

Anniversaries for Week Ending
Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27th 2025

Ballymurphy: Anniversary Mass:
John & Mary Murphy & their daughter
Hannah Upper Rathgeran

Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:
Mary Corrigan Crannagh

Borris: Anniversary Mass
Catherine Rice Lower Main Street Borris

Pope Francis
Kieran Lennon Springhill Borris
Paddy & Kitty Kinsella Curran
Sally Murphy Liselican Ballymurphy
James & Mary Malone Bray & Ballymurphy
Joan Hickey Scortreen

Pope Francis RIP

Statement from Bishop Denis on the Death of his Holiness, Pope Francis

It is with great sadness that we have woken this morning to the news of the death of Pope Francis. While we knew he was very ill, seeing him on Easter Sunday in St. Peter's Square, greeting the faithful, brought great comfort to many.

Pope Francis came from the periphery, as the first Pope from the Americas, and those at the periphery – the poor, the migrant, the prisoner, the refugee, the outcast – were always at the centre of his pontificate. Only last Holy Thursday, despite his own frailty, he took time to visit Rome's Regina Coeli prison and his first visit outside Rome as Pope was to the tiny island of Lampedusa to remember the many drowned at sea, in search of refuge and a new beginning on mainland Europe.

Pope Francis will be remembered for many things and there will be much commentary over the next while, but for me, his message of inclusion and mercy was key. "*The name of God is mercy*" he reminded us. And now we commend him to the mercy of God. At the heart of his message of hope in this Jubilee Year was the reality of the life, death and resurrection of Christ and in this Easter Octave, Pope Francis is welcomed into the eternal embrace of the resurrection. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Loving and merciful God, we turn to you in prayer
at the death of your servant, Francis, our Pope,
Vicar of Peter and Shepherd of your Church.

We give thanks for the humble witness of his life and ministry
through which he called each of us
to the joy of the gospel and of our faith,
to love and concern for the poor and the most vulnerable,
to welcome and compassion for the stranger,
the displaced and dispossessed,
and to care for the gift of our common home, the earth.

With a faith anchored in our true Hope, who is Christ,
he invited us to be pilgrims of hope,
attentive to the guidance of your Spirit
as we walk with Christ and one another.

And now, with his pilgrim journey on earth ended,
we entrust him into your merciful care.
Forgive him any sin and embrace him in your love.
May he rejoice for ever in the vision of your glory
and receive the rich rewards of his labours,
for he was a faithful servant.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kandle.ie Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin



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

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

Thank You

A Big Thank You from Jessica Doran to all who supported her appeal for the Hope Foundation after mass in Rathanna last weekend. The amount raised was **€300.70!**

Best of luck to Jessica and her colleagues on their continued fundraising campaign and we wish them the best of luck and keep them in our prayers as they prepare for their trip to the Mother Teresa Centre in Calcutta in October.

Visiting the Sick & Housebound

I will call to those on my sick and housebound list in the coming week.

Ballymurphy & Rathanna: Thursday 1st May 2025

Borris: Friday 2nd May 2025

If you know of anyone who would appreciate a call please let me know and I'd be happy to oblige. *Fi Rory*

Mount Leinster Rangers Camogie & Football Club

Mount Leinster Rangers Camogie & Football Club are holding a...

Fashion Show
on
Friday 2nd May at 7.30pm
in the
Stephouse Hotel, Borris
to raise funds for the Club.

There will be a Raffle and Door Prize on the night.

All Welcome!!

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/Tulow
- * 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)



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