

Anniversaries for Week Ending
July 4th & 5th 2026

Ballymurphy: Anniversary Mass:

**Bill & John Dreelan Rathgeran & deceased
members of the Dreelan family**

Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:

Special Intention

Borris: Anniversary Mass

**Nancy O'Shea nee Kavanagh Graiguenamanagh &
Coshill**

We also remember...

Kathleen Corcoran Station Road

**Rita & John Shannon Knockroe & deceased
members of the Shannon family**

Anna Redmond Ballymartin

John Jordan Killedmond

**We also remember Bridie Power late of Roselawn,
Tramore, Co. Waterford whose funeral took place
during the week. Sister of Kathleen Hynes Cournellan**

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

Borris Active Retirement

Borris Active Retirement group meet each Monday in the Library in Borris from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm. 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.

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

***Important Dates in the
Parish of Borris
2026***

Cemetery Masses & 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***

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

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.

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. Amen.

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

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.*

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

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 Borris Library
Or contact us on 059 9170350

Basic Digital Skills for Beginners

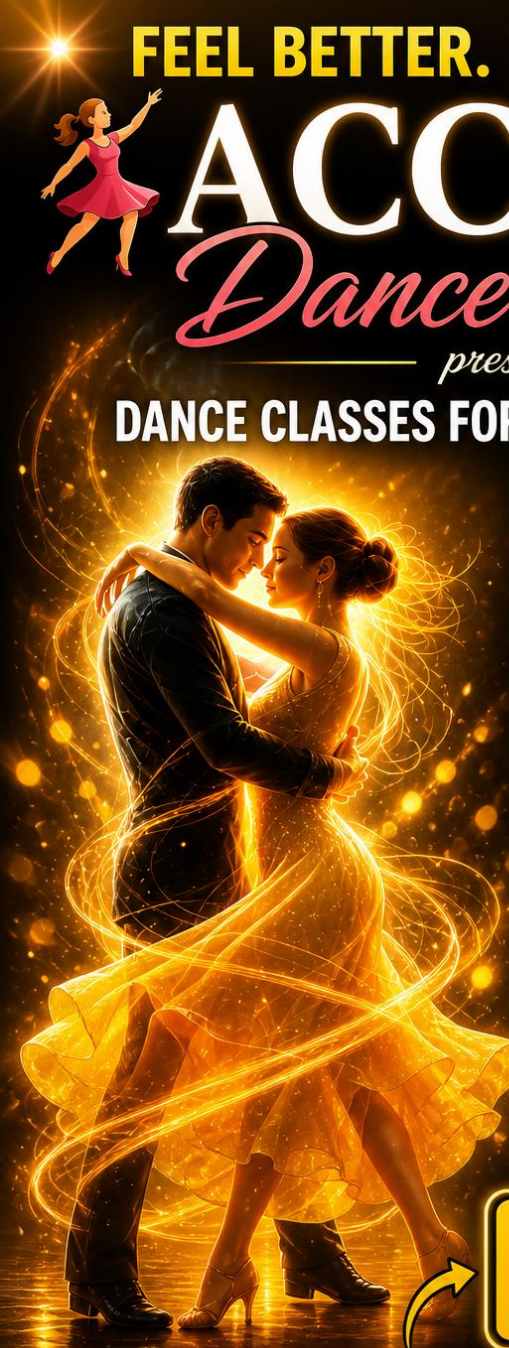
Want to get more from your smartphone, tablet or laptop? Want to get more confident using the Internet - email, motor tax renewal, passport applications, banking etc? Want to learn how to navigate all of this safely and securely? Or maybe you know someone who does? Sign up for our FREE 6-week course in conjunction with KCETB Community Education. Your own device is required to take part.

Courses are ongoing at Carlow, Tullow and Muinebheag libraries. Ask at the library desk for more details.

Drop in to Carlow Library
Or contact us on 059 9129705

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Phone: 085 801 4138

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 – with excellent reception in our parish area

MABS Money Advice & Budgeting Service

**South Leinster Money Advice & Budgeting Service
Carlow MABS
72d Tullow Street
Carlow
Tel. 0818 072 070**

Free, independent and confidential
Money Management and Advice Service

Assisting people in dealing with their debts, mortgage arrears and helping them manage their resources. MABS offers free Debt Relief Advice under Personal Insolvency options. Money Management Sessions provided for Transition/Leaving Cert Students and Community Groups.

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

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 pilgrims 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

Leighlin Dementia Friendly Community

We would like to welcome people living with
Dementia and their Carers
to join us on:

Friday, July 10th
in
Leighlin Parish Centre (R93 KR83)
for a cuppa and a chat.

Time: 11.00am-12.30pm

Looking forward to meeting you.

National Synodal Pathway Update

Preparations are continuing for the National Synodal Assembly, which will take place in October. Working groups from across the country are reflecting on the key priorities identified through the synodal process and helping to shape the next stage of the Church's journey in Ireland.

To learn more and view the latest video update from Fr Declan Hurley, Chairperson of the National Synodal Pathway, and Patricia Carroll, member of the National Synodal Pathway and Pastoral Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Dublin, please visit <https://theway.ie/the-irish-synodal-pathway-progress-and-purpose/>

Pope Leo XIV's words on his first day as pope . . .

“We want to be a synodal Church, a Church that moves forward, a Church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, that always seeks to be close above all to those who are suffering.” (Vatican City, 8 May 2025)



Photo courtesy of Bishop Paul Connell of Ardagh and Clonmacnois

The Holy Father was speaking to you, to every one of us!

We are all members of the Synodal Church. Since 2021, the Irish Synodal Pathway has involved people across Ireland listening, praying and sharing hope for the Church today, and tomorrow. You are invited to be part of this journey.

To learn more, please visit
Synod.ie or scan the QR-Code below



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Relics and Exhibition of St Thérèse of Lisieux at Carmelite Friary Church, Kildare

The Carmelite Friary Church, White Abbey, Kildare Town, will celebrate the Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel from 7th to 16th July 2026, with Mass each day at 10:00am.

A special moment of grace will take place on Thursday, 16th July 2026, when the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux will be present at the 10:00am Mass for public veneration.

This marks the 25th anniversary milestone of the historic 2001 visit of the relics of St Thérèse to Ireland.

There will also be an Exhibition on St Thérèse of Lisieux in Carmel Hall from 15th to 16th July 2026, kindly prepared and presented by the Sweeney family. The Feast Day Mass of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on 16th July will be celebrated by Fr Simon Nolan, Provincial of the Irish Carmelites.

Venue: Carmelite Friary Church, White Abbey, Kildare Town, Co. Kildare, R51 K379

Contact: 083 090 4124

All are welcome to attend.

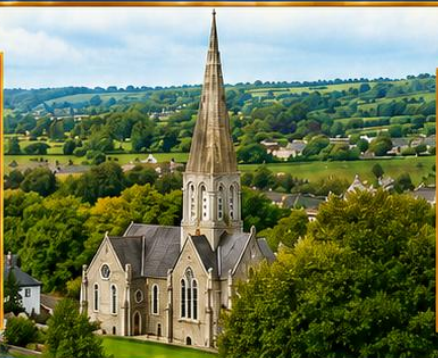


OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL NOVENA MASSES 2026

7th - 16th JULY 2026



NOVENA MASS
at 10:00am
EACH DAY



FEAST DAY MASS
THURSDAY, 16 JULY 2026
at 10:00am
Main Celebrant:
Fr Simon Nolan O.Carm,
Provincial of the
Irish Carmelites

DAY	DATE	MASS TIME	MAIN CELEBRANT
Day 1	Tuesday, 7 July 2026	Mass at 10:00am	Bishop Denis Nulty
Day 2	Wednesday, 8 July 2026	Mass at 10:00am	Fr Michael Troy O.Carm
Day 3	Thursday, 9 July 2026	Mass at 10:00am	Fr Vitalis O.Carm
Day 4	Friday, 10 July 2026	Mass at 10:00am	Fr Genildo O.Carm
Day 5	Saturday, 11 July 2026	Mass at 10:00am	Fr Johnson O.Carm
Day 6	Sunday, 12 July 2026	Mass at 10:00am	Fr Brian O.Carm
Day 7	Monday, 13 July 2026	Mass at 10:00am	Fr Jacob O.Carm
Day 8	Tuesday, 14 July 2026	Mass at 10:00am	Fr Dann O.Carm
Day 9	Wednesday, 15 July 2026	Mass at 10:00am	Fr Bob Kelly O.Carm
Feast Day	Thursday, 16 July 2026	Mass at 10:00am	Fr Simon Nolan O.Carm, Provincial of the Irish Carmelites



RELICS OF ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX
WILL BE THERE AT THE 10:00am MASS
ON 16TH JULY 2026 FOR VENERATION

The 25th-anniversary milestone of the
historic 2001 visit of the relics of
St. Thérèse of Lisieux to Ireland.



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White Abbey, Kildare,
Co. Kildare, R51 K379

For more information contact: Carmelite Friary – 0830904124

Carmelite Friary Kildare

Recovery College Southeast

Are running four short, practical workshops every Tuesday in July, 10:30am – 12:30pm via Zoom:

7th July – Challenging Unhelpful Thinking Patterns

14th July – Dealing with Worry

21st July – Creating Healthy Habits

28th July – Let's Talk Procrastination

All workshops are free, open to everyone, and can be attended individually or as a series.

To enrol, contact us at info@recoverycollegesoutheast.com
or call 086 1746330.



Recovery College South East - Summer 2026

You are invited to join us in our new Summer Online Recovery Education Programme.

All our courses and workshops are co-produced and co-delivered by those who have lived experience in partnership with professional expertise, "the expert by experience working alongside the expert by profession".

Courses and workshops at the Recovery College South East are for everyone and are free.

Follow the simple steps below to connect to our **online** interactive workshops.

1. Complete the attached enrolment form and email it to the Recovery College South East at info@recoverycollegesoutheast.com or
2. Phone us on 086 1746330 to enrol
3. Download the free ZOOM app on your mobile phone or/and your laptop.

(For more detailed information on the workshops, please go to the Workshop Section of our Website – www.recoverycollegesoutheast.com.) You can scan our QR code for quick access to our website



We are delivering a series of short, independent **online** workshops, each focused on a specific aspect of promoting good mental health. These sessions will provide participants with practical tools and strategies to help foster and sustain positive mental and emotional well-being. Every workshop will feature learning opportunities and dedicated space for participant discussions. These workshops are interconnected but independent, allowing participants the flexibility to attend one, multiple, or all sessions based on their interests and availability.

July 2026 - Online Workshops

WORKSHOP NAME	DATE	TIME
<u>Challenging Unhelpful Thinking Patterns</u> Learn to recognise and challenge unhelpful thinking patterns such as all-or-nothing thinking and overgeneralisation. This workshop explores practical strategies to reframe thoughts and develop a more balanced and compassionate perspective. <i>See workshop description – Page 2</i>	Tuesday 7 th July	10:30am – 12:30pm
<u>Dealing With Worry</u> Worry is a natural part of life, but it can sometimes become overwhelming. This workshop explores practical strategies to help you manage and reduce worry, supporting a greater sense of balance and control. <i>See workshop description – Page 2</i>	Tuesday 14 th July	10:30am – 12:30pm
<u>Creating Healthy Habits</u> Our daily habits shape our well-being. This workshop explores how habits are formed and offers practical strategies to help you build and maintain healthier routines that support your overall well-being. <i>See workshop description – Page 2</i>	Tuesday 21 st July	10:30am – 12:30pm
<u>Let's Talk Procrastination</u> Procrastination is a common challenge that can hold us back. This workshop explores why we procrastinate and provides practical strategies to help you take action and make progress on what matters most. <i>See workshop description – Page 2</i>	Tuesday 28 th July	10:30am – 12:30pm

Readings for...
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5th & 6th July 2026

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Zechariah.

The Lord says this:

Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!

See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

I will give you glory, O God my king,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

Response: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

Response: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.

Response: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down.

Response: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Second Reading

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

Your interests 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, 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.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The word of the Lord.