

Anniversaries for Week Ending
February 7th & 8th 2026

Ballymurphy: Anniversary Mass:
Martin & Mary Redmond Coonogue

Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:
Andrew Kelly Knockroe

Borris: Anniversary Mass
Jim & Peggy Dalton Main Street Borris

**James Breen & Deceased members of the Breen
family Coonogue**
Andrew Kelly Knockroe
Alice Hynes Cournellan

Those who died recently:
**Shannon Leitch Woodlawn Park whose funeral
took place on Monday**
**Seán Stapleton Knockquire funeral took place
on Tuesday**
**Theresa Kavanagh Inchaphooka Ballymurphy
whose funeral mass took place on Friday**

**RIP: Mary Theresa Byrne Bawnogue, Upper
Rathgeran Ballymurphy. Funeral to arrive at St
Patrick's Church Ballymurphy for Requiem Mass at
2pm Sunday 8th of February and burial afterwards in
Ballymurphy Cemetery**

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*

Kiltannel 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

Mass Wednesday 11th February

**Mass for the Sick
7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris
No 10am Mass**

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 2410800
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

Rathanna Village Day - AGM

Inaugural Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, February 11th, 2026 at 8pm
Rathanna Hall

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

A Message from Borris Tidy Towns Committee

Dear Supporter

Borris Tidy Towns Committee would like to say a very big Thank You to the following:

- * All who helped sell Raffle Lines outside of Centra for our Christmas Draw over the two weekends.
- * All the shops who took Raffle Cards to sell.
- * Charlie Nolan for displaying our Hamper.
- * O' Shea's for allowing us to sell Raffle Cards outside their shop over the two weekends.

A special word of thanks to those who sponsored a prize –

- * O' Sheas Centra
- * Cllr. Tommy Kinsella
- * Gerry @ McConville Oil
- * Mace Shop
- * Kelly's Steel Yard
- * The Step House Hotel
- * Brophy's Shop
- * Secret Sanctuary
- * Nolan's Butchers
- * Kissane's Pharmacy

Congratulations to all our winners and Thank You to everyone who supported our Raffle by buying a line.

Finally, a Thank You to all our CE Workers for all their great work and help over the last year in keeping Borris looking great.

BORRIS TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

Christmas Draw Winners

1st Prize Trolley of Goods (€300) (O'Sheas)
Michael Pearson, Station Place, Borris

2nd Prize Christmas Hamper (€100) (Tommy Kinsella)
Paula Foley, Skeough, Borris

3rd Prize €100 Voucher (McConville Oil)
Ciara McDonald, Slyguff

4th Prize €75 Voucher (Mace, Borris)
Esme Dwyer, Lodge Court, Borris

5th Prize €50 Voucher (Kelly's Steel Yard)
Tina Kavanagh, Borris House

6th Prize Sunday Lunch for 2 (Step House)
Margaret Lennon, Ballytiglea, Borris

7th Prize 5 Bags of Timber Blocks (Brophy's)
Margaret Lawless, Woodlawn Park, Borris

8th Prize €50 Voucher (Secret Sanctuary)
Brian O' Kelly, Clonagoose, Borris

9th Prize €50 Voucher (Nolan's Butchers)
Paula Foley, Skeough, Borris

10th Prize Hamper (Kissane's)
Annie Murphy, Woodlawn Park, Borris

Carlow Stroke Support Group

"The Carlow Stroke Support Group meet next Friday February 13th, 2 - 3.30pm, at St Dympna's Hospital, Carlow. Stroke meetings are open to Stroke survivors and carers, are social and informative. Text/call 087-7814697".

Zumba Classes

Join the party! Get fit! Have Fun!

Starting 17th February 2026
in Borris Town Hall from 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Adult Zumba Classes

For further information contact:
Sinéad on 086 229 4546

Forever Fit Carlow

Balance and resistance training Borris, Myshall, Carlow & Tullow

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

Totus Tuus 2026 Fatima Pilgrimage

The **Totus Tuus Annual Pilgrimage to Fatima** will take place from **28th August to 4th September**.

Learn about the Fatima Message, the Rosary, the First Saturdays, the lives of the three visionaries, and visit the tomb and home of Blessed Alexandrina Da Costa, who lived solely on the Eucharist for 13 years.

The cost is €915 which includes, flights, half board accommodation, airport transfers, day trip to Balasar, trip to Valinhos and Adjustrel, trip to the Irish Dominican Sisters' Convent.

There are places available to fly from Cork Airport, and also from Dublin Airport. Limited places are available.

For more information call Damien on 087 20 49 048

First Reading

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and do not turn from your own kin.

Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you.

Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:

he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends,

he conducts his affairs with honour.

Response: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

Response: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.

His head will be raised in glory.

Response: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

Second Reading

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

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ.

Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord.