

Anniversaries for Week Ending
November 15th & 16th

Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass:
Lizzie Roche nee Hickey
Rocksavage

Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:
Special Intention

Borris: Anniversary Mass
Dan Carroll
Oak Tree Court

Jim Fogarty Seskin
Terence Kelly Kilmison
Michael Murphy Coonogue
William Byrne Cournellan
Sean & Mary Kiernan
Pierce Murphy Inch
Paddy Doyle Carrignafecka
Paudie Redmond Brooklodge

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

Department of Education *Survey on School Patronage*

What is the survey about?

The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland.

The Department of Education and Youth is asking parents and guardians as well as school staff and board of management members, those who will have children attending school into the future and the public in general to Have Your Say and participate in this short and confidential online survey on your primary school.

This is an important survey and is the first time that a survey of this scale is being run by the Department of Education and Youth. The survey asks a small number of questions, including the following:

"Would you prefer your primary school to be a co-educational school or a single-sex school?

Would you prefer your primary school to operate under a denominational (religious) patron or to operate under a multi-denominational (non-religious) patron?

Would you prefer your primary school to provide education primarily through the English language or through the Irish language?"

Where can I have my questions about the survey answered?

A comprehensive range of information has been made available at <http://www.gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey>.

The survey can be accessed at
<https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

The survey closes on 16th December 2025.

World Day of the Poor — Pope Leo's Message

Pope Leo calls on the faithful to rediscover Christian hope as a response to the instability that pervades our world. Pope Leo notes how the poor, though deprived of material security, often embody a hope that is deep and enduring. “They cannot rely on the security of power and possessions... their hope must necessarily be sought elsewhere,” he writes. It is precisely in this vulnerability, the Pope explains, that “we too pass from fleeting hopes to a lasting hope.” “The gravest form of poverty,” he continues, “is not to know God.” Citing Pope Francis’s he highlights the fact that spiritual care must not be denied to the poor, who “have a special openness to the faith.” The Holy Father goes on to recall how early Christians viewed hope as an anchor: that grounds our hearts in the promise of the Lord Jesus.” In a world plagued by war, displacement, and environmental degradation, he insists that this hope remains the anchor holding human dignity fast. “Charity is not just a promise,” the Pope says “It is a present reality to be embraced with joy and responsibility.”

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.

Mass for the Holy Angels

Our annual mass for children of our parish and children we know who have died will be celebrated on **Wednesday 19th November at 10am in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris.** All Welcome.

Mass for those who Died in the Last Year

Our annual mass for those who died in the last year will be celebrated on **Wednesday 26th November at 7.30pm in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris.** All Welcome.

Bagenalstown Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026

**13th June 2026 for 5 nights.
Group Leader Geraldine Monahan.**

**For Information see the poster on the Notice Board in
Borris, Rathanna & Ballymurphy Churches.**

**To make further enquiries contact Geraldine Monahan at
087 416 6808.**

**There is also info for making Bookings with:
Joe Walsh Tours 01 241 0800
or email: info@joewalshtours.ie**

I look forward to joining this pilgrimage myself! Fr Rory

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

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.

Age Friendly Coffee Morning Bagenalstown!

Carlow Older People's Council, in partnership with Carlow Fire Service, is hosting a friendly and informative **Age Friendly Information Roadshow** — and the next stop is **Bagenalstown!**

Learn about the **Vulnerable Person Register**, which helps ensure at-risk or isolated individuals are known to local services and supported during emergencies

Tuesday, 18th November 10:30am – 1:00pm
Bagenalstown Fire Station,
Church Road,
Bagenalstown, R21 AV63

Drop in for: Free tea & coffee and relaxed chance to chat!
Information on local services and supports for people aged 55+ Meet Carlow County Council staff, community groups, and local organisations

No booking needed — just come along!

This is a **FREE event and open to all.**

For more info:

agefriendlycarlow@carlowcoco.ie

059 9136207 / 087 214 5262

We'd love to see you there — bring a friend!

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/

Carlow Older Person's Council AGM

The **Carlow Older Person's Council AGM 2025** is taking place on **Tuesday 25th November at 2.30pm** in the **Woodford Dolmen Hotel R93 N207**.

Have your voice heard on matters that matter to you. Enjoy tea, coffee and complimentary pastries. Everyone is welcome, member and non-members from across the county.

Application forms for the OPC Executive committee are available from the Carlow County Council Age Friendly Office PH 059 9136207/0872145262. Nomination forms must be returned to the Carlow County Council Age Friendly Office by 5pm on Friday 21st November.

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>

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Further information:

Email: foreverfitcarlow@gmail.com

Phone: 085 801 4138

Sacred Heart Church, Borris

Mass of the Holy Angels:

At 10:00 a.m. Wednesday

19th November 2025

Mass for All Those Who've

Died During the Year:

At 7:30 p.m. Wednesday

26th November 2025