

Anniversaries for Week Ending
May 30th & 31st 2026

Ballymurphy: Anniversary Mass:
Patrick (Pat) Coleman Knock
& Sr. Columba Kealy

Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:
Pat O'Toole Tomduff

Borris: Anniversary Mass
Pat Curry Beaumont & Upper Cottages
Willie Gittons Kilcoltrim

We also remember...

Johanna & James Brennan Kilcoltrim
Jim Dwyer Kilcoltrim
Jim Gaul Coolnacuppogue

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. Michele Hughes
Mob: 086-171 0643 or Email: safeguarding@kandle.ie

Visiting the Sick & Housebound

Fr Rory will call to those who are sick and housebound this coming week:

Thursday 4th June
Ballymurphy & Rathanna Area

Friday 5th June
Borris Area

If you know of any person who would like to receive Holy Communion in their home and cannot attend mass please contact Fr Rory or the Parish Office.

Parishes Alive - Becoming Synodal

Bishop Denis and the Diocesan Pastoral Council invites you to the third annual Parishes Alive Day on Saturday, June 20th from 10am to 4pm in Carlow College, St. Patrick's.

The day will be facilitated by Dr Oonagh O'Brien, CEO of Mount St Anne's Retreat & Conference Centre and Janet Forbes the Youth Director in the Archdiocese of Armagh and a Member of the National Synodal Team.

The day will explore how we can become more synodal in practice in our parishes and pastoral areas, taking baptism as a starting point and leading to practical explorations of key aspects of being synodal, including local decision making.

Attendees will be given resources to take away for future use in their Parishes. This promises to be a very engaging and interesting day and will appeal to anyone who is interested in how Parishes and Pastoral Areas develop into the future. Much of it will be interactive and workshop based.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided. There is no charge to attend or for the hospitality. Because these are "roundtable" sessions, numbers are limited so early booking is advised.

To book or for further information email Pat Roche, Diocesan Director of Parish Development, on parishdevelopment@kandle.ie or phone (office hours) **083-8305681**.

Used Book Sale

Mega Used Book Sale in Borris Town Hall, Sat & Sun 6th & 7th June from 10am to 8pm on both days. In support of Borris St. Mullins Community Games. Books to suit all readers!

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 55 years 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.

Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles

The Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles, will be speaking at all masses on the weekend of 6th/7th of June on their Missionary endeavour.

The Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles were founded in 1876 and are dedicated to spreading the Good News through service and witness of their lives. Promoting women and the marginalized is a priority in their apostolate.

The OLA Sisters are grateful for all the support over the years in so many ways, and they encourage you to continue in that support.

Sr. Mary Usifoh would be speaking during the Masses.

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 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

***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

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*

Irish Cancer Society
Volunteer Driver Service

The Irish Cancer Society is expanding the volunteer driver service in the **Carlow** and Laois area, and we are seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to join our pool of drivers. We are specifically looking for drivers who can take patients to Naas Hospital, as well as St James' Hospital and the Mater Hospital in Dublin. Gifting your time means that cancer patients will have comfortable (one on one) transport to attend appointments for their lifesaving treatment.

If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity not only eases the journey for many during a challenging time but also offers comfort and support when it's needed most.

For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica or Emily at volunteer@irishcancer.ie.

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

Bake Sale

A Bake Sale in aid of MLR Camogie will take place
after masses in Borris, Rathanna & Ballymurphy
this weekend, 30th/31st May.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Why Sunday Matters

Sunday 24th May 2026

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

'The journey of faith often comes with its own set of challenges. Many, particularly the younger generation, feel disconnected from the Church due to past abuses and how these were addressed. Alongside this, the pressures of modern life, the increasing levels of anxiety and mental health difficulties – especially among young people – together with the lingering effects of the pandemic, have contributed to a sense of distance from the Church.

However, Sunday Eucharist continues to be a source of hope, life, and profound meaning. It invites us to participate in the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, the Paschal Mystery.

In this sacred celebration, we have the opportunity to be transformed, to receive God's grace, and to become the best versions of ourselves. As we navigate life, with all its joys and struggles, the Eucharist offers us the community and support we need to flourish and grow in faith. Mass is not just a personal act of devotion; it is a communal act of worship. We go to God together.

The Sunday Mass is where the Church is most visibly alive, and where every member of the community plays an essential role. Each person's participation is needed for the Church to truly live.

It is important to gather physically for Mass, and although technology is helpful, it can never replace the tangible experience of being with the community as we listen to God's word and receive the Body of Christ.'

How does your presence at Mass can contribute to making the Church visible and alive?

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 next Sunday 7th June 2026.

Bus leaves Lennon's of Cournellan @ 6.55am
& Dalton's Square @ 7am

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/

**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

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

Upcoming Events:

Singing For Wellbeing – Did you know that group singing makes you feel good?

Join Gina for an eight-week series of singing workshops for people of all ages and abilities. No experience necessary – the focus is on enjoyment.

Tullow Library: Wednesdays 10am to 11am, Commenced Wednesday 13th May, phone 059 9136299 to reserve your place.

Tusla Fostering Information Stand: Will be in Carlow Central Library Tuesday 2nd June 10am to 12pm

Age Friendly AI Training – Join us for a Free introductory Age-Friendly AI Training Workshop in Carlow Library on Friday 12th June, 10.30am to 12pm, this workshop is designed with and for older adults – To Register for this workshop Email library@carlowcoco.ie or phone 059 9129705

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 – loud and clear now
from transmitters on Mount Leinster

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

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 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

Trinity Sunday

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

Blest your glorious holy name.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest in the temple of your glory.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest who gaze into the depths.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

Second Reading

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

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The word of the Lord.