

*Anniversaries for Week Ending  
29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025*

**Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass:  
Edward Fenlon Rocksavage**

**Rathanna Anniversary Mass:  
Special Intention**

**Borris Anniversary Mass:  
Ter Doyle Upper cottages**

**Robbie Nolan Coolnamara  
Patrick Murphy Ballybrack  
Anne Lawlor 2 Station Road  
Brian Long Knock  
Matthew Walsh Ballynattin  
Brigid Hickey Rathgeran  
Deceased members of the William's family  
Rathgeran**

**All mothers who carried us, loved us and cared  
for us...**

**Matilda (Tillie) Brennan Myshall who died  
during the week (sister of Winnie Kennedy  
Cournellan)**

## *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)**

## *Calling to Sick & Housebound*

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

**Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup> Rathanna & Ballymurphy Area**  
**Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> Borris Area**

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.

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

## *Easter Mass Cards*

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

## *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

## *Holy Week & Easter 2025 Borris Parish*

Easter is fast approaching! Over the past number of years we have been fortunate to have available to us, in the parish, the services of a second priest. This is not the case this year and so adjustments need to be made to our timetable of services.

As at Christmas, it will mean that one of our outlining churches will not have a mass on Easter Sunday morning. It does mean that in 2026 that church will have a mass.

Sadly this is a reflection of changing times in our church with an aging priesthood and vocations to the priesthood practically non-existent.

In time to come with more Lay Involvement and an increase in the number of Permanent Deacons in our diocese, religious services will be available in all our churches again.

I hope that, for now you understand why these changes are necessary.

I thank you all again for your continued support as we move forward as communities, a parish and a wider church.

## **The following is the timetable for Easter 2025**

### **Palm Sunday**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April      Mass at 7.30 pm Ballymurphy

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April      Mass at 9.30am Rathanna

Mass at 11.00am Borris

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April      **Penitential Service 7.30pm  
Borris**

**Holy Thursday** 17<sup>th</sup> April      Mass of the Lord's Supper  
7.30pm Borris

**Good Friday** 18<sup>th</sup> April      Celebration of the Lords'  
Passion  
3.00pm Borris  
Stations of the Cross  
7.30pm Borris

**Holy Saturday** 19<sup>th</sup> April      Blessing of Food (Polish)  
11am Borris  
Easter Vigil 7.30pm Borris

**Easter Sunday** 20<sup>th</sup> April      Mass at 9.30am Rathanna  
Mass at 11.00am Borris

## *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

## *Community Building... Seeking Volunteers*

I am proposing to set up an organisation or group of people in Borris and the surrounding areas in which people would volunteer time, skills, knowledge, information and social contact etc. to help neighbours or friends who may be in any sort of need.

**This need could include small scale services such as: Cooking, Cleaning, Transport, Tax Advice, Irish Language Conversation Skills, Visitation...the list is endless.**

It does not involve payment of any kind. It is just the giving of skills and time to others.

If the above interests you please contact me, **John Byrne, Woodlawn Park, (087) 981 9906.** It is something I mentioned at the Parade on St. Patrick's Day. I look forward to hearing from you.

**Signed: John Byrne**

### *Community Employment Vacancies*

**Carlow Centre for Independent Living Clg. currently has vacancies for Health Care Assistants / Personal Assistants**

Anyone interested in applying for these positions may do so by...

\* applying online @ **JobsIreland.ie** to the following

# **2364534 Carlow Town & County**

# **2364539 Rathvilly/Tullow**

\* email us @ [carlowcilc@gmail.com](mailto:carlowcilc@gmail.com)

\* contact us directly on **059 91 30014**

\* call into our office at **Room 8, St. Fiacc's Leisure Centre, Graiguecullen, Carlow R93 N5YO**

## *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.

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

## *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.**