

Anniversaries for Week Ending
December 20th & 21st

Ballymurphy: Anniversary Mass:
Elizabeth & Michael Malone Kyle

Rathanna Mass:
Special Intention

Borris: Anniversary Mass
Carmel Murray Upper Main Street Borris

Mick Kavanagh Newtown
John Kavanagh Raphoe Donegal
Thomas & Margaret (Peggy) Corcoran Ballytiglea
Peter & Patricia Rae Powerstown East Goresbridge
Josie Moore Station Road
Francis & Catherine Foley Ballytiglea
Daniel Foley Ballytiglea
Patrick & Catherine Corcoran Ballinagree
William McCormack & Margaret Walsh Borris
Jim & Margaret (Mag) Murphy Ullard
Annie Kirwan Upper Borris
Michael & Mary Kilbride Bunclody
Jim Kilbride The Rower

*Josephine Long (nee Lawlor) formerly Ballinagree
Borris who passed away at home in Liverpool on 28th
November last*

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 Message 2025

From Bishop Denis

There is a sameness and a beauty about every Christmas. We send the same people greeting cards, promising to meet in the New Year; we hear the same scripture readings at Christmas Masses, but they don't in any sense lose their freshness; we share in the same rituals, and if we are honest, we wouldn't want to change a thing. I love Christmas. I hope all of you do.

I am conscious there are people who will be on their own for Christmas. Christmas can be a day of contrasts. In one house, several family members will be crowded around the one table wearing their party hats and pulling Christmas crackers. Next door, a solitary figure might be sitting alone with a microwave meal. Let's look out for one another this Christmas. Some of you have suffered bereavements this past year, be gentle with yourself, Christmas mightn't be so easy.

Christmas this year comes as the Jubilee Year of Hope draws to a close. We will gather in the Cathedral on the Feast of the Holy Family to formally close it in the diocese. A year ago, at the launch of the Jubilee Year I made the front door of every home a place of pilgrimage to be reconciled with one another.

Last weekend during the Jubilee for Prisoners I designated every cell door in itself a place of pilgrimage, a place where prisoners might pass through renewed, refreshed and reconciled with God, with themselves and with those on the outside.

And of course the designation of the Relic of St. Brigid in the church in Kildare Town.

It may look like I didn't designate many Jubilee Places of Pilgrimage around the diocese, but truth be told I probably designated more than anywhere else and that

is because of the particular Jubilee it was, the Jubilee of Hope. Hope is a faithful companion through all our ups and downs. Whenever you walk through a door, remind yourself of the hope we have in Christ our Lord.

We have been blessed in many ways this year throughout the diocese; the ceremony last month as I installed the relic of St. Columbanus in the Church in Myshall allowed us to complete the circle of a very memorable few days last July as we hosted the 26th International Columbanus Weekend; we have seen lay pastoral ministers commence formal training for ministry in our parishes; the establishment of Pastoral Areas where we can avail of greater opportunity of collaborating with neighbouring parishes has begun and we pray that this may deepen in the coming year.

As always, I warmly thank our priests, our deacons, our religious and lay women and men who are the backbone of every parish and our diocese.

May you all be blessed with the graces Christmas and a New Year bring.

✠Denis Nulty
Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin

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**

There will be No Mass next Friday evening 26th December. Masses as normal for the weekend of 27th & 28th December.

St. Mullins Parish

Christmas Eve Mass: Glynn 9pm

No morning Mass at 9.30 in Drummond

Christmas Day Mass: Drummond 10.00am

Invitation to Mass for the closing of the Jubilee Year

Dioceses across the world will mark the closing of the Jubilee Year on the Feast of the Holy Family, December 28. This day coincides with the closing of Holy Doors in the Roman Basilicas of Saint Mary Major, St. John Lateran, and St. Paul Outside the Walls. The Jubilee Year will officially conclude with the closing of the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica in Rome by Pope Leo on January 6.

Bishop Denis invites all parishioners across the diocese to join him in giving thanks for the graces of the Jubilee Year in the celebration of the Mass, in the Cathedral of the Assumption Carlow, at 10:30 am Mass. Music will be led by the Cathedral Choir.

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.

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

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

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.

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!

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

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