

*Anniversaries for Week Ending
January 17th & 18th 2026*

*Ballymurphy: Anniversary Mass:
Eileen Doran Moycullen*

*Rathanna: First Anniversary Mass:
Elizabeth (Lizzy) Lawlor, Barnahaskin also her
husband Tom, remembering deceased members
of the Lawlor family*

*Borris: Anniversary Mass
Una Quirke Scortreen*

Sonny & Anne Moore Tomduff
Pat Murphy Ballinagrane
Patty Phelan Kilcloney
Patrick & Mary Lawlor Headfield
**Doreen Kelly 70 Páirc Mhuire Bagenalstown (1st
Anniversary)**
Pat Kelly Ballyine
Eddie & Mary Coleman Knock

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

Catholic Schools Week 2026

18th to the 24th January 2026

Message from Bishop Denis

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2026, we give thanks for the faith, learning and care that shape daily life in our Catholic schools. This year's theme, "Catholic Schools – Normal Lives, Called to Holiness," reminds us that holiness is lived through simple acts of kindness, respect and love. As Saint (Mother) Teresa said, "We can do small things with great love." In our Catholic schools, children are encouraged to live this message each day through how they treat others and care for their community. We remember and we pray for all of those who attend, support and work in the Catholic Schools in our diocese.

The purpose of CSW is to highlight the distinctive role of Catholic Education in forming young people who understand their lives as purposeful and grounded in faith. Catholic Schools share the priorities of Christ towards the weak, the poor, the disadvantaged. I am so proud of our Catholic Schools, I thank all who work in them, all who are formed by them and all who support them. Our schools are inclusive and welcoming to all.

Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin

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

***Important Dates
in the
Parish of Borris
2026***

Annual Mass for the Sick

Wednesday 11th February

7.30pm

Sacred Heart Church Borris

Mass of the Holy Angels

Remembering children who died before and after birth

Wednesday 16th November

7.30pm

Sacred Heart Church Borris

Mass for those who Died during the Year

Wednesday 25th November

7.30pm

Sacred Heart Church Borris

Confirmation 2026

Saturday 21st February 11am Sacred Heart Church Borris

Saturday 21st February 2pm St. Patrick's Church
Ballymurphy

First Holy Communion 2026

Saturday 9th May 11am St. Patrick's Church Ballymurphy
Saturday 16th May 11am Sacred Heart Church Borris

Cemetery Masses & Blessing of Graves*

Kiltennel Cemetery

Sunday 21st June 12.30pm
Rosary & Blessing of Graves

Sacred Heart Cemetery Borris

Friday 26th June 7.30pm
Mass & Blessing of Graves

Clonagoose Cemetery

Friday 3rd July 7.30pm
Mass & Blessing of Graves

Rathanna Cemetery

Sunday 2nd August 3pm
Mass & Blessing of Graves

Ballymurphy Cemetery

Sunday 30th August 3pm
Mass & Blessing of Graves

****Subject to Weather on the Day/Evening***

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 2026

Saturday: Mass in Drummond at 7.00pm

Sunday: Mass in Glynn at 10.00am

Wednesday: Mass in Drummond 9.30am

Please Note Changes from Mass Times in 2025

**From January 2026
Masses change for the year:**

Saturday night Masses in Drummond at 7.00pm

Sunday Mass in Glynn at 10am

Holyday of Obligation Masses in Drummond at 10am

*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

Bagentalstown 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.

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.

Come and See

Men & Women, aged 18-40, interested in exploring the Carmelite Way of Life with Carmelite Friars and Nuns.

Where? Avila Carmelite Centre, Dublin, DO4 YF66.

When? 28th February 2026, 10:30am – 4pm.

COST FREE. Light lunch provided.

Please Register Before 25th February by email
opendayAvila@gmail.com

Nuns: www.carmelitesisters.ie

Friars: www.ocd.ie

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!

Forever Fit Carlow

Balance and resistance training Borris, Myshall, Carlow & Tullow

Further information: Email: foreverfitcarlow@gmail.com
Phone: 085 801 4138

Library News

Get 7 day access to your local library, 8am to 10pm!

My Open Library is the self-service initiative that lets you use library facilities beyond regular opening hours from 8am to 10pm, seven days a week!

At participating libraries during these times, you can Borrow and return books; Read and Study in a quiet space; Access

Wi-Fi and computers; Print, scan and photocopy; Use meeting Spaces

My Open Library operates 365 days a year and is simple and free to use, Register today at your local participating library.

My Open Library is operating in Tullow, Bagenalstown & Borris Library Branches,

For more info:

Drop in to Tullow Library

Or contact us on 059 913 6299

Drop in to Muinebheag Library

Or contact us on 059 912 9703

Drop in to Borris Library

Or contact us on 059 9170350

First Reading

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord said to me, ‘You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified’; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

‘It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nation’s so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

Response: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

Response: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

Response: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Second Reading

A reading from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.