

*Anniversaries for Week Ending*  
*May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> 2025*

*Ballymurphy: Months Mind Mass:*  
**Teresa Ryan**  
**Mullahnagown**

*Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:*  
**Luke Roche**  
**Knocksquire**

*Borris: Anniversary Mass*  
**Stella Hynes**  
**23 Woodlawn Park**

**Breda O'Sullivan Old Leighlin**  
**Pat Doyle Headfield**  
**Owen & Tom Brennan Killedmond**

## *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)**

## *Mass Times*

**Mass will be celebrated  
in the Sacred Heart Church Borris  
on Wednesday next 14<sup>th</sup> of May at 10am.**

The children from 2<sup>nd</sup> class will be in attendance as they prepare for their upcoming First Holy Communion.

All are invited to come along as we pray for and with the children on this important step in their faith journey. I extend a special welcome to parents/guardians, grandparents to share in these masses.

I look forward to seeing you all there!

## *Vocations Call?*

‘The Church needs pastors....capable of saying yes to the Lord with trust and hope.’ Pope Francis

This Vocations Sunday we find ourselves embarking on a new era in the life of the Church, under the guidance of Pope Leo XIV. May the Lord bless his pontificate as he guides the church in challenging times and also guide him in the promotion of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

As a diocese let us pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord’s call to the priesthood and religious life and that the Church will always have pastors who care for God’s people with the heart of Christ himself.

If you yourself are interested in finding out more please  
contact our own vocations director:

Fr. Ruairi [ruairiodomhnaill@gmail.com](mailto:ruairiodomhnaill@gmail.com)

If you would prefer to talk to me please do not hesitate to call.  
Fr Rory

## *Training for New Eucharistic Ministers*

I would like to thank those who have put their names forward as new Eucharistic ministers. I will be passing on names this week to those doing the training and if you still wish to volunteer please let me know. Fr Tom O’Byrne and Julie Kavanagh will be facilitating the 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)**

### ***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

## *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.

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

Area 9, Borris St Mullins Community Games are back in full force.

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 @ [\*\*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)

## *Trip to Knock*

There will be a  
**Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine of the 1st of June.**

The bus will leave from:

**Drummond at 6.15am**

**Cournellan at 6.45am**

**Borris; Dalton's Square & Upper Borris 7.00am approx.**

Further details from:      **Loughlin Doyle**      **085 808 9125**  
   **John Coady**            **087 333 0558**  
                                      **051 424 628**

# *Accord*

## **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 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)**



*Free Pre-Registration  
Training Course for Childminders*

Are you a Childminder caring for children in your own home?  
Are you considering becoming a Childminder and wondering  
what steps to take next? If so, would you like to attend a

**FREE Pre-Registration  
Training Course for Childminders**  
taking place on  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May from 6.30pm-10pm**  
at  
**Enterprise House, Carlow.**

This training has been organised by Carlow County Childcare  
Committee. Spaces are limited. Booking is essential. Please  
contact Eilish/Jean on 059 914 0244 or  
email [info@carlowccc.ie](mailto:info@carlowccc.ie) for further information or to book  
your place.