

*Anniversaries for Week Ending*  
*September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>*

*Ballymurphy:*

**Ann Marie Murphy Nee Ralph  
Kyle**

*Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:*

**Tom Quinn & his sister Maura Holly  
Spahill**

*Borris: Anniversary Mass*

**Ron Harrison  
Cournellan**

**John Joyce Rathgeran Ballymurphy  
Kitty Byrne Cournellan  
Ellen Murphy Coonogue  
William & Norah Dwyer Ballynattin  
Paddy & Jim Dwyer Ballynattin  
Michael Murray Waterford  
Anastasia & Michael Furlong Knockroe  
Mabel Phelan Ballymartin  
Marian Byrne Woodlawn Park  
Patrick O'Higgins Crannagh  
Paddy Nolan Knockroe**

## *Safeguarding*

The Parish of Borris in common with all other parishes is committed to safeguarding the children of their parish.

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

**Director of Safeguarding: Ms. Ailish Higgins**  
**Mob: 085-802 1633 or Email:**  
**safeguarding@kandle.ie**

## *Borris Mass Times*

### *Weekly Mass Times*

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Ballymurphy</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Rathanna</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
	<b>Borris</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Borris</b>	<b>10am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Borris</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris each Wednesday after the 10am mass until 1.00pm.*

## *St. Mullins Mass Times for the coming week*

**Saturday: Mass in Glynn at 7.00pm**

**Sunday: Mass in Drummond at 10am.**

**Wednesday: Mass in Drummond 9.30am**

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
in Drummond Church every Thursday at 2-3pm.  
The church is open every day for private visits.*

## *Parish Collection Envelopes*

The Parish Envelopes are now ready for distribution to Parishioners from the Parish Office. For those who distribute these I would ask you to collect the envelopes for your area in the coming weeks. They are available at regular Parish Office Hours; Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 9.30am to 12.00noon.

There are a number of areas that envelopes still need to be delivered to. If you are the distributor or can distribute envelopes to the following areas I would really appreciate your help:

### **Areas still to be covered:**

**Upper Borris  
The Cottages  
Moycullen  
Upper Rathgeran  
Tinnecarrig  
Killedmond  
Kilcoltrim  
Knockmore  
Ballybrack  
Currane  
Headfield  
Rocksavage  
Ballyroughan  
Liselican  
Tomduff**

**Lower Borris  
Coonogue  
Rathgeran  
Ballymurphy  
Knockroe  
Crannagh  
Scortreen  
  
Ballymartin  
Kilmisson  
  
Lacken  
Coolnamara  
Ballinvalley  
Raheenkyle**

*If you have already collected the envelopes for these areas thank you very much.*

I would like to say a sincere thank you to all who help in the distribution of these envelopes throughout the Parish.

I also thank all who contribute financially to the Parish during the year, whether through the envelopes or the Basket collection each Sunday. Thank you so much for your continued support for the Parish when times and costs are constantly on the rise. Fr. Rory

## *Do you have a Notice for the Parish News?*

If your group / club / organisation has a notice that they wish to be included in the Parish News please forward the details to [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com) by 12 noon on Thursday's for inclusion in the following week's edition.

The Parish News can be found on the Parish Website [www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie) and on various local Facebook pages. Inclusion in the Parish News is at the discretion of the editor. Fr Rory

## *Prayer for Pope Leo XIV*

Heavenly Father  
We thank you for the gift of our new Holy Father,  
Pope Leo XIV.  
Bless him with Wisdom, Courage and  
A heart filled with compassion.  
May he lead your Church in truth and unity,  
And be a beacon of hope for a world in need.  
Strengthen him with the guidance of the Holy Spirit,  
And keep him always in your loving care. Amen

## ***Electorate Register***

### ***From Carlow Co. Co.***

Even if you receive a polling card, you now need to add your PPSN, date of birth and Eircode to the register.

You can update your details at [checktheregister.ie](http://checktheregister.ie) or by paper form.

If you need assistance, please contact Carlow County Council Register Staff on 059 9170332 / 059 9170308 / 059 9172448 or email [register@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:register@carlowcoco.ie)

## ***Grásta Marriage Preparation Course***

Grásta is a voluntary group of Married Couples based in Ireland, who for over 25 years have been facilitating Pre-Marriage Courses for couples getting married in the Catholic Church.

Are you preparing for marriage later this year or next year?

Weekend residential courses available:

**19-21 September 2025.**

Further Details: [www.grasta.org](http://www.grasta.org) or email [info@grasta.org](mailto:info@grasta.org)

## *Carlow County Council/O'Keeffe Social Research*

Carlow County Council in partnership with O'Keeffe Social Research, are currently undertaking research to promote circular economy activities in our communities. We hope to generate an interactive map, identify best practices, acknowledge achievements, and identify how groups can access more supports.

We are asking everyone in Carlow Town and County to get involved by sharing information about any activities in your area that promotes:

- Repair, reuse or upcycling.
- Sharing or Swapping initiatives
- Community gardening, composting or food waste reduction.
- Sustainable living or Zero waste practices.
- Environmental education or awareness events.

In order to create a profile of community-based circular economy activities throughout the County, we ask you to identify your projects and send details of same to via email Brendan and Ann Marie at [oksocialresearch@gmail.com](mailto:oksocialresearch@gmail.com) on or before Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August.

So whether you are hosting sewing classes, furniture repair courses, have a Mini Community Library or are teaching your community to grow their own food, we urge you to get involved and get news of your activity out to the wider community of Carlow.

For further information please email Jannette at [jobrien@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:jobrien@carlowcoco.ie)

## *Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators*

Create nesting habitats for pollinators

Wild pollinators nest in hedgerows, wild areas, dry stone walls, and even in the ground.

To make a nesting habitat for them, just scrape back some bare earth, leave some areas to grow wild, or simply drill holes 10cm deep in unvarnished wood for solitary bees.

For more information please see:  
[pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/](http://pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/)

## *Season of Creation*

**1st September – 4th October 2025:  
Peace with Creation**

“Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children.” Joint statement from Pope Francis, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury.

This year’s Season of Creation has as its theme “Peace with Creation”, inspired by the passage from Isaiah 32:14-18; “My people will abide in a peaceful



habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.”

In a world of challenges and division, marked by war and climate change, how can we as people of faith create and work towards peace with creation?

Every one of us has a part of play. For this year's resources see <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/season-of-creation-2025/>

## *Borris Town Hall Art & Photography Competition 2025*

"Can't quite believe it's that time of year again but here we are launching the 2025 'Get some nice colour into the hall' Competition!! 🙌. The much more suitable and official competition name however is the 'Borris Town Hall Art & Photography Competition 2025 and the entry gates are open.

The Photography Competition was a great success last year and we received so many compliments about the 12 winning photographs in the Calendar and displayed on the hall walls for that we want to try and repeat that for 2026.

So where do the 'Art Entries' come in? Well we missed seeing them is the straight forward answer. Our younger community members without a phone or camera did not get the chance to enter plus we all know there are countless stunning artists of all ages out there who should be showing off their amazing talents. We decided that as the hall has lots of walls and our Calendar has a front & back cover we would welcome all formats this year and fine tune the 'what goes where?' details along the way!!

The priority now is to get those entries in so if you like drawing, painting, mixed media or photography and you are from our local Community, have links to it or simply visited and have memories captured then why not enter.

**The theme is 'Life Around Us', interpret it as you will!**

**Email all digital entries or a photograph of the original artwork (A4 max size) to [borristownhall@gmail.com](mailto:borristownhall@gmail.com) before the competition closes at midnight, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025.**

The Winning Entries will be displayed in the Town Hall for 12 months and be showcased in our Calendar for 2026.

Any queries send us an email, we're looking forward to hearing from you all and can't wait to see the entries!!"

## ***Zumba Dance Fitness***

Newtown Hall, Borris  
Monday night's 7-8 p.m.

- Pay as you go - Join anytime
- No experience necessary - No partner required

For more details contact: Lisa 086/3342428

## ***"Carlow Stroke Support Group"***

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**Meet next  
Friday September 12th, 2.30-4pm,  
at  
St Dymphna's Hospital, Carlow.**

Guest Speaker from Age Friendly Homes attending.

For further information  
Text/phone Lynda 087-7814697".

## **Kildare & Leighlin Liturgy Conference**

***“It is Good for us to be Here (Mark 9:5)”***

Come and join us for a day of personal enrichment as we explore many aspects of the celebration of **Mass** and Liturgy in our parishes - taking place in the

**Cathedral of the Assumption and Carlow College on Saturday, 20th September 2025.**

We start with registration in **Carlow College** from 9:00-9:30am, **Morning Prayer** in the Cathedral at 9:30am followed by a day of keynote speakers and workshops, concluding at 5:00 pm.

Look out for the poster and brochure in the church or go to [www.kandle.ie/LiturgyConference](http://www.kandle.ie/LiturgyConference) for more details.

Booking is now open on **kandle.ie** and workshops will fill on a first come basis.

**Deadline: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025**