

Anniversaries for Week Ending
August 30th & 31st

Ballymurphy:
Sunday 3pm... Cemetery Mass

Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:

John Joyce

Rathgeran, Ballymurphy

Borris: First Anniversary Mass

Mary Cunningham

Cournellan

Margaret Murphy Upper Rathgeran

Ben Dalton Headfield

Margaret Flood Ballyglisheen

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 will be celebrated this Sunday
31st August at 3pm

There will be NO 7.30pm mass in Ballymurphy on
Saturday 30th 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

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.

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.

There are a number of areas that envelopes still need to be delivered to. If you are the distributor or can distribute envelopes to the following areas I would really appreciate your help:

Areas still to be covered:

**Upper Borris
The Cottages
Moycullen
Upper Rathgeran
Tinnecarrig
Killedmond
Kilcoltrim
Ballyine
Ballybrack
Currane
Barnahaskin
Kilmisson
Rocksavage
Ballyroughan
Liselican
Tomduff**

**Lower Borris
Coonogue
Rathgeran
Ballymurphy
Knockroe
Crannagh
Scortreen
Knockmore
Ballymartin
Rosdillig
Lacken Cross
Headfield
Lacken
Coolnamara
Ballinvalley
Raheenkyle**

If you have already collected the envelopes for these areas thank you very much.

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

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

Thank You

I would like to thank most sincerely all the people who donated and supported the recent fundraising dance and the GoFundMe page after the loss of my shed in a fire in July. I'm overwhelmed with your kindness and generosity.

Bernie O'Brien

Why Sunday Matters

Bishop Denis is launching an invitation on behalf of the Irish Bishops to all Catholics to reflect on Sunday Mass. The formal invitation will be launched by Bishop Denis at the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday 31 August in the Cathedral.

The invitation is contained within a short document, 'Why Sunday Matters', which explores the significance of Sunday and our celebration of it. 'Why Sunday Matters' also offers reflection questions for individuals and for parish groups.

All people are warmly encouraged to look out for the document in their parish or to read, download and share it from www.catholicbishops.ie

I have made a number of copies of this important document available in our three churches. They can also be accessed on our parish website www.borrisparish.ie and the diocesan website www.kandle.ie

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

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

Kildare and Leighlin Liturgy Conference

It is Good for us to be Here (Mark 9:5)

Come and join us for a day of personal enrichment as we explore many aspects of the celebration of Mass and liturgy in our parishes - taking place in the **Cathedral of the Assumption and Carlow College on Saturday, 20th September.**

We start with registration in Carlow College from 9-9:30am, Morning Prayer in the Cathedral at 9:30am followed by a day of keynote speakers and workshops, concluding at 5 pm. Look out for the poster and brochure in the church or go to www.kandle.ie/LiturgyConference for more details. Booking is now open on kandle.ie and workshops will fill on a first come basis.

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 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

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
- Community gardening, composting or food waste reduction.
- Sustainable living or Zero waste practices.
- Environmental education or awareness events.

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

Stand for Peace
Regional March for Palestine

Saturday September 6th - Carlow

Throughout the world people are heartbroken and outraged by the suffering in Gaza and Palestine. **One action we can take is to come together in peaceful solidarity with the people of Palestine.**

Carlow IPSC, together with Palestine solidarity groups from Kildare, Kilkenny and Laois, invite you to join them for a **Regional March for Palestine on Saturday, September 6th at 1pm, departing from the Liberty Tree in Carlow.**

Pope Leo XIV continues to "call for an immediate end to the barbarity of the war and for a peaceful resolution of the conflict."

Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, patriarch of Jerusalem reminds us that "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."

Let us walk together in peace and solidarity.

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/

Season of Creation

**1st September – 4th October 2025:
Peace with Creation**

“Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children.” Joint statement from Pope Francis, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury.

This year's Season of Creation has as its theme "Peace with Creation", inspired by the passage from Isaiah 32:14-18; "My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places."

In a world of challenges and division, marked by war and climate change, how can we as people of faith create and work towards peace with creation?

Every one of us has a part to play. For this year's resources see <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/season-of-creation-2025/>

Zumba Dance Fitness

Newtown Hall, Borris
Monday night's 7-8 p.m.

- Pay as you go - Join anytime
- No experience necessary - No partner required

For more details contact: Lisa 086/3342428

Borris Town Hall

Art & Photography Competition 2025

"Can't quite believe it's that time of year again but here we are launching the 2025 'Get some nice colour into the hall' Competition!! 🙌. The much more suitable and official competition name however is the 'Borris Town Hall Art & Photography Competition 2025 and the entry gates are open.

The Photography Competition was a great success last year and we received so many compliments about the 12 winning photographs in the Calendar and displayed on the hall walls for that we want to try and repeat that for 2026.

So where do the 'Art Entries' come in? Well we missed seeing them is the straight forward answer. Our younger community members without a phone or camera did not get the chance to enter plus we all know there are countless stunning artists of all ages out there who should be showing off their amazing talents. We decided that as the hall has lots of walls and our Calendar has a front & back cover we would welcome all formats this year and fine tune the 'what goes where?' details along the way!!

The priority now is to get those entries in so if you like drawing, painting, mixed media or photography and you are from our local Community, have links to it or simply visited and have memories captured then why not enter.

The theme is 'Life Around Us', interpret it as you will!

Email all digital entries or a photograph of the original artwork (A4 max size) to borristownhall@gmail.com before the competition closes at midnight, Tuesday 30th September 2025.

The Winning Entries will be displayed in the Town Hall for 12 months and be showcased in our Calendar for 2026.

Any queries send us an email, we're looking forward to hearing from you all and can't wait to see the entries!!"