

Anniversaries for Week Ending
August 15th & 16th 2026

Ballymurphy: Anniversary Mass:
Gregory, Thomas & Brigid Murphy Inch

Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:
Elizabeth McCormack Coolnasnaughta

Borris: Anniversary Mass
Jack O'Kelly Borris & Cardiff
Jack Keating Ballymartin
Elizabeth Mary Hennessy (nee Doyle) Spahill

We also remember...

Mary Anne Redmond Ballymartin
Eddie & John Galvin Leeds & Leighlinbridge
Kathleen & Michael Scully Ballinagrane
Ellen Ryan Ballytiglea
Anne Kiernan Borris
Kathleen (Kay) Power Currane
Christy Murphy Clonagoose
Joseph Holmes Spahill

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 2.30pm 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.

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 Thursday's 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

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.

Important Dates in the Parish of Borris 2026

Ballymurphy Cemetery*

Sunday 30th August 3pm

Mass & Blessing of Graves

**Mass will be celebrated in the church if the weather is not
favourable for it to be held outdoors*

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

Diocesan Appointments 2026

Dear All,

Please see below announcement regarding Diocesan Appointments being published today.

I am pleased to announce today the Kildare & Leighlin diocesan clergy changes for 2026. These changes are challenging on all fronts, and I cannot express enough how grateful I am for the cooperation, generosity and understanding from all our clergy.

With a big reduction in the number of priests available this year, I am reminded of just how much each priest gives of himself when appointed to a parish. This is never taken for granted and we should always be thankful for their work and ministry.

Clergy who are moving and those who are taking on more, have my deepest respect and support. Going forward parishes will undoubtedly be without a resident priest and so with fewer clergy it is more important than ever to pray for our priests and to encourage vocations.

I am in contact with a number of international priests who hopefully will be in a position to take up appointments in the diocese over the coming months.

I ask you to keep all our priests and deacons in your prayers, to help them and to support them at this important time in our diocese. The changes come into effect on Friday 18th September next.

Fr. Tom Dooley, PP Portarlington & Emo to retire.

Fr. Yanbo Chen, SVD CC, The Cathedral Parish, recalled by the SVD Order.

Fr. Theodore Tomasik, SVD CC, The Cathedral Parish, recalled by the SVD Order.

Fr. Erik Ebot, SVD CC, Portlaoise, recalled by the SVD Order.

Fr. Eugen Dragas Tamas, CC, Portarlington & Emo returning to Iasi Diocese in Romania.

Fr. Ciprian Matei, CC, Portlaoise returning to Bucharest Archdiocese in Romania.

Fr. Joe O'Neill PP Kill to take sabbatical leave.

Fr. David Vard PP Stradbally taking personal leave of absence with my full support.

Fr. Pat Hughes, PP, Myshall & Clonegal, to become PP, Portarlington & Emo.

Fr. Andy Leahy, CC, Myshall & Clonegal, to become PP Myshall & Clonegal while continuing to reside in St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan.

Fr. Yohan Fernando, CC, Naas, Sallins and Two-Mile-House, to become Adm., Kill while remaining part of the team in Naas, Sallins and Two-Mile-House Pastoral Area.

Fr. Piotr Jakubiak, Polish Chaplain, to become CC in the Portarlington Mountmellick Pastoral Area, while continuing to support the Polish community.

Fr. Petru Medves, CC, Abbeyleix, Ballinakill & Raheen, to become also CC, Portlaoise. The three curates in Portlaoise (Fr. Adriano de Oliveira, Fr. Simon Jin and Fr. Petru Medves) will assist in ministry in the wider Pastoral Area.

As previously announced (which came into effect on 1st August):

Fr. Sean Maher, PP Balyna, appointed to the staff of the Seminary, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

Fr. Brian Kavanagh, CC, Allen & AP Newbridge, to become PP, Balyna.

Bishop Denis Nulty.

Re. Vocations

As you can see from the appointments announced this week there are big changes in our diocese with regards to priests in active ministry. Between retirement, priests recalled to their home diocese, sabbatical and personal leave we are down, as a diocesan community, eight priests working in our parishes. In a very short time this will have a knock-on effect in all parishes.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your prayers and support for me and ask that you continue to pray for all priests in our diocese.

Please continue to pray for vocations. Borris and the surrounding parishes have a rich tradition, rooted in faith, for priests and religious. Let us pray that, in a changing society, that the tradition doesn't end, that our faith may be increased in the face of change.

The call to priesthood and religious life begins in the home. I am greatly encouraged when I see families and young people come to mass each Sunday. Long may that continue and bear fruit in a living faith rooted in the love of God for each one of us.

Fr Rory

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

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.*

Delany Archive Heritage Week Lecture

The Delany Archive welcomes Dr Niamh NicGhabhann Coleman for a Heritage Week lecture on “Catholic Churches and Chapels Before and After Emancipation”, including examples from churches in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin. The lecture will be held at Carlow College, St Patrick’s (R93 A003) on 18 August at 7.00 pm.

All are welcome. Admission is free of charge and no booking is required. Further details at www.heritageweek.ie

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

Upcoming Library Events

A Healthy Ireland At Your Library Talk with Psychotherapist, Fiona Hall of Consciously Clearing will take place in Carlow Library Tuesday 11th August at 6pm, All Welcome (No Booking)

Tackle That To Do List - Satisficing – What is it and how can it help you? Sometimes in life we can delay taking action on small tasks due to perfection tendencies. In this workshop psychotherapist Fiona Hall will explain a different way to get things done to reduce our To Do List to find more contentment in life.

Hug Your Book, Reading & Craft Session, suitable for parents/guardians and their children will take place in:

Carlow Library, Wednesday 12th August,
10am to 12pm and Wednesday,
19th August in Tullow Library, 10am to 12pm,

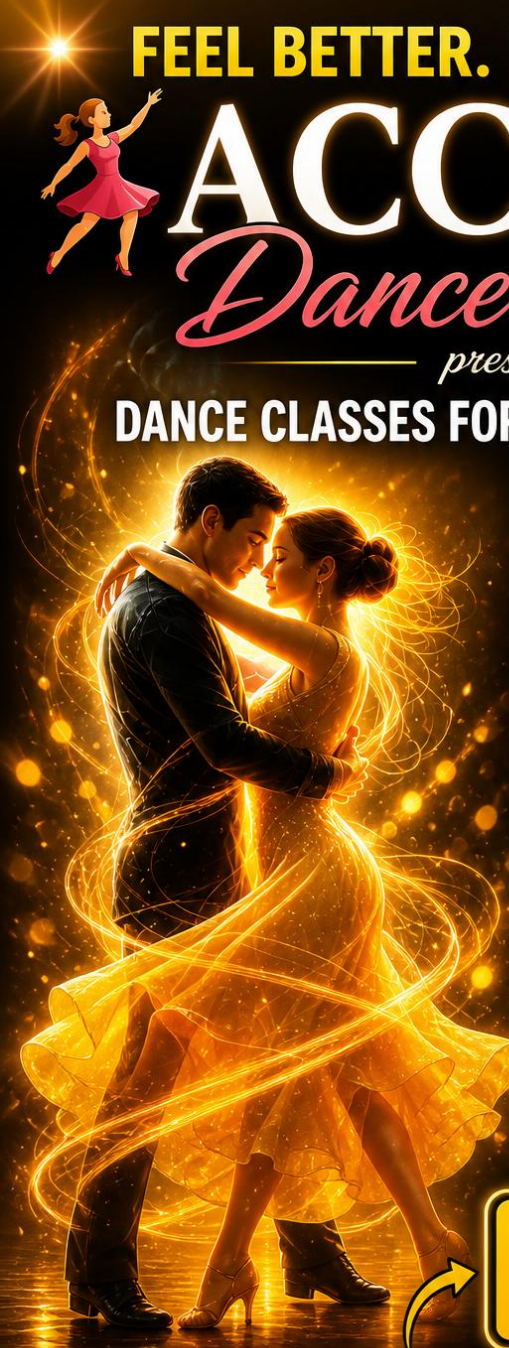
These sessions are in association with Kilkenny and Carlow Education and Training Board (KCETB), children will get to take home their own book, booking for both sessions is through the KCETB by either texting or phoning Carmel (KCETB) at 087 1920840

Summerstars Reading Challenge for Primary School Children has commenced in all Carlow Library branches and will continue until 31st August, there's still time to call in and get your free Summerstars Activity Book & Monster Sticker, enter the weekly prize draws & enter the mega prize at the end of the Summer!

There's nothing to lose only lots of books to choose!

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We broadcast 24/7, on three pillars being that of

1. Prayer & Catechesis,
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+353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply).
6. Via DAB Radio in Leinster area (including Borris area)

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Free, independent and confidential
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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

Readings for...
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
15th & 16th August 2026

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the Sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer.

Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Second Reading

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

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead!

God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.