

Anniversaries for Week Ending
July 26th & 27th 2025

Ballymurphy: Anniversary Mass:
Attracta Byrne
Cournellan

Rathanna: Months Mind Mass:
Jim Kearns
Scortreen

Borris: First Anniversary Mass
Lilly O'Neill Rathcoffey Co. Kildare

John Clare Cournellan
John Rice Borris
Robert Williams Woodlawn Park
Annie McCabe Woodlawn Park
Breda Lawlor
Deceased Employees of Keenan's 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

Calling to Sick & Housebound

I will be calling on those who are sick and housebound this week:

Thursday July 31st Rathanna & Ballymurphy Area
Friday August 1st Borris Area

If there is someone who would like me to call to see them and bring Holy Communion to, or if you know of someone in that situation please let me know and I will add that person to the list.

Phone: 977 3128 or Email: borrisparish@gmail.com

Fr. Rory

Thoughts for Grandparents Day

Grandparents hold our hands for just a little while, but our hearts forever... *Anon*

“Grandparents can be very special resources. Just being close to them reassures a child, without words, about change and continuity, about what went before and what will come after.”

Fred Rogers

“Because grandparents are usually free to love and guide and befriend the young without having to take daily responsibility for them, they can often reach out past pride and fear of failure and close the space between generations.”

President Jimmy Carter

An hour with your grandchildren can make you feel young again. Anything longer than that, you start to age quickly!”

Gene Perret

Source: Intercom July/August 2025

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 3rd August at 3pm

Ballymurphy

Cemetery Mass

Sunday 31st August at 3pm

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

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

Saturday: Mass in Glynn at 7.00pm
Sunday: Mass in Drummond at 10am.
Wednesday: Mass in Drummond 9.30am

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

National Heritage Week 2025

Rathanna I.C.A are hosting a Coffee Morning
& the official screening of their short film
Rathanna N.S. Memories

Sunday, August 24th July commencing at 10.30am
In Rathanna Community Hall; Eircode R95 HH68

All are Welcome. Refreshments Served.

With thanks to: Carlow County Council; Community Get Together; The Heritage Council

For further information
Contact Catherine Osborne 085 714 7994

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

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With thanks to

**Community
Get
Together**



COMHAIRLE CONTAE
CHEATHARLACH
CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL



An Chomhairle Oidhreachta
The Heritage Council



Healthy
Carlow



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government supporting communities



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Government of Ireland

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 where 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.

Youth Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick

Join with Bishop Denis and others from across the Diocese as together we climb Croagh Patrick and celebrate Mass at the summit. August 23rd.

Buses from Carlow, Nass and Portlaoise.

Please contact Christine in FDS to book a place on one of the buses. 059 9164084 or fds@kandle.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

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

Carlow County Council/O'Keeffe Social Research

Carlow County Council in partnership with O'Keeffe Social Research, are currently undertaking research to promote circular economy activities in our communities. We hope to generate an interactive map, identify best practices, acknowledge achievements, and identify how groups can access more supports.

We are asking everyone in Carlow Town and County to get involved by sharing information about any activities in your area that promotes:

- Repair, reuse or upcycling.
- Sharing or Swapping initiatives (Clothing, construction, gardening or office equipment or materials, Tool/machinery banks, Toy, or book libraries).
- Community gardening, composting or food waste reduction.
- Sustainable living or Zero waste practices. (Including refill stations, bike libraries, community fridges or food sharing).
- Environmental education or awareness events. (Workshops, film nights, community challenges).

In order to create a profile of community-based circular economy activities throughout the County, we ask you to identify your projects and send details of same to via email Brendan and Ann Marie at oksocialresearch@gmail.com on or before Friday 1st August.

So whether you are hosting sewing classes, furniture repair courses, have a Mini Community Library or are teaching your community to grow their own food, we urge you to get

involved and get news of your activity out to the wider community of Carlow.

For further information please email Jannette
at [*jobrien@carlowcoco.ie*](mailto:jobrien@carlowcoco.ie)