

*Anniversaries for Week Ending  
September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> 2025*

*Ballymurphy:*  
**Brigid Doran**  
**Moycullen**

*Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:*  
**Josie McAteer**  
**Kiledmond**

*Borris: Anniversary Mass*  
**Ann Kelly**  
**Co. Mayo**

**Tomas Breen Coonogue & deceased members of  
the Breen family**  
**Margaret Walsh Ballynattin & her son Mick**  
**Walsh Corries**  
**James (Jim) Connolly Borris & Gowran**

***Jim Quirke Killloughternane Bagenalstown  
whose funeral took place during the week***

## ***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**

## ***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.***

## ***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.*

## ***Parish Collection Envelopes***

The Parish Envelopes are now ready for distribution to Parishioners from the Parish Office. I would like to thank those who have already collected their envelopes and sent them out for distribution. The following areas still need to be covered:

**Knockmore/Ballybrack, Kilmisson, Knockroe,  
Rathgeran/Ballymurphy, Upper Rathgeran,  
Coonogue, Tomduff/Raheenkyle.**

**If you are in a position to deliver envelopes to these areas I would be grateful for your help.**

**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](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com) by 12 noon on Thursdays 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

## *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

## *Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel*

"Saint Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in our hour of battle.  
Be our protection against the  
wickedness and snares of the devil;  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;  
And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,  
by the power of God,  
thrust into hell Satan  
and all evil spirits who wander through the world  
for the ruin of souls.

## *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)

## **Kildare & 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 2025.**

We start with registration in **Carlow College** from 9:00-9:30am, **Morning Prayer** in the Cathedral at 9:30am followed by a day of keynote speakers and workshops, concluding at 5:00 pm.

Look out for the poster and brochure in the church or go to [www.kandle.ie/LiturgyConference](http://www.kandle.ie/LiturgyConference) for more details.

Booking is now open on **kandle.ie** and workshops will fill on a first come basis.

**Deadline: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

## *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
- 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](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)

### *Irish Conversation...*

Tá súilagam grupa comhra í nGailge a bhunú í Bhuiríos ag tosú Déardaoin seo chugann.

I hope to set up a group for Irish Conversation Facilitation in Borris. This group will initially meet in O'Shea's of Borris every Thursday, (teas and coffees



available) from Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 25 from 11am to 12noon. Regular meetings and timing can change to suit members after the initial set up. All levels of ability are very welcome.

“Use it to improve it” Céad mile fáilte de gach duine.

Go on and give it a try! How bad can an hour of chat be, in any language, especially Irish!

**Contact: John Byrne 087 981 9906**

### ***Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators***

Borris Barter Charter is intended to be a voluntary group, set up in Borris, with the aim of forming a group of volunteers who would be willing to help neighbours by performing small tasks and services to anyone in need of help, e.g. small house repairs, transport, information contacts etc.

It's a favour for a favour on a need for help being met without cost for those able, willing or available to help. A central register could be set up to request or facilitate responses. **Confidentiality guaranteed.**

**Contact: John Byrne 087 981 9906**

## *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/)

## *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](mailto:borristownhall@gmail.com) before the competition closes at midnight, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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!!"

## *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/>