

*Anniversaries for Week Ending  
May 31<sup>st</sup> & June 1<sup>st</sup> 2025*

*Ballymurphy: Anniversary Mass:*  
**John & Anna Lawlor**

*Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:*  
**Pat O'Toole Tomduff**

*Borris: Anniversary Mass*  
**Willie Gittons Kilcoltrim**

**Sarah Murphy Woodlawn Park**  
**Anthony Kirwan Borris**  
**Mary Graham Lower Borris**  
**Kevin Graham Lower Borris**  
**Jim Gaul Coolnacuppogue**  
**Johanna & James Brennan Kilcoltrim**

## *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

## *Mass Time*

I will continue to celebrate Mass each Wednesday morning at 10am in the Sacred Heart Church Borris.

## *Visiting the Sick & Housebound*

I will call on those who are the list of those Sick & Housebound and those who would like a visit to their home this week.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June: Rathanna &  
Ballymurphy  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June: 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

## *Pilgrimage to MEDJUGORJE*

Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2025. This fully escorted trip takes place from the **17<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2025**. The **cost is €865 pps** and a deposit of €200 secures your booking.

There is a **Full Religious Programme** operated by Marian Pilgrimages Medjugorje Team.

For **Further Information** on joining the group please **contact Fr. John O'Brien on (086) 240 3787**.

Details also available on the posters in the Churches of the parish.

## *Prayer for Pope Leo XIV*

Heavenly Father  
We thank you for the gift of our new Holy Father,  
Pope Leo XIV.  
Bless him with Wisdom, Courage and  
A heart filled with compassion.  
May he lead your Church in truth and unity,  
And be a beacon of hope for a world in need.  
Strengthen him with the guidance of the Holy Spirit,  
And keep him always in your loving care.  
Amen

## ***Rathanna Drama Group***

**Rathanna Drama Group presents  
The 3 Act Comedy Play  
“Fortunes and Misfortunes” By Jimmy Keary**

**June**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June,  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Performance begins at 8pm each evening**

## ***Beam Fundraiser***

Garryhill ICA are holding a Coffee Morning in The Hunter's Rest, Fenagh on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am Proceeds to BEAM Bagenalstown.

Your support would be greatly appreciated

## ***Borris St Mullins Community Games***

Area 9, Borris St Mullins Community Games: We are appealing for all the boys and girls in the parish from 4-15 year of age to come out and run with us in our athletics finals day on:

**Bank Holiday Monday 2nd June 2025  
at the MLR GAA Grounds.**

**All welcome! Bring a friend!**

## ***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**

## ***"Parishes Alive - Moving Forward in Hope!"***

Bishop Denis, together with the Diocesan Pastoral Council, will host a day for lay people and clergy to explore the direction of the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin and how it impacts on the day-to-day life of a parish.

We are building on the work done previously by the DPC, the Council of Priests, Faith Development Services, and across parishes.

The day will comprise inputs from guest speakers, along with prayer, general discussion, and intentional listening.

The keynote speaker will be Fr Michael Conway, Professor of Faith & Culture at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth.

It takes place on Saturday, 21st June 2025 in Carlow College with registration at 9:30am, starting promptly at 10am and concluding at 4 pm. Lunch is included.

**Booking essential by email to  
[parishdevelopment@Kandle.ie](mailto:parishdevelopment@Kandle.ie),  
providing your name and parish,  
or by phoning 083-8305681.**

### ***Columban Day Celebrations***

All paths lead to Carlow this July when the town hosts the **XXVI Columbanus Day celebration from 11th July to 13th July 2025**. This significant occasion honours St Columbanus, one of Ireland's most influential early missionaries, recognised for his contributions to the spiritual and cultural foundation of Europe.

St Columbanus, patron saint of the Missionary Society of **St Columban**, was born in Myshall. The three-day event promises a rich blend of cultural, spiritual and communal experiences.

Highlights include the launch of the exhibition ‘Ireland and the Birth of Europe,’ a symposium exploring the relationship between creation and spirituality given by Columban missionary Fr Sean McDonagh, and a walk along the picturesque Columban Way.

**Visitors can also look forward to engaging talks, such as ‘Columbanus, the Man from Myshall,’ by former President Dr Mary McAleese, taking place in the Holy Cross Church in Myshall.**

The celebrations culminate with the XXVI Columbanus Day Mass at the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on Sunday 13th July. We very much look forward to hosting the International Columbanus Weekend, when pilgrims from all over Europe will gather here in our diocese to honour this great Saint.

### ***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*

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 30<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112**

**Email [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie)**

**[www.accard.ie](http://www.accard.ie)**