Anniversaries for Week Ending 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass: Patrick & Mary Lalor Headfield

Rathanna: Anniversary Mass: Sonny & Ann Moore Tomduff

Borris: Anniversary Mass John Sherwood Borris

Úna Quirke Scortreen Patrick Phelan Kilcloney Eddie & Mary Coleman Knock

Peg O'Keeffe Borris Lodge Nursing Home and Roscrea whose funeral took place during the week.

Doreen Kelly Páirc Mhuire Bagenalstown whose funeral took place Saturday 18/01/2025

## 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. Ailish Higgins Mob: 085-802 1633 Email: safeguarding@kandle.ie

> Eucharistic Adoration Ballymurphy

Eucharistic Adoration takes place in St. Patrick's Church, Ballymurphy, each Monday from 10.00am to 11.00am. All are welcome to spend this time in quiet prayer with the Lord.

> Dana's Cross & Cloak Concert Abbeyleix Co Laois

Dana's Cross & Cloak Concert in aid of the All-Ireland Sacred Heart Crusade, takes place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 in The Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix, Co Laois R32 VE24

## Ticket €25.00

(Book on Eventbrite.ie). For more information, contact **Antoinette - 086 0803047.**  *St. Brigid's Camino Walk Monasterevin Parish* 

St. Brigid is reputed to have been born in the Townland of Umeras, just outside Monasterevin, Co. Kildare. To commemorate St. Brigid, Monasterevin Parish has organised a Camino Walk in her honour. Starting at St. Brigid's Shrine at Mountrice (W34 X529) at 11am on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 (walk is approximately 6 km/car parking provided at Mountrice Cross).

The walk will be led by the Bishop and will journey via Umeras, then along the Canal Blueway, finishing in Saints Peter & Paul Church Monasterevin with a Service of Light at 12.30 pm.

A bus will leave the Parish Church Monasterevin at 10.30 am to Mountrice and return at 2pm. For those who wish to avail of this service, payment on the bus. All those who participate will be issued with a special St. Brigid Camino Passport.

St. Brigid's Crosses and refreshments will be provided on the day.

For more information, please contact Monasterevin Parish Office – 045 525346.

## Diocesan Pilgrimage for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Coinciding with the Jubilee for Teenagers, during the Jubilee Year of Hope, the Diocese is travelling for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlow Carlo Acutis 25th - 29th April.

This pilgrimage includes a day trip to Assisi, trips to the pilgrims' sites of Rome and of course the Mass on Sunday in St. Peter's Square when Blessed Carlo will be declared the first 'Millennial Saint.'

Bishop Denis will join us for the pilgrimage as well as Fr. David Vard. Places are limited and can be booked through Marian Pilgrimages or forms and itinerary can be collected in Portlaoise Parish Centre.

> First Holy Communion Preparation Mass

Today, Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> of January, the 11am Mass in Borris is one of the Special Masses in the year for the children preparing for First Holy Communion in May. We extend a warm welcome to the children and their families and extended families on the day. Please keep them in your prayers throughout the year.

## Directory of Irish Saints

Scarcely a parish in Ireland is without one or more dedications to saints, in the form of churches in ruins, holy wells or other ecclesiastical monuments.

Professor Padraig Ó'Riain's **Dictionary of Irish Saints** is intended to serve as a guide to the (mainly documentary) sources of information on the saints named in these dedications, for those that have an interest in them scholarly or otherwise. Professor Ó Riain has been working in the field of Irish hagiography for upwards of forty years, and the material for the over 1,000 entries in his Dictionary has come from a variety of sources, including Martyrology, genealogies of the saints, collections of folklore, Ordnance Survey letters, and other documents.

The book is due for publication on 24 January 2025 and will be available in bookshops but to avail of a 10% discount, you can purchase directly from www.fourcourtspress.ie or alternatively, call 01 4534668.