

Anniversaries for Week Ending
May 24th & 25th 2025

Ballymurphy: Anniversary Mass:
Deceased members of the Doyle family
Tinnecarrig

Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:
Patsy & Peg Joyce
Knockroe

Borris: Anniversary Mass
Noleen Lowe Manchester
Jim & Helen Shannon Ballymartin

Mary Dowling Ballytiglea
Lily Kavanagh Coshill
Tommy O'Sullivan Kilcoltrim
Jamie Spruhan 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

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

Mass Time

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

Upcoming Exams

At Mass this coming Wednesday 28th May prayers will be offered and those who are sitting exams in the coming weeks, (Junior Certificate, Leaving Certificate & College Exams). All who are sitting these, or other exams, are invited to attend along with your families.

All are welcome.

Retired Priests Collection

The annual collection for retired priests takes place at all Masses this weekend. **The generosity of parishes and parishioners in supporting this collection is deeply appreciated.** Please use the special envelope that you may have or a donation can be placed in an enveloped marked “Retired Priest Fund” and can be placed in the bags at mass or dropped into the Parish Office.

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

Pilgrimage to MEDJUGORJE

Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2025. This fully escorted trip takes place from the **17th to the 24th 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**

May
Monday 26th May,
Thursday 29th May, Friday 30th May.

June
Monday 2nd June, Tuesday 3rd June,
Wednesday 4th June, Thursday 5th June.

Performance begins at 8pm each evening

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 @ **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,
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.

MLR Bake Sale

Players from MLR U15 Camogie will represent Carlow on the 21st of June. As a fundraiser they will hold a Bake Sale at all masses on the weekend of the 31st of May & Sunday 1st of June.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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 or email
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 30th May.

Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112

Email marriagepreparation@accord.ie

www.accard.ie