

*Anniversaries for Week Ending*  
*1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025*

*Ballymurphy: Anniversary Mass:*  
**Special Intention**

*Rathanna: Months Mind Mass:*  
**Jimmy Coady Rathanna**

*Borris: First Anniversary Mass*  
**William, Seán & James Joyce Kilcoltrim  
& deceased members of the Joyce family**

**Tommy Caulfield Pound Lane  
Patrick Redmond Ballymartin  
Mary & James Fleming Upper Borris  
Patrick Redmond Ballymartin  
Mary-Jo Dowling Ballytiglea  
John Mahon Lower Borris (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Mass will be celebrated Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March  
7.30pm)**

## *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](mailto:safeguarding@kandle.ie)**

## *Ash Wednesday & Lent*

Wednesday next, **March 5<sup>th</sup>**, is **Ash Wednesday** and sees the start of the Church Season of Lent. It is a day of Fast & Abstinence.

**What does this mean for us? Here is a quick guide:**

**When:** There are two days of Fasting and Abstinence in Lent. They are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

**Who:** Catholics 14 years old and over are obliged to practice Abstinence. Catholics 18 to 59 years of age are obliged to Fast

Those outside these age limits and those whose state of life does not allow them to fast are exempt from Fasting & Abstinence but are encouraged to offer prayer and donate to charity. People in this category include those who are ill or

have long term illness or medical conditions. Women who are pregnant and manual labourers.

**Fasting:** One regular meal and two smaller meals. No Snacks.

**Abstinence:** No meat but fish is ok.

### *Mass for Ash Wednesday*

**Mass for Ash Wednesday will be celebrated in the Church of the Sacred Heart Borris at 7.30pm.**

Mass for Ash Wednesday will also be celebrated:  
Duiske Abbey, Graiguenamanagh at 10am  
Drummond, St. Mullins at 9.30am

### *Calling to Sick & Housebound*

I will be calling on those who are sick and housebound this coming week:

**Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup> Rathanna & Ballymurphy Area**  
**Friday March 7<sup>th</sup> Borris Area**

I look forward to calling again to those on my list who I haven't seen for some time! If there is someone who would like me to call to see them and bring Holy Communion to, or

if you know of someone in that situation please let me know and I will add that person to the list.

I am also conscious of those I did call to over the past years and have died. I keep them and their families in my prayers. May they rest in the peace of heaven.

**Phone: 977 3128 or Email: [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com)**

*Fr. Rory*

## *Cemetery Masses & Blessing of Graves 2025*

**The following are the dates for the Cemetery Masses and Blessing of the Graves for 2025:**

### **Kiltennel**

Blessing of Graves      Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June      at 12.30pm

### **Borris**

Cemetery Mass      Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June      at 7.30pm

### **Clonagoose**

Cemetery Mass      Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July      at 7.30pm

### **Rathanna**

Cemetery Mass      Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August      at 3pm

### **Ballymurphy**

Cemetery Mass      Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August      at 3pm

## *Saint Mullins Parish*

**Changes to Mass Times from this weekend, 1<sup>st</sup>  
March 2025**

**Drummond: Sunday Mass at 10.00am**

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

**No Mass on Friday night**

## *Marriage Encounter Weekend 28-30 March 2025*

Restore...Renew...Rekindle.

We welcome you to our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend  
Friday 28th- 30th March 2025

**Venue: Knock, Co. Mayo [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)**

## *Easter Mass Cards*

Easter Mass Cards are now available in the Parish Office.  
Why not give the gift of a mass this coming Easter?

## *Franciscan Brothers Promotion Visit*

Next weekend, the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> of March, Brother Brian Johnson OSF of the Franciscan Brother's will speak at all masses. He will speak of their work especially with the poor and in the area of education in Kenya & Uganda. He will be asking for donations to their work and your support would be greatly appreciated.

## *Samaritans Information Night*

Ever wondered about volunteering with the Samaritans, or exactly what is expected of a listening volunteer?

Then why not come along to **Lamberts Coffee House, 16 & 17 Dublin Street, Carlow, on Wednesday 26th February between 6 and 8pm** and meet some existing volunteers to find out what we do in Carlow to contribute to answering the 1500 calls for help received every day.

We are actively looking for people who wish to help others and have 3 hours to spare per week, full training will be provided.

## *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.  
23-25 May or 19-21 September 2025.

Details: [www.grasta.org](http://www.grasta.org)

Or at

[info@grasta.org](mailto:info@grasta.org)

### *Kilkenny Bereavement Support Service*

**Kilkenny Bereavement Support invites you to an evening with Fr. Jim Cogley, Thursday 20th February, from 7.00pm to 10.00pm, In Newpark Hotel. Admission is free.**

Fr. Jim will present his renowned approach to grief and healing through his use of wooden symbols.

Fr. Jim is Parish Priest and Director of Pilgrimage at Our Lady's Island (Wexford) and author of 12 books in the 'Wood You Believe' series and facilitates retreats and seminars on Spirituality, Human Development and Healing in his own unique way. (Website [www.jimcogley.com](http://www.jimcogley.com)).

**The Kilkenny Bereavement Support Service provides free one to one listening support to people who are bereaved.**

**They can be contacted on 086 0670566  
Website: [www.kilkennybereavementsupport.com](http://www.kilkennybereavementsupport.com)**

### ***Grants available to Childminders***

The Childminding Development Grant of up to €1,000 is currently available to registered and unregistered Childminders caring for children in the Childminder's home, including those planning to open a childminding business in 2025.

It aims to assist Childminders to enhance the safety and quality of their childminding service through the purchase of toys, safety equipment, childcare equipment and IT equipment.

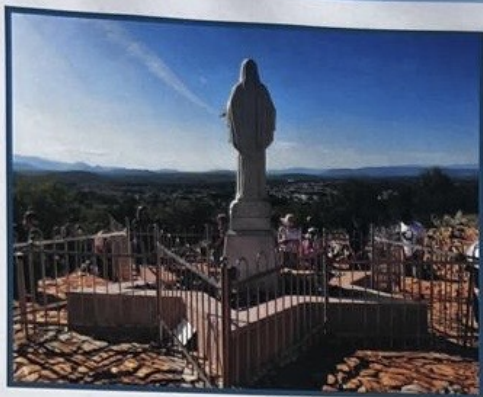
**For further information  
or to receive an application form, please contact**

**Eilish/Jean at Carlow CCC on 059 9140244  
or email [eilish@carlowccc.ie](mailto:eilish@carlowccc.ie).**

**Grant applications close on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> April.**



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