

*Anniversaries for Week Ending
January 24th & 25th 2026*

*Ballymurphy: First Anniversary Mass:
Frank Murphy Kilmisson*

*Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:
Patrick & Sarah Murphy Crannagh*

*Borris: Months Mind Mass
Raymond (Remy) Dalton Ballinvalley*

**James, Patrick & Martin Kavanagh Ballytiglea
Hannah Murphy Ballyphenan
Jack McKelvie Kilcloney; his parents Willie &
Agnes; brothers Pat and his wife Agnes & Jim
and his wife Mai
Josephine Kelly Clonagoose Borris
John Sherwood Boglane Borris
Mary O'Gorman Main Street Borris
Jack & Nellie Kelly Pound Lane Borris**

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: sa

Invitation to Kildare and Leighlin Parishioners

Baptised and Sent in Lent **Exploring the Lenten Sunday Gospels**

Our diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation and Diocesan Synod Committee are inviting parishes, groups and individuals to make this new, short series a centre piece of their Lenten journey this year.

Can you give one hour a week, for five weeks, to join with others to reflect on the Sunday Gospel and its links to what it means to be baptised, as well as its links to some of the pastoral priorities that have emerged in synod conversations in our diocese and beyond? Would you like to find out more about being part of, or even running this series locally?

An information session on this series and its delivery will take place in **Newbridge Parish Centre on Tuesday, 3rd February**. Tea/coffee available from 7 pm. Information session starts promptly at 7:30 pm- 9:00 pm.

Registration essential through fds@kandle.ie.

It is possible to attend via zoom, you can make a zoom registration here: [Zoom Registration Link for Information Session Baptised and Sent in Lent](#) or contact fds@kandle.ie

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**

Holydays 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

Borris St. Mullins Community Games

Borris St. Mullins Community Games are currently seeking children interested in participating in chess. We are also on the lookout for adults (who play chess!) who could share their knowledge with the children.

They would need to be Garda Vetted through Community Games and this process takes a number of weeks.

Children interested in playing or
Adults interested in volunteering

Please contact

borris-st-mullins@communitygames.eu
or 0872806888.

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!

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

Forever Fit Carlow

Balance and resistance training Borris, Myshall, Carlow & Tullow

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

First Reading

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders the rod of his oppressor – these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,

all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple.

Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord!

Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

Second Reading

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

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of

philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.

Alleluia.

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: ‘Land of

Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.’ From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.’ And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.