

Anniversaries for Week Ending
October 18th & 19th

Ballymurphy:
Special Intention

Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:
Jack, Matt & Mary Jordan
Knockroe

Borris: First Anniversary Mass
Linda Whitty
Royal Oak

Kathleen O'Brien Killedmond
Jim Kearns Scortreen

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

New Deanery Structure

Following a series of meetings over the past couple of years among priests and the diocese and looking at the falling trends in vocations and the aging profile of priests a new deanery structure within the diocese was proposed. This initially saw Borris work closely with Graiguenamanagh and St. Mullins. (That would have been seen in action last year when I was on medical leave).

This arrangement was revised recently, and the new deanery structure in our area includes the parishes of;

Borris, Graiguenamanagh, St. Mullins and Paulstown.
The churches in our deanery are:

Paulstown Parish

Church of the Assumption, Paulstown
Holy Trinity Church, Goresbridge

Graiguenamanagh Parish

Duiske Abbey, Graiguenamanagh
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Skeoughvosteen

Borris Parish

Sacred Heart Church, Borris
St. Patrick's Church, Ballymurphy
St. Fortchern's Church, Rathanna

St. Mullins Parish

Church of St. Moling, Glynn
Church of St. Brendan, Drummond

These four parishes are served by four priests with an average age of 66 years. There are 11 masses at the weekend between Saturday evening and Sunday morning plus weekday masses of various days and times. Below find the mass times for each of these parishes.

In time these will change or could change for short periods in the event of one of the four priests being unavailable for whatever reason.

Borris Parish Mass Times

Weekly Mass Times

Saturday	Ballymurphy	7.30pm
Sunday	Rathanna	9.30am
	Borris	11.00am
Wednesday	Borris	10.00am
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.

Graiguenamanagh Mass Times

Saturday:	Mass in Duiske Abbey at 7.00pm
Sunday:	Mass in Skeoughvosteen at 9.30am
	Mass in Duiske Abbey at 11.00am
Monday to Friday:	Mass in Duiske Abbey at 10am

St. Mullins Mass Times

Saturday: Mass in Glynn at 7.00pm

Sunday: Mass in Drummond at 10.00am

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.*

Paulstown Mass Times

Saturday: Mass in Goresbridge at 7.30pm

Sunday: Mass in Goresbridge at 10.00am
Mass in Paulstown at 11.30am

Borris Active Retirement

Borris Active Retirement group meet each Monday in the Library in Borris from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. New members are always welcome...from 55years upwards! It may be a chance to get out of the house for an hour or two to meet and to chat with others, especially now as the long evenings draw in.

*Holy Fathers Appeal
for
World Mission Sunday 2025*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On World Mission Sunday every year, the whole Church prays, united, particularly for missionaries and the fruitfulness of their apostolic labours. When I served as a missionary priest and then bishop in Peru, I saw first-hand how the faith, the Prayer and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities.

I urge every Catholic parish in the world to take part in World Mission Sunday. Your prayers, your support will help spread the Gospel, provide for pastoral and catechetical programs, help to build new churches, and care for the health and educational needs of our brothers and sisters in mission territories.

This October 19th, as we reflect together on our baptismal call to be “missionaries of hope among the peoples,” let us commit ourselves anew to the sweet and joyful task of bringing Christ Jesus our Hope to the ends of the earth. Thank you for everything you will do to help me help missionaries throughout the world.

God bless you all!

Borris Men's Choir

Borris Men's Choir are looking for new members. They meet each Monday night in Borris National School at 7.30pm to practice.

For further information
please contact
Art O'Leary (086) 884 3845

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.

Scoil Naomh Pádraig Ballymurphy

Scoil Naomh Pádraig Ballymurphy is now enrolling for the 2026/2027 School Year.

Please have applications in by the 24th of October 2025.

Contact: Email...office@ballymurphyns.ie
 Phone...059 977 3512

Afterschool and Breakfast Club now available.
Collection/drop-off to and from school

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/

Sacrament of the Sick – Housebound

If you are unable to attend Mass due to illness or frailty and would like to receive the sacraments in your home, please contact Fr Rory 059 977 3128 or 087 271 4161

I call to those who wish for me to visit them once a month, usually the first Thursday or Friday of the month. Zaneta, in the Parish Office, will contact you the day before I am due to call.

The Sacrament of the Sick; an explanation...

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is exactly what it says. It is a prayerful celebration for someone or for a group of people who are ill and are blessed by the priest with Holy Oil. It is not a sign that someone is dying as it was perceived in olden times. It is not a magical ritual; the person doesn't automatically get better immediately after an anointing. God's healing and loving presence are called upon that the sick person might be raised up and restored to health.

Symbolism

The words of blessing over the oil say it all. It is "oil intended to ease the sufferings of your people". Oil soothes and heals. Oil blessed for the sick is a sign of the Anointed One (Messiah) of God. The person so anointed receives the healing, saving power of the One who saves (Messiah).

Oil

The oil that is used is Olive Oil. The Bishop and priests bless it at the 'Chrism Mass' on Holy Thursday in the Cathedral. The holy oils are then taken each year to each parish and hospital for use throughout the year in the Sacrament of the Sick.

How?

A person is anointed on the forehead and the palms of the hands while the priest says: "Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you by the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who heals you, save you and raise you up."

Who Can Be Anointed?

Anyone in 'serious illness', those who are infirm, in advanced years, or anyone prior to surgery. ***It is not only for when a person is in 'danger of death'.***

Abide in His Love *Women's Conference Nov 21-23*

A few tickets remaining! Abide in His Love Women's Conference Nov 21-23. The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran Co. Donegal. A beautiful event for women exploring the beauty & gift of their feminine identity in Christ.

Guest Speakers include Sr. Mary Madeline Todd OP (USA), Megan Madden from 'A Mother's Lace' (USA/UK), Fr. Barry Braum, Fr. Mark Wharton (UK), Fr. Francesco Mary Gavazzi, CFR, the Nashville Dominican sisters, & Mass with Archbishop Eamon Martin.

Check Eventbrite for tickets & more information.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/abide-in-his-love-womens-conference-2025-tickets-1283997654549?aff=ebdssbcategorybrowse>

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