

Anniversaries for Week Ending
May 2nd & 3rd 2026

Ballymurphy: Anniversary Mass:
Nonie Murphy Ballyglisheen

Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:
Mary Corrigan Crannagh

Borris: Anniversary Mass:
Patrick & Anne McEvoy Currane

Jim Kane Currane
Simon Murphy Clonagoose
Edward Fanning & Deceased members of the
Fanning Family Ballyroughan
James Byrne Skeoughvosteen
Babs Egars Oldbeg
Maura Hayes Kilcoltrim

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

Pride of Place Ballymurphy

On **Thursday May 7th at 7.30pm** in **Ballymurphy Community Hall** there is a **public meeting** taking place and anyone from the community is welcome to attend.

The village is taking part in the IPB Pride of Place competition 2026. The areas that the judges like to see is history, heritage, sustainability, biodiversity, businesses/ organisations/ tourism, education, social inclusion and partnerships/ collaborations.

If this interests you are most welcome to come along. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Gavin Whitney Carlow Co. Co.

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 12:00 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***

Letter from Bishop Denis on the occasion of First Holy Communion

Bishop Denis has asked that the following letter be shared with the families and the children who will celebrate First Holy Communion in the Parish this year. I feel it is a letter that can benefit us all as a Parish and Faith Community.

First Holy Communion takes place next weekend, Saturday 9th May, for the children of St. Patrick's School, Ballymurphy & Saturday 16th May for Borris National School. On our faith journey in life this is a major event

that enriches the child's and family faith and the faith of the wider community.

I hope this letter speaks to you, not just as a recipient of First Holy Communion or Parent but as one who have prayed with this group at masses on Sunday throughout the year.

May you continue to hold the children in your prayers at this special time for them.



Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin

Dear First Communicants, parents and families,

Warm greetings and blessings to you in this very special month.

Children, you will receive the Body of Christ for the first time in a couple of weeks. This is the gift you have been preparing for.

Now, I also know that you will receive lots of gifts from many people who love you and are so happy for you on this day. But I ask you to remember just one thing for me. Please, remember that the gift of Jesus in Holy Communion is the most precious gift of them all. And the wonderful thing is that after your First Holy Communion

you can come to Mass and keep receiving this gift, again and again. I very much hope and pray that you do.

Parents and families - you and your family are important members of the family of God and of this parish. You are loved, you are wanted, and you are needed. And when you are not here you are missed. As Christians we need the nourishment of God's Word and Eucharist to bring meaning and peace to our lives. That is why Sunday matters and why Sunday Mass is so important.

As you celebrate this wonderful day as a family my parting request to you is to seriously think about making Sunday Mass here in the parish, (whether on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning), a part of your family life, if it is not already so. The first step might be simply deciding to make it a habit in your week.

I pray that your First Holy Communion Day may be a treasured day in the life of all your families. And, for our First Communicants, that it is the first of a lifetime of receiving Jesus, the Bread of Life.

Every blessing,

✦ Denis Nulty

Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin

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*

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

Mass Times for the Year 2026

Saturday Night Mass: Drummond at 7.00pm

Sunday Mass: Glynn at 10am

Holyday of Obligation Mass: Drummond at 10am

Wednesday Mass: Drummond at 9.30am

Thursday: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
2.00pm Drummond

Drummond Church is open daily 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.

Pilgrimage to Knock

Date: 7th June 2026

Cost: Adults €30; Children €20

Contact: John Coady: 087 333 0558
051 424 628

Loughlin Doyle: 085 808 9125

Electrical waste - free drop off.

Carlow County Council are hosting a free WEEE drop off event in **Borris Mart on Wednesday 20th May from 10am -4pm. (Eircode R95 AY07).**

Anything with a plug, battery or cable can be recycled for free on the day, from washing machines, TVs, kettles, toasters, power and garden tools, electronic toys, phones, cables, IT equipment, remote controls, watches, batteries of all sizes – even farm fence batteries.

For further information contact
environment @Carlowcoco.ie
or visit www.carlow.ie

Darkness into Light

In aid of Pieta House

Date: 9th May 2026

Time: 04:15am

Location: Mount Leinster GAA Walking Track

Refreshments in the Clubhouse after the walk

Pieta...The suicide and self-harm prevention charity

www.darknessintolight.ie

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.

'Entrusted with the Word' Reader Training

Are you currently a Reader of the Word in Borris, Rathanna or Ballymurphy? Would you like to become a reader in one of our churches. The diocese is offering a training/refresher course for new and existing readers.

The course for our Pastoral Area takes place in Myshall Community Hall on 6th, 13th & 20th of May from 7:00-9:00 pm with tea/coffee from 6:45.

If you would like to take part in this course, please contact Fr Rory or Zaneta in the parish office as soon as possible.

Places on the course in Myshall Community Hall, beginning on 6th May, can also be booked through fds@kandle.ie ASAP, leaving name of parish, number attending (and names, if possible) and a contact person for the booking.

All sessions take place from 7:00-9:00 pm with tea/coffee available from 6:45 pm.

Enquiries to Fr Rory or Zaneta at the Parish Office or Julie.kavanagh@kandle.ie

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

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

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 TD 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

Southeast 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

National Epilepsy Week 2026

...takes place on 18th May - 25th May.

For further information, please visit

www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek.

Fr Liam Lawton Concert

On 15 February 2026, Fr Liam Lawton received a papal award for his distinguished service to the Church as a composer and performer of sacred music.

The award was presented by Bishop Denis Nulty on behalf of Pope Leo XIV in the Gunn Chapel, Maynooth College, during a special evening celebrating his music, attended by Archbishop Eamon Martin, bishops, and choir members from across the country.

As many supporters could not attend, a second celebration with the same programme and performers will take place on **Sunday, May 24, at St Mary's Church, Edenderry.**

Following recent renovations of the church, the concert will raise funds to continue this work.

Tickets will be available via Facebook, Instagram, the Parish website, and in limited supply at the Parish Centre. High demand is expected, so early purchase and arrival are advised, as some seating will have restricted views.

Carlow Stroke Support Group

**Will meet next Friday May 8th, 2.30-4pm,
at St. Dymphna's Hospital Carlow.**

**For further information:
text/call Lynda 087-781 4697**

Carlow Pilgrims to Travel to Italy for 27th International Columban Meeting

A Pilgrimage from the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, led by Bishop Denis Nulty, will travel to Lodi in Italy this July to participate in the 27th International Columban Meeting, continuing County Carlow's central role in celebrating the life and legacy of St Columbanus.

Taking place from Friday July 3rd to Monday July 6th, 2026, the international gathering forms part of a long-standing annual European tradition honouring Columbanus, the 6th century Irish missionary monk born in the shadow of Mount Leinster near Myshall, County Carlow, whose influence extended across Ireland and mainland Europe.

Following the successful hosting of the Columbanus Weekend in Carlow in July 2025, which welcomed visitors from across France, Italy, Germany and Switzerland, this year's event represents an important opportunity to strengthen those international connections and reaffirm Carlow's place at the heart of the Columbanus story.

A rich and engaging programme has been developed for the visit, combining pilgrimage, cultural exchange and spiritual reflection. Highlights of the three-day programme include a visit to the historic town of Bobbio, where Columbanus founded his final monastery and where he is buried, as well as evening concerts, cultural gatherings and shared meals with international participants.

A 13km walk along the Columban Way in Italy, tracing the footsteps of the saint through Sant'Angelo Lodigiano to San Colombano al Lambro, a solemn celebration of the Eucharist, a pilgrim's dinner in the courtyard of the Bishop's Palace and a visit to Milan forms also form part of the programme.

Speaking ahead of the event Bishop Denis Nulty said: "We all remember with great fondness the celebrations in Carlow last July honouring St. Columbanus. This pilgrimage offers a unique opportunity to deepen our understanding of St Columbanus and to strengthen the bonds that exist between communities across Europe. As the birthplace of Columbanus, Carlow has a special responsibility to keep his legacy alive. This gathering in Lodi is not only a celebration of faith, but also of shared heritage, friendship and cultural exchange."

The pilgrimage is open to those wishing to take part in what promises to be a memorable experience of shared cultural learning and spiritual development. Travel arrangements, including flights, accommodation and a full programme of events, are being coordinated by Tully's Travel, Carlow, who are acting as official booking agents for the group.

The Columban Way, which stretches over 5,000km across Europe, including a 571km route in Ireland from Myshall to Bangor, continues to grow as a significant cultural and pilgrimage route, linking Carlow with key Columbanus sites across the continent.

For further information or to book, contact Tully's Travel, Carlow at 059-9136100 or visit www.kandle.ie or www.carlowtourism.com/thecolumbanway

March for Life 2026

This Bank Holiday Monday!!!

The march is far more than just another date in the calendar - this annual event is making a real difference in strengthening the pro-life movement, energising volunteers, and reminding our political leaders that the call for alternatives to abortion to be prioritised cannot be ignored.

As well as being present on the day, please spread the word to family and friends to be part of this great day –

**Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May,
at
St Stephen's Green
at
2pm.**

It's a chance for all of us to stand in solidarity, to be encouraged, and to play our part in creating change.

We're really looking forward to seeing you there. Sincerest thanks for all your support!

Pro Life Campaign Team

MARCH

MONDAY
4TH MAY,
2026



STARTING AT 2PM
FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT
COME SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

FOR LIFE

marchforlife.ie

From Newman University Church, St
Stephen's Green, to Leinster House

5th Sunday of Easter

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked.

So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.'

The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading

A reading from the First letter of St. Peter

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house.

As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.