

*Anniversaries for Week Ending*  
*May 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 2026*

*Ballymurphy: Months Mind Mass:*  
**John Lawlor Headfield**

*Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:*  
**Martin & Annie Nolan Dunroe Borris**

*Borris: Anniversary Mass*  
**Tommy O'Sullivan Kilcoltrim**

**Annie (Nan) O'Neill Slyguff**  
**Mary Dowling Ballytiglea**  
**Noleen Lowe Manchester**  
**Martin Nolan Dunroe**

**Oisín Martin Tinnecarrig, who died tragically during the week, funeral mass in Ballymurphy, Sunday 2pm followed by burial in the adjoining 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. Ms Michele Hughes**  
**Mob: 086-171 0643 or Email: [safeguarding@kandle.ie](mailto:safeguarding@kandle.ie)**

## *Mass for Examination Students & Families*

At mass on Wednesday morning next, 27<sup>th</sup> May, we will remember and pray for all students undertaking the Leaving & Junior Certificate examinations this year and those in Third Level. We will also remember their families at this time. All are welcome to attend.

## *Request for Old Photographs*

I have had a request for old photographs of the interior of St Patrick's Church, Ballymurphy, prior to renovations in c.1987.

If you have any I would be grateful if you could share them with me, it may be a wedding, baptism of other occasion in the church.

If you can help please call to the Parish Office any morning during the week.

Thanks in advance. **Fr Rory**

### *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 12:00 noon on Thursdays for inclusion in the following week's edition.

The Parish News can be found on the Parish Website [www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie) and on various local Facebook pages. Inclusion in the Parish News is at the discretion of the editor. **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.

***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

**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*

## *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*

**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

## *Why Sunday Matters*

*An invitation to all parishioners for the coming weeks*

Bishop Denis and the Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation invite parishioners across the diocese to reflect on the letter from the Irish Bishops, 'WHY SUNDAY MATTERS', for these remaining weeks of Eastertide up to the 'Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ' on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

From next weekend we will post a short excerpt from the letter each week for you to think about, with a link to the full text.

Sunday matters – it's good every now and again to stop and remind ourselves why.

See: [www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgy-pastoral](http://www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgy-pastoral) for more on the importance of Sunday and the Sunday Mass.

Visit the Kandle Facebook page and/or X account to see this weekend's highlighted material, including a video message from Bishop Denis.

See also: [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie)

***Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026***

*Why Sunday Matters; Christ's presence among us:  
An excerpt from the Bishop's Pastoral Letter:*

‘Sunday has always been the day of the Lord: the day of resurrection, the day of rest, the day of Eucharist. From the very beginning of our Christian faith, Sunday has been central to the life of the Church and remains the heart of Christian practice. It is on this day that we gather as a community, united in our love for Christ, to encounter the risen Lord and be nourished in body and soul.

The Mass is not just a ritual; it is the source and summit of our faith. It is where we encounter Christ in His living presence, and it is through the Eucharist that we are strengthened to live as true disciples.

Attending Mass on Sundays, or its vigil on Saturday evening, is not just an obligation; it is a profound privilege and a chance to experience God’s love in a deeply personal way.

As we come to this sacred celebration let us do so with hearts full of gratitude for the precious gift of Christ’s presence among us.’

### *Bake Sale*

A Bake Sale in aid of MLR Camogie will take place after masses in Borris, Rathanna & Ballymurphy on the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> May. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

## *Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock*

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica.

**Adults €30; Children €20**

Bookings to **John Coady**

Phone: 051 424628 or mobile 087 333 0558

**Loughlin Doyle**

Mobile 085 808 9125

## *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.

## ***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**

## ***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

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## *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

## *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 the Leinster area – including locally in Borris and south Carlow where reception from the Mount Leinster transmitter on the DAB radio band is now EXCELLENT – new service started earlier in May 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](http://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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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**

## *Cupla Focál*

**Cupla focail**, the Irish Speaking Circle meets every Monday night at 8pm in O'Shea's, Borris. We welcome all to come along and just enjoy a chat. Whatever your level or ability use it and improve it.

Céad mile fáilte. **John Byrne Woodlawn Park**

## *Carlow Pilgrims to Travel to Italy for 27<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> to Monday July 6<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.kandle.ie) or [www.carlowtourism.com/thecolumbanway](http://www.carlowtourism.com/thecolumbanway)

## *The Feast of Pentecost*

### *First Reading*

#### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.**

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language preaching about the marvels of God.?'

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

### *Responsorial Psalm*

**Response: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are!

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches.

**Response: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

You take back your spirit, they die,  
    returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
    and you renew the face of the earth.

**Response: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
    May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
    I find my joy in the Lord.

**Response: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

## *Second Reading*

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

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them.

The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

**The word of the Lord.**