

*Anniversaries for Week Ending*  
*February 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 2026*

*Ballymurphy: First Anniversary Mass:*  
**Margaret Joyce Rathgeran**

*Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:*  
**Special Intention**

*Borris: Anniversary Mass*  
**Sally & Nicholas King Station Road Borris**

**Kathleen Kelly Spahill**  
**Vena Kenna Kilcoltrim**  
**John Coady & Paddy Coady Raheenkyle**  
**Tom & Nancy Bolger Clonagoose**

**Fr Pierce Murphy Clonagoose**  
**Patrick O'Callaghan Knockeen Graiguenamanagh**  
**Lizzy Joyce Upper Cottages Borris**  
**Grazyna Jordan Borris**  
**James & Hannah Lawlor Liselican**

**Those who died recently:**  
**Michael Kavanagh Clonagoose whose funeral took**  
**place on Wednesday**

**Joe Cox formerly of Raheenkyle who died in**  
**Gravesend, England during the week**  
**Joseph Egan Crossmolina Co. Mayo who died during**  
**the 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. Ms Michele Hughes**  
**Mob: 086-171 0643 or Email: [safeguarding@kandle.ie](mailto:safeguarding@kandle.ie)**

## *Ash Wednesday*

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February is Ash Wednesday the beginning of the season of Lent in the Church.

It is a time of renewal and preparation for the celebration of Easter.

**Mass for Ash Wednesday  
will be at 10am  
in the Church of the Sacred Heart Borris.**

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at this mass and will be available after mass for those who wish to bring them to loved ones who are unable to attend the mass.

**No Mass Ash Wednesday evening.**  
**There is a Preparation Service for Confirmation Classes**

## *The Holy Face of Jesus*

The Tuesday before Ash Wednesday is set aside in honour of the Holy Face of Jesus. The purpose of the devotion is to make amends against the first three commandments:

- 1. I am the Lord your God; you shall not have strange gods before me.**
- 2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.**
- 3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.**

Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Real Presence of Jesus to us, takes place each week in our Parish Church, Sacred Heart Borris, after the 10am Mass.

This week a special mass will be celebrated in Honour of the Holy Face of Jesus at 10am in the Sacred Heart Church Borris.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

## *Confirmation 2026*

**Next Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 11am in the Sacred Heart Church Borris and at 2pm St. Patrick's Church Ballymurphy 31 of our young people will be confirmed in their Faith by Bishop Denis Nulty. We ask that you remember them and their families in your prayers this week.**

## *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](mailto: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](http://www.borrisparish.ie) and on various local Facebook pages. Inclusion in the Parish News is at the discretion of the editor. Fr Rory

## *Temperance Sunday*

**15<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Parishioners who wish to take a short-term pledge for Lent are invited to visit [www.pioneers.ie](http://www.pioneers.ie) or to speak to a Pioneer in the parish. "Off the drink for Lent" is a reminder that "the bonds of friendship and affection do not unravel with death" ... or with addiction or sickness.

Prayer and penance have been part of the response by many Irish families to the challenges which they have met across the centuries.

The short-term Pioneer pledge for Lent is a gesture of solidarity with people who are living "one day at a time" according to the 12 Step AA programme.

# *Important Dates in the Parish of Borris 2026*

## **Mass of the Holy Angels**

*Remembering children who died before and after birth*

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November

7.30pm

Sacred Heart Church Borris

## **Mass for those who Died during the Year**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November

7.30pm

Sacred Heart Church Borris

## **Confirmation 2026**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 11am Sacred Heart Church Borris

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2pm St. Patrick's Church

Ballymurphy

## **First Holy Communion 2026**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 11am St. Patrick's Church Ballymurphy

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 11am Sacred Heart Church Borris

## **Cemetery Masses & Blessing of Graves\***

### **Kiltannel Cemetery**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 12.30pm  
Rosary & Blessing of Graves

### **Sacred Heart Cemetery Borris**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm  
Mass & Blessing of Graves

### **Clonagoose Cemetery**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 7.30pm  
Mass & Blessing of Graves

### **Rathanna Cemetery**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 3pm  
Mass & Blessing of Graves

### **Ballymurphy Cemetery**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 3pm  
Mass & Blessing of Graves

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

## ***Baptized and Sent***

A programme of prayer and reflection on the Gospel Readings for Lent. **Starting on Thursday 19th February in the meeting room above the Sacristy in Glynn Church from 7:30pm to 8:15pm.** An opportunity to reflect on what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ in the world of 2026. All are welcome. Programme. Continues each Thursday for five consecutive weeks.

## *Masses in our Deanery/Pastoral Area*

### *Borris Parish Mass Times*

#### *Weekly Mass Times*

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Ballymurphy</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Rathanna</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
	<b>Borris</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Borris</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Borris</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>

*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*

<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>Mass in Duiske Abbey at 7.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Mass in Skeoughvosteen at 9.30am</b>
	<b>Mass in Duiske Abbey at 11.00am</b>
<b>Monday to Friday:</b>	<b>Mass in Duiske Abbey at 10am</b>

*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

## *Bagenalstown Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026*

**13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## *The Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme*

The Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme launched in March 2024 following the Government agreed actions arising from the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby homes and certain related matters.

The Payment scheme provides financial payments, and health supports to eligible people who spent time in Mother and Baby and County Home Institutions in Ireland.

Eligibility criteria can be found online, (website below) or by post

**Visit: [www.gov.ie/en/department-of-children-disability-and-equality/campaigns/mother-and-baby-institutions-payment-scheme/](http://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-children-disability-and-equality/campaigns/mother-and-baby-institutions-payment-scheme/)**

**Contact Helpline: 01 522 9922  
(call to request application pack)**

*All applications are handled  
with care, dignity and full confidentiality.*

## *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](mailto:opendayAvila@gmail.com)

Nuns: [www.carmelitesisters.ie](http://www.carmelitesisters.ie)

Friars: [www.o.cd.ie](http://www.o.cd.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](mailto: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](http://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

## *Epilepsy Awareness Day*

In Ireland today, over 45,000 people live with epilepsy.  
For further information, please visit [www.epilepsy.ie](http://www.epilepsy.ie).

**Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day)  
will take place on  
Thursday 26th March."**

## *Zumba Classes*

Join the party! Get fit! Have Fun!

Starting 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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**

## ***Table Quiz***

Garryhill ICA will host a Table Quiz in the Hunters Rest Fenagh at 8.30pm on Thursday 5th March 2026

All Welcome

Prizes galore

## *Radio Maria Ireland*

Radio Maria Ireland is a Catholic Radio Station. It offers prayers, teachings, and music to deepen one's faith, and encourages us to keep growing in the faith on a daily basis.

We broadcast 24/7, on three pillars being that of

1. Prayer & Catechesis,
2. Music
3. Human Formation.

Further information can be found on [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie).

### *You can listen to Radio Maria:*

1. via Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210
2. Download our FREE App “RADIO MARIA IRELAND”
3. Streaming on our WEBSITE - [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie)
4. Via our ‘Listen Live Radio’ link on our Facebook Page.
5. Via PHONE – get live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply).
6. Via DAB Radio in Leinster area

## *First Reading*

### **A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus.**

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him.

For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

### **The word of the Lord.**

## *Responsorial Psalm*

### **Response: They are happy who follow God's law!**

They are happy whose life is blameless,  
who follow God's law!

They are happy who do his will,  
seeking him with all their hearts.

### **Response: They are happy who follow God's law!**

You have laid down your precepts  
to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm  
to obey your statutes.

### **Response: They are happy who follow God's law!**

Bless your servant and I shall live  
and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may see  
the wonders of your law.

**Response: They are happy who follow God's law!**

## *Second Reading*

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

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began.

It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

**The word of the Lord.**