

Anniversaries for Week Ending
22nd & 23rd March 2025

Ballymurphy Anniversary Mass
Jim Doran Moycullen

Rathanna: Anniversary Mass
Special Intention

Borris Anniversary Mass
William & Julia Hughes Woodlawn Park
...their son Michael & Daughter Judy

Hugh & Billy Kelly Woodlawn Park
Robbie Nolan Coolnamara
Jim Flood Ballinvalley
Ita Canning Ballinagree
Patrick O’Gorman Main St. Borris
Patrick Breen Ballymurphy

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 or Email: safeguarding@kandle.ie

Cemetery Masses & Blessing of Graves 2025

The following are the dates for the Cemetery Masses and Blessing of the Graves for 2025:

Kiltennel

Blessing of Graves Sunday 22nd June at 12.30pm

Borris

Cemetery Mass Friday 27th June at 7.30pm

Clonagoose

Cemetery Mass Friday 4th July at 7.30pm

Rathanna

Cemetery Mass Sunday 3rd August at 3pm

Ballymurphy

Cemetery Mass Sunday 31st August at 3pm

Holy Week & Easter 2025 Borris Parish

Easter is fast approaching! Over the past number of years we have been fortunate to have available to us, in the parish, the services of a second priest. This is not the case this year and so adjustments need to be made to our timetable of services.

As at Christmas, it will mean that one of our outlining churches will not have a mass on Easter Sunday morning. It does mean that in 2026 that church will have a mass.

Sadly this is a reflection of changing times in our church with an aging priesthood and vocations to the priesthood practically non-existent.

In time to come with more Lay Involvement and an increase in the number of Permanent Deacons in our diocese, religious services will be available in all our churches again.

I hope that, for now you understand why these changes are necessary.

I thank you all again for your continued support as we move forward as communities, a parish and a wider church.

The following is the timetable for Easter 2025

Palm Sunday

Saturday 12th April Mass at 7.30 pm Ballymurphy

Sunday 13th April Mass at 9.30am Rathanna

Mass at 11.00am Borris

Tuesday 15th April **Penitential Service 7.30pm
Borris**

Holy Thursday 17th April Mass of the Lord's Supper
7.30pm Borris

Good Friday 18th April Celebration of the Lords'
Passion
3.00pm Borris
Stations of the Cross
7.30pm Borris

Holy Saturday 19th April Blessing of Food (Polish)
11am Borris
Easter Vigil 7.30pm Borris

Easter Sunday 20th April Mass at 9.30am Rathanna
Mass at 11.00am Borris

St Patrick's Day Committee

Borris St Patrick's Day Committee would like to thank the Grand Marshalls; Floats; Stewards and Sponsors that participated in the parade. Thank you to John Byrne for the MC; Paddy Lawless for singing and the musicians that played before and after the parade.

Also, thank you to Fr Rory, Cllr Willie Quinn and our Mayoress Mary Maher. We would also like to thank Borris Town Hall for its use for refreshments.

We wish to congratulate **Ballymurphy Celtic FC** on **winning the best walking float** and **Mount Leinster Rangers** on **runner-up**.

Congratulations to **Rathanna ICA** on **winning the best float** and **Clashganny Restaurant** as **runner-up**.

Congratulations to Borris Library for the **best presented premises**.

And last but not least congratulations to **Sean Ralph, Kyle**, on **winning the hamper in the hall**.

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

Easter Mass Cards

Easter Mass Cards are now available in the Parish Office.
Why not give the gift of a mass this coming Easter?

Community Building... Seeking Volunteers

I am proposing to set up an organisation or group of people in Borris and the surrounding areas in which people would volunteer time, skills, knowledge, information and social contact etc. to help neighbours or friends who may be in any sort of need.

This need could include small scale services such as: Cooking, Cleaning, Transport, Tax Advice, Irish Language Conversation Skills, Visitation...the list is endless.

It does not involve payment of any kind. It is just the giving of skills and time to others.

If the above interests you please contact me, **John Byrne, Woodlawn Park, (087) 981 9906.** It is something I mentioned at the Parade on St. Patrick's Day. I look forward to hearing from you.

Signed: John Byrne

Daffodil Day

The Irish Cancer Society are holding their annual Daffodil Day this coming Friday 28th of March. The work they do is priceless and I don't believe there is a family who have not been touched by the disease.

There will be collection points in Borris at O'Shea's Centra and Brophy's Convenience Store.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

If you know of any other events taking place on the day please let us know in the Parish Office, email borrisparish@gmail.com and we will advertise it on our website.

Community Employment Vacancies

Carlow Centre for Independent Living Clg. currently has vacancies for Health Care Assistants / Personal Assistants

Anyone interested in applying for these positions may do so by...

* applying online @ **JobsIreland.ie** to the following
2364534 Carlow Town & County
2364539 Rathvilly/Tullow

* email us @ carlowcilc@gmail.com

* contact us directly on **059 91 30014**

* call into our office at **Room 8, St. Fiacc's Leisure Centre, Graiguecullen, Carlow R93 N5YO**

Kiloughternane Drama Group

Kiloughternane Drama Group present

Big Maggie, by John B. Keane

A story of money, land and an Irish mother's tough love.

Directed by Jim Quirke

Performances take place in Kiloughternane Community Hall R95XR58 on the following dates:

March: 25th, 26th, 28th, 29th & 30th.

All performances start at 8pm sharp. Admission €13

Grásta Marriage Preparation Course

Grásta is a voluntary group of Married Couples based in Ireland, who for over 25 years have been facilitating Pre-Marriage Courses for couples getting married in the Catholic Church.

Are you preparing for marriage later this year or next year?

Weekend residential courses available.
23-25 May or 19-21 September 2025.

Further Details: www.grasta.org or email
info@grasta.org

Grants available to Childminders

The Childminding Development Grant of up to €1,000 is currently available to registered and unregistered Childminders caring for children in the Childminder's home,

including those planning to open a childminding business in 2025.

It aims to assist Childminders to enhance the safety and quality of their childminding service through the purchase of toys, safety equipment, childcare equipment and IT equipment.

For further information or to receive an application form, please contact Eilish/Jean at Carlow CCC on 059 9140244 or email eilish@carlowccc.ie.

Grant applications close on Friday, 4th April.

Singing for Wellbeing

Singing for Wellbeing is starting back in

Borris Library this Friday 28th March, 10am to 11am.

For further information:

Email ckinsella@carlowcoco.ie or
phone Borris Library at 059 9170350 to join up!