

*Anniversaries for Week Ending  
12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025*

**Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass:  
Gerard Byrne Cournellan**

**Rathanna Anniversary Mass:  
Patrick Doran Knockroe**

**Borris Anniversary Mass:  
Dan & Babs Maloney Tinnecarrig**

**Charlie Kavanagh Knocksquire  
Ann Kavanagh Mount Leinster Lodge  
Mary Byrne Knockmore  
Tom Murphy Upper Borris**

## *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)**

## *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

## *Holy Week & Easter 2025 St Mullins Parish*

- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>**      Sacrament of the Sick in Drummond at 3pm.
- Holy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**      Mass of the Lords Supper: Glynn at 7.30pm
- Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**      Celebration of the Lords Passion Ceremonies in Drummond at 7.30pm
- Holy Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>**      Ceremonies in Glynn at 7.30pm
- Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**      Mass of the Lord's Resurrection Mass in Drummond at 10am

**Easter Sunday Mass at 8.30am** at the **Millennium Altar** on the **White Mountain**. Please carpool where possible. Traffic management will be in place. **All welcome.**

### *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.

## *Training for New Eucharistic Ministers*

Fr Tom O'Byrne and Julie Kavanagh are offering a day's training for

**New Eucharistic Ministers  
on Saturday, 24 May from 10am – 4 pm  
in the Cathedral Parish Centre.**

**If you are interested please drop your name and contact details into the Parish Office in person, by phone, or by email [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com)**

## *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](mailto: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](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

### *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](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)

### *Singing for Wellbeing*

Singing for Wellbeing has commenced in  
Borris Library on Fridays 10am to 11am,  
Email [ckinsella@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:ckinsella@carlowcoco.ie)  
or phone Borris Library at 059 9170350  
to join up!

**Style Recycle Workshop**, suitable for 12 to 18 yr. olds  
Tuesday 15th April, 2pm to 4pm at Carlow Library,  
limited availability, Email [environment@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:environment@carlowcoco.ie)  
to sign up!

**Join Wibbly Wobbly Wendy for Easter Storytime  
Fun** in Carlow Library on Wednesday 16th April at  
11am, Email [library@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:library@carlowcoco.ie) or phone 059  
9129705 to book!

**Join Wibbly Wobbly Wendy for Easter Storytime  
Fun** in Bagenalstown Library on Tuesday 22nd April at  
11am, Email [ckinsella@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:ckinsella@carlowcoco.ie) or phone 059  
9129703 to book!

**Lots happening at Carlow Library for the International Pan Celtic Festival taking place from 22nd to 26th April,**

The Barrowvalley Art Group are having an exhibition in Carlow Library daily from 11am, all welcome!

There will be **Family Storytelling in Carlow Library on Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th, Friday 25th & Saturday 26th at 11am**, all welcome!

Join the **Carlow Storytellers** for a special evening of stories, recitations, yarns, poems and songs with a Celtic twist on **Thursday 24th April at 7.30pm**, all welcome!

Please email to [library@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:library@carlowcoco.ie) for any queries!

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