

*Anniversaries for Week Ending
5th & 6th April 2025*

**Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass:
Timothy Byrne Upper Rathgeran**

**Rathanna Anniversary Mass:
Matty Nolan Knockroe**

**Borris Anniversary Mass:
Mary Keating Ballymartin**

Martin & Jo Lennon Cournellan

RIP Brigid McCarthy Knocksquire whose funeral mass was celebrated Saturday morning 5th April in Rathanna followed by burial in the adjoining graveyard.

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

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 22nd June at 12.30pm

Borris

Cemetery Mass Friday 27th June at 7.30pm

Clonagoose

Cemetery Mass Friday 4th July at 7.30pm

Rathanna

Cemetery Mass Sunday 3rd August at 3pm

Ballymurphy

Cemetery Mass Sunday 31st 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 12th April Mass at 7.30 pm Ballymurphy

Sunday 13th April Mass at 9.30am Rathanna

Mass at 11.00am Borris

Tuesday 15th April **Penitential Service 7.30pm
Borris**

Holy Thursday 17th April Mass of the Lord's Supper
7.30pm Borris

Good Friday 18th April Celebration of the Lords'
Passion
3.00pm Borris
Stations of the Cross
7.30pm Borris

Holy Saturday 19th April Blessing of Food (Polish)
11am Borris
Easter Vigil 7.30pm Borris

Easter Sunday 20th April Mass at 9.30am Rathanna
Mass at 11.00am Borris

Chrism Mass

You are invited to join with Bishop Denis and the priests of the diocese for the annual celebration of the Chrism Mass on Monday, 14 April at 7:30 pm.

Please come early to ensure a seat.

Refreshments afterwards in Carlow College, St Patrick's.

Music led by Fr Liam Lawton and the diocesan choir.

Vocations Call?

Do you think that God may be calling you to the priesthood?
Would you like to meet with others who are exploring a call?
Would you like to discover how to discover God's will for your life?

Then the Samuel Circle is for you!

The Circle is a group of guys who meet regularly to try and discern God's plan for them in life.

If you are interested contact
Fr. Ruairi ruairiodomhnaill@gmail.com

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 Thursday's for inclusion in the following week's edition.

The Parish News can be found on the Parish Website www.borrisparish.ie and on various local Facebook pages.

Inclusion in the Parish News is at the discretion of the editor. Fr Rory

Easter Mass Cards

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

Carlow Stroke Support Group

"The Carlow Stroke Support Group meet next Friday April 11th, 2.30-4pm, at St. Dymphna's Hospital, Carlow. Meetings are informative and social, open to stroke survivors and carers, guest speakers attending.
For further information call/text Lynda 085-7331522".

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

* 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 or email
info@grasta.org