

Anniversaries for Week Ending
December 13th & 14th

Ballymurphy: Months Mind Mass:
Christina & Jimmy Nolan Tinnecarrig

Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:
Special Intention

Borris: Anniversary Mass
Sheila Fitzsimons Kilcoole

Deceased members of the McCarthy & Neylon Families

Mark Quinn Co. Clare

James Ryan Ballytiglea

Dottie Huff Station Road, Borris

Mary Nolan

James Fleming Main Street

Hugh Byrne Spahill whose funeral took place on Wednesday of this 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

Christmas Mass Bouquet

Give the gift of a mass this Christmas.

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are now available in the Parish Office. Call in Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

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.

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/primaryschoolsurvey>.

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.



The graphic features a background image of children in blue school uniforms with their hands raised in a classroom. Overlaid on this is a dark blue rectangular area containing text and logos. The text reads: "#HaveYourSay about your local Catholic school". Below this, it says "Participate before 16 December 2025 in the Department of Education and Youth's #PrimarySchoolSurvey". In the bottom left is the CEP logo (Catholic Education Partnership) with the text "CATHOLIC EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP". In the bottom right is a QR code with an arrow pointing to it from the text "www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/".

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Masses for Christmas

Borris Parish

Masses in Borris Parish for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are as follows:

Christmas Eve: Ballymurphy 7.30pm

Christmas Day: Rathanna 9.30am
Borris 11.00am

St. Mullins Parish

Christmas Eve Mass: Glynn 9pm

No morning Mass at 9.30 in Drummond

Christmas Day Mass: Drummond 10.00am

Forever Fit Carlow

Balance and resistance training
Borris, Myshall, Carlow & Tullow

Further information:

Email: foreverfitcarlow@gmail.com

Phone: 085 801 4138

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

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Annual Christmas Appeal

**The Annual Church Gate Collection for the Society
of St. Vincent de Paul will take place this weekend of
13th and 14th of December.**

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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.

Masses in our Deanery/Pastoral Area

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

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'.*

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

Family Carers Ireland

Family Carers Ireland have launched their Christmas Raffle and you could win €1,000 cash, €500 select hotels voucher or a hotel voucher.

Please support family carers in your community by purchasing a ticket at www.familycarers.ie/christmas

Thank You!



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Sacred Heart Church Borris

Tuesday 16th December 7:00pm

Featuring  ***Borris College Choirs*** 
joined by Borris Choirs



Reminder!

Rathanna/Killedmond Community

CAROL SERVICE

in Killedmond Church

at 7:30 p.m.

on Monday

15th December 2025

All Very Welcome!