

*Anniversaries for Week Ending
Easter Sunday, April 20th 2025*

**Rathanna Anniversary Mass:
Jack & Kitty Carroll Killedmond**

**Borris Anniversary Mass:
Kieran Lennon Springhill Borris**

**Ellen & Joseph Walsh Moyvalley
Joe Murphy**

**Edward Fanning & deceased members of
the Fanning Family Ballyroughan**

James Breen Main Street Borris

Kathleen Fleming Main Street Borris

Jack Kelly 70 Páirc Mhuire Bagenalstown

Michael & Margaret Jordan Ballyine

Easter Message from Bishop Denis

My mother was fifteen years dead on April 15th. Her death was sudden and unexpected, particularly when I think of dad's. When those we love die, years tend to morph into one another, you forget the number of years. Fifteen years is but a twinkling of an eye.

There is a line in Luke's Easter Vigil gospel that captures this beautifully, as it takes our focus from the grave, from the tombstone: "*why look among the dead for someone who is alive?*" Those we love and lose to death are alive in Christ and are alive in our hearts.

The three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are essentially one liturgy lasting three days. Holy Thursday begins but doesn't end. Good Friday picks up the themes but leaves us at Golgotha while on Holy Saturday we wait at a tomb, waiting for the dawn to break, waiting for the tomb to be cracked open.

The Triduum is three days in one. Easter is fifty days in one. Let's make the most of these fifty days and feel the life of Christ fully alive among us.

I am very conscious of the great work done across all our parishes to unpack the Easter story. I thank priests and people who do so much to make these days special. As the hymn prays:

*"Christ is alive, with joy we sing,
We celebrate our risen Lord,
Praising the glory of his name.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

Blessings to all as we celebrate the life of Christ and the life of all we've lost to death. Happy Easter!

+Denis

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

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

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

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

Scrap Metal Collection Day

Where? Borris Mart

When? Saturday 26th April

What Time? From 9 to 4pm

**Who Benefits? Borris Tidy Towns
 &
 Borris Men's Shed**

ALL Scrap Metal Accepted

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

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 @ [**carlowcile@gmail.com**](mailto:carlowcile@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)



ACCORD NEEDS YOU

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Services CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as Marriage Preparation Programme Facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The marriage preparation programmes are fun and interactive and very popular with couples.

Working as part of an enthusiastic, friendly and experienced team, facilitators typically provide three preparation programmes per year. Each team works from Accord centres which are located in every diocese in the country.

Successful applicants will receive free professional training during seven in person workshops at venues around the country and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes in your local area.

The closing date for receipt of application forms to be included in selections for this year is Friday 30th May.

Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112

Email marriagepreparation@accord.ie

www.accard.ie