

Anniversaries for Week Ending
17th & 18th October 2026

Ballymurphy: Month's Mind Mass:
John Patrick Nolan Coolnamara
Pat Murphy Tinnecarrig

Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:
Jack Jordan and his parents Matt & Mary Knockroe

Borris: Anniversary Mass
John & Mary Kavanagh Ballinagree

We also remember...

Martin Bolger Ballytiglea
(Month's Mind Mass 7:30pm. Friday 23rd Oct 2026)

We remember those whose funerals took place during the week...

Frank Hynes Cournellan

And we remember...

Micheál Ryan Corries Cross. Funeral Mass Sunday at 3:00pm in Ballinkillen, burial in adjoining cemetery.

Sr. Carmel O'Reilly formerly Woodlawn Park, Borris. Funeral Mass on Monday at 10:00am in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow. Burial afterwards in St. Mary's 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:

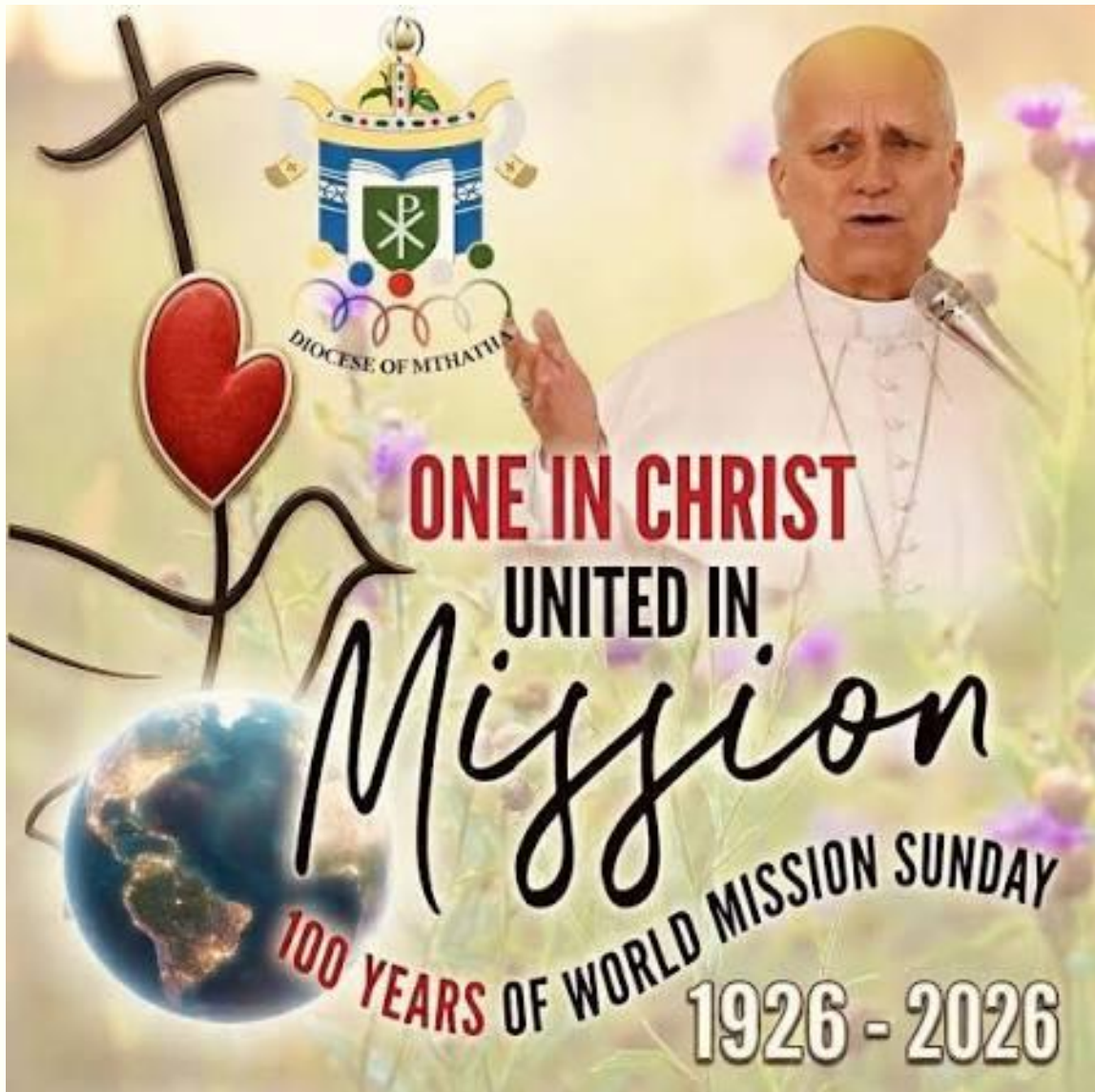
Director of Safeguarding: Ms. Ms Michele Hughes
Mob: 086-171 0643 or Email: safeguarding@kandle.ie

Synodal Pathway Update

The synodal assembly takes place this Saturday with delegates, including from our diocese, addressing 35 proposals that have come through the last number of years of discernment nationally. The assembly will decide on each proposal whether to Highly Recommend; Recommend; Needs further discernment; Do not recommend. The assembly's response will then be received by the bishops for the next step of discernment and implementation.

The preparatory document for Saturday is very worthwhile reading for all involved in parish life, especially parish teams and Parish Pastoral Council members. It gives a clear vision of Church that has emerged through the participation of thousands across Ireland in the universal and national processes in recent years, as well as laying out the proposals themselves. **The document can be read on www.kandle.ie and www.synod.ie**

Mission Sunday 2026



Today we celebrate Mission Sunday's 100th Anniversary. We continue to pray for all who work to make the Word of God and the Body & Blood of Christ available around the world, especially those who left all to follow Christ. We say a special thank you to all from the parish of Borris working in the Mission Fields of the World and ask God to welcome all who have died into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Weekly Parish Envelopes

Reminder



If there is anyone who has not received a box of envelopes for the support of the parish could you please contact the Parish Office in the coming week.

Again, a sincere thanks to our distributors and to all who support the collections throughout the year.

Fr Rory

First Holy Communion & Confirmation Dates Borris, 2027

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris on Saturday 27th February 2027.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris on Saturday 15th May 2027.

Abide Women's Conference

The Abide Women's conference will be held from November 20th to 22nd in the Great Northern Hotel Bundoran, Co. Donegal. Speakers include Sarah Swafford, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Mark Wharton, Kimberlee WooLing, Danielle Noonan, Nashville Dominicans & more.

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin, from Cork & Ross Diocese. We would love to welcome you this weekend.

For more details please visit Abide in His Love at [eventbrite.ie](https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.ie)
Registration link: <https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com>

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.

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Phone: 085 801 4138

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

Mass of the Holy Angels

Remembering children who died before and after birth

**Wednesday 18th 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.

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

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

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

*All applications are handled
with care, dignity and full confidentiality.*

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 operates in Tullow, Bagenalstown & Borris Library Branches.

For more info: 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.

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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**

Sacred Music Workshop Day for Parish Choirs

Calling all Choir Members!

Bishop Denis and the Commission for Liturgical Formation are hosting a **Workshop Day for Choir Leaders & Members** in the diocese on **Saturday, 21 November 2026 from 11:00am-4:30pm in Carlow Cathedral.**

Led by Marian Gaynor and team, this promises to be a lovely day for choir members with a music pack, the diocesan Guide for Music Ministry, a hot lunch and a Big Sing of Liam Lawton's 'Magnificat' all included.

**The day is free of charge, but places are limited!
Registration is essential.**

Music pack and lunch can only be provided for choir members from the diocese who have booked a place. **Bookings open on Monday 19 October on Eventbrite.**

"Liturgical music is a precious instrument through which we carry out our service of praise to God and express the joy of new life in Christ" Pope Leo XIV



Diocesan Sacred Music Workshop

A day for Parish Church Choirs

led by Marian Gaynor

21st November 2026



In honour of St. Cecilia, the patroness of music and musicians, this workshop will provide the opportunity for choirs from across the diocese to come together to learn **NEW LITURGICAL MUSIC** and experience the joy of a **BIG SING** of the "Magnificat" composed by **Liam Lawton**. A wonderful opportunity for choirs across the **KILDARE AND LEIGHLIN DIOCESE** to express their appreciation for Liam and his gift of music.

Music pack and hot lunch provided for all registered participants of the diocese.

Registration free but essential as places limited.

Hosted by Bishop Denis
and the Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan
Commission for Liturgical Formation



SCHEDULE
11:00am-4:30pm

VENUE
Cathedral of the
Assumption Carlow

REGISTRATION
Eventbrite
by 13th November

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.murnaneconnor@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

Communityhub.ie

Community Hub is a free service to community groups in your area. It allows for community groups to share what is going on, but also see what is going on around them also.

"Community Groups Register your group for free today at communityhub.ie to list your upcoming events and notices in a dedicated space where local people can easily find you."

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Readings for...
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mission Sunday)
17th & 18th October 2026

First Reading

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says Yahweh to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Response: Give the Lord glory and power

O sing a new song to the Lord,

Sing to the Lord all the earth,

Tell among the nations his glory

And his wonders among all the peoples.

Response: Give the Lord glory and power

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
To be feared above all gods;
The gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens.

Response: Give the Lord glory and power

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
Give the Lord glory and power,
Give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Response: Give the Lord glory and power

Second Reading

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

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.