

Anniversaries for Week Ending
March 21st & 22nd 2026

Ballymurphy: Anniversary Mass:
Bill McGee Knockmore

Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:
Special Intention

Borris: Months Mind Mass
Liz Freeman Ballinasillogue

Patrick & Ellen Breen Ballymurphy
Michael & Kathleen Byrne Lacken & Tinnecarrig
Hugh Kelly Woodlawn Park
William, James & Seán Joyce Kilcoltrim and all
deceased members of the Joyce family
Ter Doyle Upper Cottages
John Carroll Lacken Borris

Those who died recently:

Maura Byrnes (née Clune) Kincora Ballinulty,
Cullen, Tipperary & Lodge Court Borris, Carlow

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

Visiting the Sick/Housebound

**I will call to visit those on the
Sick/Housebound list in Holy Week;**

Monday 30th Ballymurphy/Rathanna
Tuesday 31st March Borris

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATES

Parish Office

**The Parish Office will be closed to the public next
Thursday and Friday 27th & 28th March**

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 Thursdays 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

Chrism Mass

You are invited to join Bishop Denis and the clergy of the diocese for the

Chrism Mass
in the
Cathedral,
Carlow,
on
30th March
at
7:30 pm.

This is one of the most important diocesan Masses in the year when the Holy Oils will be blessed and consecrated for use in

parishes in the coming year and when the priests of the diocese will renew their priestly promises.

Music will be led by Fr Liam Lawton and the Diocesan Choir while tea/coffee will be served in Carlow College, St Patricks afterwards.

Come early to get a seat!

5th Sunday of Lent

Gospel Link: Healing in Christ

This Sunday we hear another passage from the Gospel of John telling us key truths about our baptism and faith. In this gospel story, by raising the brother of Martha and Mary, Jesus reveals something new about himself to his followers. He shows them that he has power over life and death. He tells them that he is the resurrection and the life and that whoever believes in him will never die for they will have eternal life. And, pivotally, he asks them: ‘Do you believe this?’

As we draw closer to Easter, and the renewal of our baptism, this same question is asked of you. Do you believe this? Do you believe that Jesus calls us from ways of death to a new life, to a faith filled life? What does that life look like? In what way does your baptism give you new life?
(Julie Kavanagh)

Holy Week March/April 2026

Monday 30th March	Chrism Mass, Cathedral of the Assumption Carlow Cathedral 7.30pm
Tuesday 31st March	<i>No Mass</i>
Wednesday 1st April	Mass 10.00am Penitential Service 7.30pm Sacred Heart Church, Borris
Holy Thursday 2nd April	Mass of the Lords Supper 7.30pm Borris
Good Friday 3rd April	Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm Sacred Heart Church, Borris
	Stations of the Cross Borris Sacred Heart Church, 7.30pm
Holy Saturday 4th April	Blessing of Food Sacred Heart Church Borris 11am (all welcome)
	Confessions 11.30am to 12.30pm in the Adoration Chapel in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris
	Easter Vigil Borris 7.30pm
Easter Sunday 5th April	Ballymurphy 9.30am Borris 11.00am

*Important Dates in the
Parish of Borris
2026*

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

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*

Baptized and Sent

A programme of prayer and reflection on the Gospel Readings for Lent. **Continues on Thursday evenings 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.

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**

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.

Kilkenny Stroke Support Group

“The Kilkenny Stroke Support Group”

meet next

Friday March 27th, 2.30-4pm

at

Tuiscent Day Services Meeting Rooms,

**at St Canices Hospital Complex,
Old Dublin Road, Kilkenny.**

Meetings are open to Stroke survivors and carers, are social and informative.

**For further information text/call
Lynda 087-7814697**

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/

**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.

Forever Fit Carlow

Balance and resistance training Borris, Myshall, Carlow & Tullow

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

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

Epilepsy Awareness Day *"Purple Day"*

In Ireland today, over 45,000 people live with epilepsy.
For further information, please visit 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 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**

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

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.

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

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

Grants available to Childminders

Are you a Childminder in your own home?

Are you planning on becoming a Childminder in your own home?

The Childminding Development Grant of up to €1,000 is currently available for potential and existing Childminders and assists Childminders to enhance the safety and quality of their childminding service through the purchase of toys, safety equipment, childcare and outdoor equipment and up to a max of €500 for IT equipment.

For a list of eligible items, to receive an application form or if you would like to attend an Online Information Session on the Grant on 5th March at 7-8pm, please contact Eilish at Carlow County Childcare Committee on 059 9140244 or email info@carlowccc.ie.

Grant applications close on Wednesday, 15th April 2026.

Carlow County Council Register of Electors

Even if you receive a polling card, you now need to add your PPSN, date of birth and Eircode to the register.

You can update your details at checktheregister.ie or by paper form.

If you need assistance, Carlow County Council Register Staff will be happy to help you on:

059 9170332 / 059 9170308 / 059 9172448

or email: register@carlowcoco.ie

Jennifer Murnane O'Connor's Clinic

Minister of State Jennifer Murnane O'Connor's Clinics will now be held every 2nd Wednesday in The Family Resource Centre, Royal Oak Road, Bagenalstown. Starting from Wednesday 18th March. Times are 10.30am to 12.30pm.

For further information, please contact the
Constituency office on 059-9170754
or email jennifer.murnaneoconnor@oireachtas.ie

*Message from
Borris St. Patrick's Day Committee*

Borris St Patrick's Day Committee would like to thank the Grand Marshalls; Floats; Stewards and Sponsors that supported and participated in the parade.

Thank you to Billy Canning for the MC; Adrian Ryan & Paddy Lawless for singing and the fantastic musicians that played in the Town Hall after the parade.

Also, thank you to Fr Rory; Fr Shem; Cllr Tommy Kinsella; Cllr Willie Quinn; Peter 'Chap' Cleere TD; Catherine O'Callaghan TD and Mayoress Mary Maher.

We would also like to thank Borris Town Hall Committee to allow the use of it for refreshments and traditional music.

We wish to Congratulate:

Mount Leinster Rangers on winning the best walking float
Borris Community Playschool on runner-up.

Mount Leinster Pedigrees on winning the best float
Borris Ewe Breeders as runner-up.

Brophy's Convenience Store for the Best Presented Premises.

Winners of the Raffle Prizes:

1st Brophy's Hamper - Kate Prendergast;

2nd Step House Hotel Voucher - Pierce Doyle;

3rd Clashganny Restaurant Voucher - Patsy Stapleton;

4th Secret Sanctuary Hair & Beauty Voucher - Oisín & Amelia O'Toole;

5th Plúr Voucher - Fiona Brophy;

6th Charlie Nolan Voucher- Andrea Whitford;

7th Borris Tidy Towns Hamper - Amanda Jordan;

8th Borris Market Hamper - Justin Doran;

9th Torc Candles Hamper - Annette Breen;

10th Torc Candles Hamper - Maurice Donohoe;

11th Bottle of Wine sponsored by Clashganny Restaurant - Breda O'Dwyer;

12th Bottle of Wine sponsored by Clashganny Restaurant - Martina Murphy.

South East Family Support Network

HAVE YOU BEEN IMPACTED BY ANOTHER'S DRUG OR ALCOHOL USE?

You don't have to face it alone.

The Carlow Peer Family Support Group 'You Are Not Alone' is here for you. We offer a safe, non-judgemental space of understanding and compassion where you can:

Share your experiences

Meet with family members in similar situations and who 'get it'

Receive support that will support you to look at practical solutions and effective responses

Learning how caring for yourself can support the whole family.

Contract 085-7872730 or 086-6045805 for details

**SUPPORT FOR YOURSELF CAN HELP THE WHOLE
FAMILY**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
 Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
 to the voice of my pleading.

Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
 Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
 for this we revere you.

Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

My soul is waiting for the Lord.
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.

Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity.

Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord.