



BORRIS PARISH



*Anniversaries for Week Ending
3rd & 4th October 2026*

Ballymurphy: Month's Mind Mass:
**James (Jim) Doran Borris Road, Killealy formerly
Walshetown**

Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:
Paddy Nolan Knockroe

Borris: First Anniversary Mass
Nora Hickey Ballinvalley

We also remember...

**John Phelan Ballymartin
Catherine Griffith Rosdillig
Marie Osborne and deceased members of the Osborne
family Rathanna
Rosemary Scully Kerry & Ballinagrane**

**Sheila O'Kelly (wife of the late Joe O'Kelly, formerly
of Ballytiglea) who died in Dublin and whose Funeral
Mass took place in Saggart on Friday 2nd October 2026.**



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

Weekly Parish Envelopes

It is that time of year again when the Parish Envelopes are due for distribution. The monies collected go to the day to day running expenses of the Parish as well as special envelopes for the Support of the Priest of the Parish, Monthly Renovation Fund, Mission Sunday, Peter's Pence, Retired Priest Fund and November Dead List.

I would ask those who normally distribute the envelopes in their area to collect them any morning in the Parish Office.

If you are new to the Parish and wish to contribute to its running and upkeep please contact the Parish Office and we can arrange envelopes for you.

Areas still to be covered:

Upper Borris & The Cottages
Pound Lane, Bog Lane & Lodge Court
Lower Borris
Headfield, Rocksavage & Lacken
Rathgeran & Ballymurphy
Ballyroughan & Coolnamara
Kilcloney, Ballinasillogue & Inchaphooka
Spahill
Liselican & Ballinvalley
Killedmond & Crannagh
Kyle
Tomduff
Knockmore & Ballybrack

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

Fr Rory

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/>

Further Update...

The National Synodal Assembly takes place on 17 October in The City North Hotel in County Meath. Over a dozen people from our diocese will be present, along with Bishop Denis, as either diocesan delegates, as a member of a working group of the synod, or as a member of the National Synodal Team. Over the next number of weeks K&L attendees will have the opportunity to meet twice to help prepare for the assembly. In their preparations they will be prayerfully considering if the proposals being presented at the assembly are orientating the Irish Church towards where God wants us to be. Please keep them and the work of the synodal pathway in Ireland in your prayers.

Borris Town Hall Christmas Market

Christmas Market is going ahead again this year on Saturday, 5th December, from 10am–4pm! 🎄

We're doing things a little differently this year. A small sub-committee from the Hall Committee will be organising the market and, rather than allocating stalls on a first-come, first-served basis, they will look at all the enquiries together to create a good mix and variety of stalls on the day.

If you would like to be considered for this year's market, please send us your current details by 17th October, including what you'll be selling and, if possible, a few photos of your products or stall.

Please also let us know that you have the appropriate insurance, if applicable, and include any social media or website details.

The sub-committee will then review all the enquiries, and we aim to let everyone know whether they have been offered a place or placed on the waiting list by 24th October

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.

Study Theology Online

Is this for you? **The Priory Institute** provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register now to begin on 19th September.

Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com

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.

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**

Forever Fit Carlow

Balance and resistance training
Borris, Myshall, Carlow & Tullow

Further information: Email: foreverfitcarlow@gmail.com

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.

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6. Via DAB Radio in Leinster area

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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

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."

Accent Dance School

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Readings for...
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
3rd & 4th October 2026

First Reading

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it.

In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.

I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Then why have you broken down its walls?

It is plucked by all who pass by.

It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field.

Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.

God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**

Second Reading

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

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise.

Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.