

Anniversaries for Week Ending
1st & 2nd February 2025

Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass:

**James Breen & deceased members of the Breen family
Coonogue**

Rathanna Anniversary Mass:

Ciss Rapple Tomduff

Borris Months Mind Mass

Mary Rookard Inchaphooka

Borris: Anniversary Mass

Paddy Carter Upper Cottages

Dan Kavanagh Clonagoose

Joan Quinn Mountain View

Liam (Billy) Hayden Crannagh

Marie Murphy Kiledmond

**Jim Kennedy Cournellan his parents, brothers &
sisters**

Birdie McCabe Woodlawn Park

Patrick & Mary Murphy Crannagh

John Doyle Kilcoltrim

Mary O'Gorman Main Street Borris

Breda Kavanagh Southfields London

We remember those who died recently:

**Jimmy Coady Rathanna, reposing at Breen's funeral
home, Borris on Sunday from 2pm to 7pm, funeral
mass Monday 3rd February at 12 noon in St.
Fortchern's Church, Rathanna, burial in the adjoining
graveyard**

**Thomas Lucas Ballinasloe, brother of Kieran Lucas
Clonagoose.**

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

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Feast of St. Blaise 3rd of February

The **Feast of St. Blaise** is celebrated on the, **3rd February**. St. Blaise is the Patron Saint of all who suffer from illness of the throat. It is a day when traditionally people come to have their throats blessed at mass.

This will take place at 10am mass on Monday morning 3rd of February in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris. ALL WELCOME

*Diocesan Pilgrimage
for the
Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis*

Coinciding with the Jubilee for Teenagers, during the Jubilee Year of Hope, the Diocese is travelling for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis 25th - 29th April.

This pilgrimage includes a day trip to Assisi, trips to the pilgrims' sites of Rome and of course the Mass on Sunday in St. Peter's Square when Blessed Carlo will be declared the first 'Millennial Saint.'

Bishop Denis will join us for the pilgrimage as well as Fr. David Vard. Places are limited and can be booked through Marian Pilgrimages or forms, and itinerary can be collected in Portlaoise Parish Centre.

Divine Mercy Conference 21/23 February 2025

The **Divine Mercy Conference** will take place in the RDS this year on the **21st, 22nd and 23rd February**. Friday (FREE) 6.00pm - 9.00pm, Saturday 10am - 8pm and Sunday 10am - 5pm.

The conference will be broadcast live online through our website www.divinemercyconference.com free of charge and on churchservices.tv.

It will also be available (audio only) on www.RadioMaria.ie and on Saorview 210 or dial up listening service 01 4373277.

It also is broadcast on www.ShalomWorld.org.

Tickets: €40 weekend (Best Value)
Saturday €35
Sunday €25,
All available online on our
website www.divinemeracyconference.com

or at the RDS door on the day.

Listening to the voices of Women in Scripture

This Conference will be offered in two places:

Ballyvaloo Retreat & Conference Centre, Blackwater, Co Wexford on Feb. 14. Cost: €30 (includes lunch)

Pembrook Hotel, Kilkenny on Feb. 15. Cost €20 (includes tea/coffee)

The speaker: Dr. Grainne Doherty.
Times: 10.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Booking essential: Contact Sara or Catherina @ 056 7722870 9.00 am – 5.00 pm Monday to Friday or e-mail regionaloffice@ssjg.ie before Feb 11.

Jubilee Year 2025 – ‘A call to action!’

The celebration of Jubilee 2025 has now begun throughout the universal Catholic Church on the theme: ‘Pilgrims of Hope’.

Everyone is invited to participate in this special year of faith. Specifically, **Pope Francis is encouraging each of us to be messengers of hope** in our very troubled world during this holy year.

In our Christian tradition, the Jubilee has a strong focus on reconciliation and renewal, including reaching out to people on the margins. It is normally celebrated every 25 years, so that more people can experience it at least once in a lifetime.

For further information on Jubilee 2025 Year of Hope, see the dedicated page on [CatholicBishops.ie](https://www.catholicbishops.ie) for all Jubilee-related updates, including a live calendar featuring events happening across the island.

To keep the Jubilee page vibrant, we invite you to contribute by sharing videos and photos from events in your diocese to the Catholic Communications Office in Maynooth on info@catholicbishops.ie. Your contributions will help showcase and amplify the Jubilee celebrations across Ireland.

Hashtags to use on social media: [#Jubilee2025](#)
[#PilgrimsofHope](#) [@Iubilaeum_25](#)

Prayer to St. Brigid

Saint Brigid.

You were a woman of peace.

You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness.

You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace
cover those who are troubled and anxious,
and may peace be firmly rooted
in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into
greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.

Amen.