

Anniversaries for Week Ending
September 20th & 21st

Ballymurphy:
John Maher
Slyguff

Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:
Bernard Scully
Rosdillig

Borris: Anniversary Mass
Patrick Cunningham
Cournellan

Deceased members of the Lawlor family
Ballinagree
Rose Coady Rathgeran
Pat Kelly Co. Mayo
Tom Mahon Lower Borris & Carlow

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

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 Accounts

This week I am publishing the Parish Accounts covering the past four years. Over that time there has been a cycle of profit and loss. Notable is the decline in shrine income and basket & envelope collections. There has been over the years a decline in the number of people receiving and seeking the boxes of envelopes available during the month of September and covering the year beginning October 1st.

These envelopes also cover all collections for the support of me and retired priests. With an aging profile of priests in the diocese and a falloff in vocations, we rely more and more on priests who are retired, all of whom are 75yrs or older.

Additional envelopes cover donations to Mission Sunday 19th October and November Dead List 2nd November.

Another very notable drop in parish income is from Tax Refunds. Any parishioner who donates more than €250 in a twelve month period can apply to revenue for a tax refund as a charitable donation. As a charity we as a parish receive that refund and it goes to the day to day running of the parish. If you are in a position to avail of this way of donating to the Parish forms for this purpose are available from the Parish Office.

Over the years there have been repairs and improvements made throughout the Parish, notably to each of the Churches and the Parochial House. I would like to acknowledge the great work done by committees and Parishioners in raising additional funds for these projects, all are fully paid up with no outstanding loans or debts. This is a credit to your hard work and kindness.

I am very conscious of the difficult financial times we live in, the cost of living has spiralled in the last number of years and by all accounts will continue to do so.

I would encourage you and ask that where you can, you continue your support of your Church, spiritually and financially. This is not just financially, but in time or services you can give to the Parish, to help grow our faith community in the years ahead.

Thank you for your support of me over the past 9 years and I look forward to working with you as best I can for many years to come.

Fr Rory

Summary of Borris Parish Accounts Years Ended 31-Dec-'21, 31-Dec-'22, 31-Dec-'23 & 31-Dec-'24

	<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>Year Ended</u>
<u>BORRIS PARISH</u>	<u>31-Dec-21</u>	<u>31-Dec-22</u>	<u>31-Dec-23</u>	<u>31-Dec-24</u>
Basket Collection/Envelopes/Etc	98,001.32	91,245.30	90,112.00	94,786.96
Shrine Income	6,108.65	3,398.00	4,292.00	3,936.00
Tax Refunds	10,225.04	14,669.59	14,428.35	2,368.28
Weddings/Graves/Church Bookings/Donations	2,970.00	6,450.04	5,649.45	4,320.00
Other Sundry Income	0.00	0.00	2,785.00	1,608.67
Parish Income	117,305.01	115,762.93	117,266.80	107,019.91
Insurance	13,154.24	13,154.24	13,154.24	13,718.84
Repairs and Maintenance	31,223.41	49,150.63	13,685.77	53,670.00
Lighting/Heating/Telephone/Rates/Water	22,881.40	19,536.62	26,399.01	29,498.80
Diocesan Levy/Clergy Fund/Retirement Fund	8,351.80	15,278.80	18,761.80	17,261.80
Missalettes, Printing, Stationery	6,265.99	2,899.25	1,957.29	4,391.72
Altar & Shrine Requisites	2,876.22	4,459.54	4,724.49	4,973.58
Legal/Accountancy/Bank Fees/Wages	13,907.19	13,269.90	13,793.62	17,179.37
Donations/Collections/Sundry	50.00	940.00	373.00	0.00
Parish Expenditure	98,710.25	118,688.98	92,849.22	140,694.11
Parish Net Income ("Profit" or "Loss")	18,594.76	-2,926.05	24,417.58	-33,674.20
	"Profit"	"Loss"	"Profit"	"Loss"

Friday Evening Mass 27th September

Mass next Friday evening is our Monthly International Mass and ALL ARE WELCOME.

Music on the evening will be with the Polish Community.

This mass is a chance to welcome newcomers to our parish and to affirm the faith of all who have made Borris their home over the years.

Bishop Denis Visit

Bishop Denis Nulty will be celebrating mass in Rathanna next Sunday, 28th September at 9.30am. He will join us in the Hall after the mass for some light refreshments.

All help in preparation for his visit and tea afterwards is very welcome.

There will be a quick meeting after mass this Sunday morning (21st September) for those who would like to help out with the visit.

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 area's 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 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

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 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

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 18th 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

Borris Barter Charter

Borris Barter Charter is intended to be a voluntary group, being 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/

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!!"

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/>

National Public Libraries Open Day

National Public Libraries Open Day will take place on Saturday 27th September, this day highlights the crucial role of public libraries in our communities and all the services they have to offer,

A captivating family storytime which will enchant every imagination with upcoming Author J.J. Kennedy will be held in Borris Library on Saturday 27th September at 12pm, all welcome, no booking necessary

A Library Themed Interactive Children's Storytime with Children's local entertainer Wibbly Wobbly Wendy will take place in Carlow Library on Saturday 27th September at 11am, all welcome, no booking necessary

A captivating family storytime which will enchant every imagination with upcoming Author J.J. Kennedy will be held in Muinebheag Library on Saturday 27th September at 10.30am, all welcome, no booking necessary