Anniversaries for Week Ending
7th & 8th November

Ballymurphy: Anniversary Mass:
Jimmy Phelan Ballymartin & Santa Barbara

Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:
Deceased members of the Doyle family Rathanna

Borris: Month's Mind Mass
Frank Hynes Cournellan

We also remember…

Jim Coleman Woodlawn Park
Samantha (Sam) Goulding Woodlawn Close whose month's mind took place Friday night
Peter Kavanagh Main Street Borris
Theresa Lambert Stillorgan Co. Dublin
Ann McKeever Woodlawn Park
Breda Walsh Ballynattin
James & Maura Doyle Ballymartin and deceased members of the Doyle & Hayden Families.
Mary Kane Currane
Margaret & Patrick O'Higgins Rathanna

We also remember…

Andrew (Andy) Ralph Newtown Borris whose funeral mass was celebrated in St. Moling's Church, Glynn on Saturday 7th November 2026

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. Ms Michele Hughes
Mob: 086-171 0643 or Email: safeguarding@kandle.ie

Weekly Parish Envelopes

Reminder



If there is anyone who has not received a box of envelopes for the support of the parish could you please contact the Parish Office in the coming week.

Again, a sincere thanks to our distributors and to all who support the collections throughout the year.

Fr Rory

First Holy Communion & Confirmation Dates Borris, 2027

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris on Saturday 27th February 2027.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris on Saturday 15th May 2027

Abide Women's Conference

The Abide Women's conference will be held from November 20th to 22nd in the Great Northern Hotel Bundoran, Co. Donegal. Speakers include Sarah Swafford, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Mark Wharton, Kimberlee WooLing, Danielle Noonan, Nashville Domincans & more.

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin, from Cork & Ross Diocese. We would love to welcome you this weekend.

For more details, please visit Abide in His Love at **eventbrite.ie**
Registration link: https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in or hour battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Forever Fit Carlow

Balance and resistance training
Borris, Myshall, Carlow & Tullow

Further information: Email: foreverfitcarlow@gmail.com
Phone: 085 801 4138

Important Dates in the Parish of Borris 2026

Mass of the Holy Angels

Remembering children who died before and after birth

Wednesday 18th November 7.30pm
Sacred Heart Church Borris

Mass for those who Died during the Year

Wednesday 25th November 7.30pm
Sacred Heart Church Borris

Irish Cancer Society
Volunteer Driver Service

The Irish Cancer Society is **expanding the volunteer driver service** in the **Carlow** and Laois area, and we are seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to join our pool of drivers. We are specifically looking for drivers who can take patients to Naas Hospital, as well as St James' Hospital and the Mater Hospital in Dublin. Gifting your time means that cancer patients will have comfortable (one on one) transport to attend appointments for their lifesaving treatment.

If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity not only eases the journey for many during a challenging time but also offers comfort and support when it's needed most.

For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica or Emily at **volunteer@irishcancer.ie**.

Masses in our Deanery/Pastoral Area

Borris Parish Mass Times

Weekly Mass Times

Saturday	**Ballymurphy**	**7.30pm**
Sunday	**Rathanna**	**9.30am**
	Borris	**11.00am**

Wednesday	**Borris**	**10.00am**
Friday	**Borris**	**7.30pm**

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

Graiguenamanagh Mass Times

Saturday: **Mass in Duiske Abbey at 7.00pm**

Sunday: **Mass in Skeoughvosteen at 9.30am**
Mass in Duiske Abbey at 11.00am

Monday to Friday: **Mass in Duiske Abbey at 10am**

St. Mullins Mass Times 2026

Mass Times for the Year 2026

Saturday Night Mass: **Drummond at 7.00pm**

Sunday Mass: **Glynn at 10am**
Holyday of Obligation Mass: **Drummond at 10am**
Wednesday Mass: **Drummond at 9.30am**

Thursday: **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
2.00pm Drummond

Drummond Church is open daily for private visits.

Paulstown Mass Times

Saturday: **Mass in Goresbridge at 7.30pm**

Sunday: **Mass in Goresbridge at 10.00am**
Mass in Paulstown at 11.30am

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 by 12 noon on Thursdays for inclusion in the following week's edition.

The Parish News can be found on the Parish Website www.borrisparish.ie and on the **Borris Town Hall** Facebook pages. Inclusion in the Parish News is at the discretion of the editor. ***Fr Rory***

The Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme

The Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme launched in March 2024 following the Government agreed actions arising from the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby homes and certain related matters.

The Payment scheme provides financial payments, and health supports to eligible people who spent time in Mother and Baby and County Home Institutions in Ireland.

Eligibility criteria can be found online, (website below) or by post. **Visit: www.gov.ie/en/department-of-children-disability-and-equality/campaigns/mother-and-baby-institutions-payment-scheme/**

Contact Helpline: 01 522 9922

All applications are handled with care, dignity and full confidentiality.

Library News

Get 7-day access to your local library, 8am to 10pm!

My Open Library is the self-service initiative that lets you use library facilities beyond regular opening hours from 8am to 10pm, seven days a week! At participating libraries during these times, you can Borrow and return books; Read and Study in a quiet space; Access Wi-Fi and computers; Print, scan and photocopy; Use meeting Spaces
My Open Library operates 365 days a year and operates in Tullow, Bagenalstown & Borris Library Branches.

For more info: Drop in to Borris Library
Or contact us on 059 9170350

Lunchtime in the Library 2026

Carlow County Council Library Service are delighted to announce the return of the Lunchtime in the Library series of free author talks in Carlow Central Library for the month of November. This year's lineup features prize-winning and recently nominated authors, all with publications released this

year. Attendees will get a chance to hear from the authors, ask questions, and, with a pop-up bookshop on site, the opportunity to get a newly purchased book signed by the author.

The series kicks off this **Friday 6th November at 1pm with a talk by author Gill Perdue**, bestselling author of the unflinching, psychologically rich Shaw & Darmody crime series. Gill will be reading from her first standalone psychological thriller, *All of Them Lied*.

On **Friday 13th November at 1pm, Patrick Freyne** will grace the library's Shaw Room for readings from his debut novel *Experts in a Dying Field* which was recently nominated for the Last Word Listeners' Choice Award at the Irish Book Awards.

Talk number 3 will take place on **Friday 20th November, when Kildare author Louise Nealon** will give a talk on her writing journey and read from her second novel *Everything that is Beautiful*. Louise's first novel Snowflake won Newcomer of the Year at the Irish Book Awards in 2024.

The last talk of the series takes place on **Friday 27th November at 1pm when Irish Times bestselling author, psychotherapist and inspirational speaker Avril Tierney** will be in the library. In Avril's debut book, *Cancer, Chaos and Courage*, she shares an honest, humorous and uplifting perspective on what it means to rebuild ourselves through life's challenges.

Please reserve your free place by emailing
library@carlowcoco.ie

Radio Maria Ireland

Radio Maria Ireland is a Catholic Radio Station. It offers prayers, teachings, and music to deepen one's faith, and encourages us to keep growing in the faith on a daily basis.

We broadcast 24/7, on three pillars being that of

1. Prayer & Catechesis,
2. Music
3. Human Formation.

Further information can be found on www.radiomaria.ie.

You can listen to Radio Maria:

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2. Download our FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"
3. Streaming on our WEBSITE - www.radiomaria.ie
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5. Via PHONE – get live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply).
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Carlow County Council Register of Electors

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** or by paper form.

If you need assistance, Carlow County Council Register Staff will be happy to help you on:

059 9170332 / 059 9170308 / 059 9172448
or email: register@carlowcoco.ie

Jennifer Murnane O'Connor's TD Clinic

Minister of State Jennifer Murnane O'Connor's Clinics will now be held every 2nd Wednesday in The Family Resource Centre, Royal Oak Road, Bagenalstown. Starting from Wednesday 18th March. Times are 10.30am to 12.30pm.

For further information, please contact the Constituency office on 059-9170754
or email jennifer.murnaneoconnor@oireachtas.ie

Southeast Family Support Network

HAVE YOU BEEN IMPACTED BY ANOTHER'S DRUG OR ALCOHOL USE?

You don't have to face it alone. The Carlow Peer Family Support Group 'You Are Not Alone' is here for you. We offer a safe, non-judgemental space of understanding and compassion where you can:

Share your experiences. Meet with family members in similar situations and who 'get it'. Receive support that will support you to look at practical solutions and effective responses learning how caring for yourself can support the whole family.

Contract 085-7872730 or 086-6045805 for details

SUPPORT FOR YOURSELF CAN HELP THE WHOLE FAMILY

Communityhub.ie

Community Hub is a free service to community groups in your area. It allows for community groups to share what is going on, but also see what is going on around them also.

"Community Groups Register your group for free today at communityhub.ie to list your upcoming events and notices in a dedicated space where local people can easily find you."

Accent Dance School

Every Thursday at 6.30pm in Borris Town all



Readings for…
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8th November 2026

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

Wisdom is bright and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary

to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

Second Reading

A reading from first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

The word of the Lord.