

Anniversaries for Week Ending
June 21st & 22nd 2025

Ballymurphy: Anniversary Mass:
Michael & Maura Murphy
Tinnecarrig

Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:
Kathy Nolan
Knockroe

Borris: Anniversary Mass
Martin Doyle Ballyine
& deceased members of the Doyle Family

Mickie & Mary Dalton Kilcloney
Gerard Bolger Knockroe

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

Blessing of Graves Kiltennel

The Blessing of Graves will take place in Kiltennel Graveyard today at 12.30pm.

Pilgrimage Walk

The annual walk to the Holy Year Cross, Knockroe Hill, take place today (Sunday 22nd June) starting at Shannon's Lane beginning at 2pm

The Rosary and Prayers for the Sick will be recited at the Cross

All welcome

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

St. Mullins Pattern

Sunday 20th July 2025

Evening Mass on Saturday 19th in Glynn at 7pm
Pattern Mass at 2pm in Saint Mullins Cemetery
No Morning Mass in Drummond on Pattern Sunday

Borris Mass Times

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

Weekly Mass Times

Saturday	Ballymurphy	7.30pm
Sunday	Rathanna	9.30am
	Borris	11.00am
Wednesday	Borris	10am
Friday	Borris	7.30pm

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.

Community Employment Vacancies

Job Description; TOWN HALL COORDINATOR POSITION

“We are inviting applications for a Community Employment (CE) Scheme role that offers the opportunity to become an active and valued part of our local community. As the Town Hall grows busier, we are looking for someone to take on the position of Town Hall Coordinator – a role that combines practical responsibilities with a real chance to make a difference in our Community.

For the right person, looking to get involved in a new and evolving community role which could offer some remote and flexible working, this could be the role for you. We hope it will appeal to someone who is community-minded, reliable, and looking to contribute meaningfully to a local facility that supports a wide range of activities and people. The role does not require formal qualifications or previous experience in similar work — if you are organised, enthusiastic, and care about the place you live, you could be a great fit.

You will work 19.5 hours per week, alongside the existing Caretaker/Cleaner (and provide occasional cover when they are on leave), help manage hall bookings, payments and community engagement, and be a point of contact for the hall users and Town Hall Committee.”

Key Responsibilities:

- Coordinate bookings, completion of relevant paperwork and general usage of the Town Hall.
- Support smooth day-to-day operations alongside the Caretaker/Cleaner.
- Support the Treasurers of the Town Hall Committee.
- Support with procedures, safety checks, and general hall organisation.
- Provide cover for the Caretaker/Cleaner during holidays or absences (by agreement).
- Promote the hall as a venue for local events and activities.
- Communicate and liaise with community groups, service users and the Town Hall Committee.
- Help keep our Facebook and Instagram pages up to date with community news, upcoming events, and hall updates.

- Use basic digital tools such as email, Excel spreadsheets, and social media platforms as needed.
- Support fundraising or promotional activities and complete Grant Applications were relevant.
- Coordinate and organise annual events held in the hall, for example Christmas Craft Market, Art Competition and Calendar Production.
- Attend relevant committee meetings and provide updates.

Qualities We Are Looking For:

- A strong sense of community and a desire to make a positive local impact.
- Friendly, dependable, and proactive attitude.
- A strong level of spoken and written English as the role involves regular communication with hall users, committee members and posting on our social media sites.
- Basic computer skills, including the ability to send emails, update spreadsheets, and use social media.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a small team.
- No prior experience necessary — your commitment and enthusiasm are what matter most.

What This Role Offers:

- A part-time position under the Community Employment (CE) Scheme (19.5 hours/week).
- The opportunity to work in and contribute to a busy and valued community facility.
- A flexible and supportive working environment.
- An opportunity to take a new role, mold it and make it a position that helps to continue ensuring our Town Hall works as hard as it can for its Community.

- A chance to build local relationships and gain experience in community coordination, events, and communications.

If you are interested in this CE Scheme opportunity and would like to find out more, please get in touch.

Applicants can apply via

Jobsireland.ie

Or email jamesorbinski@borriscommunityemployment.ie

Or contact their local INTREO office to check for eligibility.

“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.

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

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.

Friday 11th July

1.45pm Opening Address Words of Welcome by Bishop Denis Nulty, Carlow County Museum

2:00pm Launch of Exhibition "Ireland and the Birth of Europe" with Prof. Dáibhí Ó Cróinín, Carlow County Museum

3:00pm Symposium - "If You Want to Know the Creator, Understand Creation", facilitated by Cynthia Ní Mhurchú MEP, Carlow College, St Patrick's

5:00pm Ceremony of welcome and reception, Carlow College, St Patrick's 8:00PM Ecumenical Evening Prayer with Columbanus Relics, Adelaide Memorial Church, Myshall followed by procession with the

Columbanus relics to the Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Myshall

Saturday 12th July

10:00am Assemble for Walk from Nine Stones to Myshall on the Columban Way (2.5 hours)

1:00pm Buffet Lunch in Myshall Hall following walk

2:30pm Talk: “Columbanus, the Man from Myshall” – Former President Mary McAleese – Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Myshall

5:00pm Reception for Pilgrims and Guests hosted by Carlow County Council in Carlow College, St Patrick’s

8:00pm Concert in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow followed by an Irish Music Night in Carlow Town

Sunday 13th July

8:00am Breakfast in Carlow College, St. Patrick’s

9:45am Welcome for Religious Leaders & Civic Authorities in Carlow College, St. Patrick’s

10:30am XXVI Columbanus Day Mass in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow

12:30pm Pilgrims' Lunch in the Woodford Dolmen
Hotel Carlow

For More Information

Email: info@carlowtourism.com

Phone: 059 913 0411

Or

www.kandle.ie

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:

19-21 September 2025.

Further Details: www.grasta.org or email
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 30th May.

Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112

Email marriagepreparation@accord.ie

www.accord.ie

Message from the Irish Bishop's *On* *Gaza*

Gaza: “Words are not enough!” – Irish Bishops call for solidarity at parish level

Bishops stated the following concerning the humanitarian disaster in Gaza:

“In Gaza people are starving and adequate aid is being denied; it seems clear that famine is being used as a weapon of war. Already over 600,000 Palestinians have been displaced. The evidence points to a staged strategy of ethnic cleansing aimed at removing the Palestinian people from their homes and their homeland. It is becoming increasingly clear to people on the ground that these are genocidal actions sanctioned by the Government of Israel.

“What is happening in Gaza – and the West Bank – is the death of tens of thousands of non-combatants, many of them women and children. This is unconscionable and disproportionate. It is immoral for world leaders to stand by inactively in the face of this outrageous tragedy for humanity.

“Words are not enough! There is an urgent need for the international community to intervene, cut off arms supplies and bring the carnage to an end. This will call for courage on the part of leaders. Examples of courage are being given every day by heroic doctors, nurses and aid workers risking their lives in service of the wounded and those who have been displaced.”

As noted already, bishops offered prayers for the people of Gaza and Ukraine as well as other troubled places in the world. In relation to the deteriorating situation in Gaza they noted that as of early June 2025, the humanitarian crisis there has intensified dramatically. To date, almost 55,000 people have been killed in Gaza and the West Bank, since the horrific events of 7 October 2023.

Bishops welcomed the response to their call in their statement of 26 May for a ‘Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace’ in Gaza on Friday last, 6 June. The entire month of June, the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, should be a time of special prayer for peace. All parishes are asked to give expression to their solidarity with the suffering people of Gaza during June.

Bishops continued, “People in parishes across the country are horrified by what they are witnessing. They may feel helpless. But they can show their solidarity in different ways by lobbying their political representatives, by supporting humanitarian aid and, above all, by continuing to pray for an end to the conflict now and the resumption of peace, including the return of all hostages and prisoners.”

Bishops listened again to the recent words of Pope Leo XIV and resonated with them: “In the Gaza Strip, the cry of mothers, of fathers who clutch the lifeless bodies of children and who are continually forced to move in search of a little food and safer shelter from bombing, rises ever more intensely to the sky. I renew my appeal to the leaders: cease-fire, release all hostages, fully respect humanitarian law. Mary Queen of Peace, pray for us.’ (General Audience, 28 May 2025).