

*Anniversaries for Week Ending*  
*August 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>*

*Ballymurphy: Anniversary Mass:*  
**Tom Coleman**  
**Tinnecarrig**

*Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:*  
**Joseph Holmes**  
**Spahill**

*Borris: Anniversary Mass*  
**Jack O'Kelly**  
**Clonagoose**

**Babs Doyle Carrignafeckan**  
**Josephine Murphy Woodlawn Park**  
**Maurice Dillon Ballymartin**  
**Lar & Michael Doyle Kilcloney & Currane**  
**Willie Walsh The Lodge**

## *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 Mass & Blessing of Grave 2025*

**Ballymurphy cemetery mass will be celebrated  
next Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 3pm  
There will be NO 7.30pm mass  
in Ballymurphy on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

## *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.

## ***Borris Mass Times***

### ***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.***

## ***Parish Collection Envelopes***

The Parish Envelopes are now ready for distribution to Parishioners from the Parish Office. For those who distribute these I would ask you to collect the envelopes for your area in the coming weeks. They are available at regular Parish Office Hours; Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 9.30am to 12.00noon.

I would like to say a sincere thank you to all who help in the distribution of these envelopes throughout the Parish.

I also thank all who contribute financially to the Parish during the year, whether through the envelopes or the Basket collection each Sunday. Thank you so much for your continued support for the Parish when times and costs are constantly on the rise. Fr. Rory

### *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 24<sup>th</sup> 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

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## *Eucharistic Adoration*

The Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Adoration Committee invites you to join them with Most Reverend Bishop Denis Nulty, Fr Ruairi O Domhnaill and Guests for a day of Prayer and Adoration. The day will feature a special Carlo Acutis Exhibition and Eucharistic Miracles exhibition - concluding with concelebrated Holy Mass at three pm. Confessions available.  
Location: St Anne's Portarlinton, R32 WN59

Saturday August 30th from 9.30am - 4.00pm,  
Refreshments and Lunch - €20.00

**\*\*Booking essential –**  
Please either text or call Barbara 0861637311  
Stating name and number of companions\*\*.  
All welcome.

## *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

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

Or contact their local INTREO office to check for eligibility.

## *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

## *Electorate Register*

### *From Carlow Co. Co.*

Even if you receive a polling card, you now need to add your PPSN, date of birth and Eircode to the register.

You can update your details at [checktheregister.ie](http://checktheregister.ie) or by paper form.

If you need assistance, please contact Carlow County Council Register Staff on 059 9170332 / 059 9170308 / 059 9172448 or email [register@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:register@carlowcoco.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)

## *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](mailto:oksocialresearch@gmail.com) on or before Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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)

## *Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators*

Create nesting habitats for pollinators

Wild pollinators nest in hedgerows, wild areas, dry stone walls, and even in the ground.

To make a nesting habitat for them, just scrape back some bare earth, leave some areas to grow wild, or simply drill holes 10cm deep in unvarnished wood for solitary bees.

For more information please see:  
[pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/](http://pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/)

## *Message re. Day of Prayer for Gaza Sunday 24th August:*

At the opening of the Jubilee of Youth in a packed St Peter's Square, Pope Leo XIV said: "We must cry out for peace in the world" and he then invited all the young people to join him in saying: "We want peace in the world!" In the words of Cardinal Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem: "Christ is not absent from Gaza. He is there, crucified in the wounded, buried under rubble and yet present in every act of mercy, every candle in the darkness, every hand extended to the suffering".

The images we are watching on nightly news bulletins and on social media feeds are appalling. Many ask what can we do? We can become numb in our sense of helplessness before scenes that speak of “man’s inhumanity to man”. We feel bewildered when we see and hear about people crushed by hunger or crushed in the stampede for airdropped food. Most upsetting of all is the horrible violence and death that children are experiencing and witnessing.

Archbishop Eamon Martin has called on parishes to set aside Sunday, 24 August as a day of prayer and reflection for Gaza. I echo his call and ask all our parishes in Kildare & Leighlin to observe this day of prayer.

We can light a candle in our family home or local parish church; attend Mass, spend time before the Blessed Sacrament; pray the Rosary; make some small personal penance or sacrifice, and on that day “let the light of hope radiate out from the island of Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of its people.”

Bishop Denis

*In our parish the Paschal Candle will be lighting at all masses as a symbol of hope for peace and eternal rest for all who have died through the war and genocide in Gaza; shot, bombed and starved. Fr Rory*