

*Anniversaries for Week Ending*  
*July 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 2025*

*Ballymurphy: Anniversary Mass:*

**Jim Ryan Knockmore**

**Sr. Ambrose Doran formerly of Brigidine  
Convent Tullow & Moycullen**

*Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:*

**Denis & Mary Drennan Crannagh & their  
daughter Kathleen McCormack Cloughjordan  
Offaly, Tomas & Margaret Whelan Crannagh**

*Borris: Anniversary Mass*

**Danny Canning  
Ballinagree**

**Patrick, Margaret & Sr. Teresa White Kilcoltrim  
Liam Hughes & Kathleen Hughes Woodlawn Pk.  
Bridie McEvoy Currane**

## ***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:**

### **Rathanna**

Cemetery Mass                      Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 3pm

### **Ballymurphy**

Cemetery Mass                      Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 3pm

## ***Congratulations!!***

**Congratulations and best wishes to Fr Shem Furlong who celebrates his 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his ordination on July 6<sup>th</sup>. May the Lord bless him with health and happiness as he continues his priestly journey.**

**Thank you Fr Shem for all your hard work, prayers and support in Bagenalstown Parish and Borris Parish.**

## ***Borris Mass Times***

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

### ***Weekly Mass Times***

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Ballymurphy</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Rathanna</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
	<b>Borris</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Borris</b>	<b>10am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Borris</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>

***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris each Wednesday after the 10am mass until 1.00pm.***

## ***St. Mullins Mass Times for the coming week***

<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>Mass in Glynn at 7.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Mass in Drummond at 10am.</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Mass in Drummond 9.30am</b>

***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
in Drummond Church every Thursday at 2-3pm.  
The church is open every day for private visits.***

## *Graiguenamanagh Mass Times*

### **Duiske Abbey**

**Monday to Friday 10am**

**Saturday 7pm**

**Sunday 11am**

### **Skeough**

**Sunday 9.30am.**

## *St. Mullins Pattern*

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

Evening Mass on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> in Glynn at 7pm

**Pattern Mass at 2pm in Saint Mullins Cemetery**

No Morning Mass in Drummond on Pattern Sunday

## *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

***Notice from Carlow County Council re  
Waste at the Graveyard, Borris.***

It has come to the Councils attention that the waste collection bins provided at the Sacred Heart Cemetery are being used by some people for the disposal of domestic waste.

This is not the purpose of these bins; they are for waste connected to the cleaning and care of the graves in the cemetery alone.

We would ask that people respect this request to use the bins for the service they are supplied.

***Carlow County Council***

***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.

## ***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](mailto:jamesorbinski@borriscommunityemployment.ie)

Or contact their local INTREO office to check for eligibility.

## ***Youth Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick***

**Youth Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick on 23rd August 2025.** All young adults (16-35) in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin are most welcome.

Join us for a day of faith, challenge and community as we undertake the ancient pilgrimage to the summit of Croagh Patrick.

Buses will depart from: Naas, Carlow and Portlaoise.

This spiritual journey offers an opportunity for prayer, reflection and connection with fellow young Catholics. Whether you're seeking personal renewal, physical challenge or simply to experience this sacred tradition, all are welcome.

*Spaces are limited. Registration is essential and a short meeting for all 16-18 year old pilgrims and a parent/guardian will take place on Thursday 14th August at 7.30pm in Portlaoise, Nass and Carlow. For full details and to register, visit: [kandle.ie](http://kandle.ie).*

### *Come and See Day*

A day to explore priesthood: talks, time for prayer, answering your questions, discerning a vocation, Knock House Hotel F12 R6Y5, Sunday 13th July 11.00am to 4.30pm. Bookings only through [Vocations.ie](http://Vocations.ie). For more information contact: [carol.king@vocations.ie](mailto:carol.king@vocations.ie)

### *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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Professor 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@carlowtourism.com)

**Phone:** 059 913 0411

**Or**

**[www.kandle.ie](http://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](http://www.grasta.org) or email  
[info@grasta.org](mailto:info@grasta.org)

## *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 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July from 9.30am-1pm** 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 9140244 or email [info@carlowccc.ie](mailto:info@carlowccc.ie) for further information or to book your place.