.

Take part in **#NoMowMay** and leave your lawnmower in the shed for May. See [www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/](http://www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/)

## *Painting of Rathanna Church*

Rathanna Church remains closed this weekend.

**It will re-open for mass on Sunday next, 26th of May.** Sunday's mass will be celebrated at the usual Sunday time of 9.30am in Rathanna Hall.

## *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.*

## *Mass Thursday 23rd May*

**Mass will be celebrated this Thursday morning 23rd May at 11am in the Sacred Heart Church Borris.**

**It will be offered for all those who are facing exams, be it the Junior Cert, Leaving Cert or College exams. ALL welcome to attend.**

## *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.

## *Congratulations*

**To the boys and girls from Borris National School who received their First Holy Communion this weekend!**



## *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**

## *Come, Follow Me...*

**Is priesthood for you?**

**Why not make that call?**



**Contact our Vocations Director:**

**Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill: Tel: 083 3343744**

## *Safeguarding*

If you are concerned about the welfare  
& safety of children or vulnerable  
adults contact:

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