Anniversaries for Week Ending
31st October/1st November 2026

Ballymurphy: Anniversary Mass:
John Kavanagh Liselican

Rathanna: First Anniversary Mass:
Michael (Mick) Walsh Knocksquire

Borris: Anniversary Mass
Christy, Rita & Mary Kavanagh Ballyroughan

We also remember…

Maggie & Jimmy Flood Ballyglisheen
Margaret O'Higgins Rathanna
Jimmy Nolan Tinnecarrig (1st Anniversary)
Dick Collier Coonogue
Gretta Carter Upper Cottages
Michael Lawlor Station Road
Maureen Lennon Cournellan
John & Rita Shannon Knockroe and all the deceased members of the Shannon & Doyle families
Ben Nolan Edenderry
Sam Goulding Woodlawn Close whose month's mind occurs and for whom mass will be offered Friday night next in Borris at 7.30pm

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

Visiting Sick & Housebound

Fr Rory will call to those on the sick/housebound list of the parish in the coming week.

Thursday 5th November 2026
Ballymurphy & Rathanna Area

Friday 6th November 2026
Borris Area

If you know of someone, a family member, neighbour or friend, who would like to receive Holy Communion in their home please let me know.

You can contact the parish Office by phone:

059 977 3128 or email **borrisparish@gmail.com**

or Fr Rory 087 271 4161

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 Domincans & 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
Registration link: https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in or hour 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.

Forever Fit Carlow

Balance and resistance training
Borris, Myshall, Carlow & Tullow

Further information: Email: foreverfitcarlow@gmail.com
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.

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

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Assisting people in dealing with their depts, mortgage arrears and helping them manage their resources. MABS offers free Dept 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

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.**

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

Every Thursday at 6.30pm in Borris Town Hall



Readings for…
Feast of All Saints
1st November 2026

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to damage earth and sea, saying, "Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have marked the servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads." And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the people of Israel.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows."

Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Lord, these are the people that longs to see your face

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm.

Response: Lord, these are the people that longs to see your face

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things.
Response: Lord, these are the people that longs to see your face

Blessings from the Lord shall they receive,
and right reward from the God who saves them.
Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.
Response: Lord, these are the people that longs to see your face

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The word of the Lord.