

BIRR PARISH

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Fr. Paddy Reedy C.S.Sp. 1932-2021

Fr. Paddy Reedy died peacefully on the last day of January having spent his life as a missionary priest in Sierra Leone and Ireland. He was a native of Birr, a place that was always so dear to him. One of a family of five girls and four boys born to Helena and John Reedy, Connaught Street.

Upon completion of his education with the Presentation Brothers here in Birr, Paddy entered the Missionary Society of the Holy Ghost Fathers or Spiritans. Kilshane, Co. Tipperary was the beginning of his formation in 1949. He graduated with a B.A. degree from University College Dublin and was ordained to the priesthood in 1958, one of thirty one priests in that ordination year of Spiritans.

He was appointed to Sierra Leone where he spent 20 years working in a variety of pastoral assignments, teaching in secondary schools and in parish settings. After a sabbatical year in Ireland in 1982 he served on the teaching staff of St. Mary's College, Rathmiines, in parish ministry in the Diocese of Dromore - Newry and Banbridge as well as a six-year term as superior of Rockwell College community.

Gracious and welcoming, his simple and sensitive pastoral style made him accessible to all. He spent his retirement in Kimmage Manor and since 2020 in Nazareth House where he died peacefully having lived a full and meaningful life that touched the lives of so many.

We offer sympathy to his surviving sibling, Sheila Humphreys and to his nieces and nephews and extended family.

Go dtuga Dia suaimhneas síoraí dá anam.

Buíochas

A note of Buíochas to all who sympathised with me following the death of my mam recently. Your thoughtful words, notes and cards of sympathy and having Masses offered are all very much appreciated. My mam was blessed with a long and full life and we are very appreciated of the gentle way she passed over to the next life.

Tom Hogan

In iothlann Dé go dtugar sí.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 6th	7.30 p.m.	Myra Wrafter (MM)
Sun 7th	10.30 a.m.	Michael & Betty O'Brien, Crinkill Sheila & Paddy O'Callaghan Gerry Hart Susie Pardy
	12 noon	Ann & William Hough Barbara Bracken & Bracken family Billy Kirwan & his father Paddy Paddy & Agnes Sheils Rene Blackman Sean Kinirons
Mon 8th	10.00 a.m.	Lucille Duggan, Wexford (MM) Damien McFadden Patrick McConnell
Tues 9th	10.00 a.m.	Frank & Carmel Egan Deceased Eucharistic Adorers
Fri 12th	10.00 a.m.	Margaret Doyle (MM) Dinny Kelly, Birr
Sat 13th	10.00 a.m.	Helen McCarthy (MM)



Please pray for the souls of

Kitty Hayden, Wood Row,
Fr. Paddy Reedy, CSSP, Dublin
and late of Birr,
Elamma Paulose Pynedath, India,
mother of Matthew Nicy, Annagh.

We sincerely thank parishioners who have continued to make donations to St. Brendan's Parish during this current Level 5 lockdown. Donations can be made in a number of ways and are very much appreciated:

1. Parish Envelopes (Cash or Cheque) can be placed in the locked green box in St. Brendan's church beside the candelabra.
2. Set up a standing order.
3. Electronic transfer to the Birr Parish bank account - IBAN - IE40 BOFI 9016 7724 9407 77.
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We would like to thank the following shops who are facilitating distribution of the newsletter:

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Mary, the Lord is with you

Mary
You are our companion
Along the way
And the inspiration
Of our faith journey.

Welcome into our hearts
And homes today.
Your openness, faith and trust
Touches our hearts to welcome
The gift of the Spirit,
As promised by your Son, Jesus.

As disciples of gospel service,
We desire to change.
We look to you as a friend and companion
In living our vocation and of following Christ,
And with the joy, sensitivity and love
You brought to Jesus during
His Bethlehem and Nazareth days.

When we contemplate
you as a woman filled with faith,
Your spirit of intuition and initiative,
Inspires us to be Good News
In our church and world.

In trust we pray with you:
My soul glorifies the Lord.
The Almighty has done great things.
With you Mary
We go to the Father,
In union with Jesus
In a Spirit of Love.
Amen.

John Cullen

Colour Me



Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Muire Lourdes.

Sa bhliain 1992 d'fhógair An Pápa Eoin Pól 11 go mbeadh Feabhra 11 mar Lá Domhanda na nEaslán gach bliain. D'iarr sé ar dhaoine ar fud na cruinne guí ar son daoine atá breoite agus ag fulaingt. Ceiliúrtar Tai-bhsíú na Maighdine Muire do Naomh Bernadette ar 11 Feabhra. Sa bhliain 1858, thaispeáin An Mhaighdean Mhuire í féin do Bernadette Soubirous, cailín bocht ceithre bliana déag d'aois. Níl áit ar bith ar fud an domhain ina bhfuil Críostaithe, nach bhfuil cáil ar Lourdes de bharr na sluaite, a thugann cuairt ar an Scrín bheannaithe ag iarraidh leighis dá ngalair agus grásta dá n-anam. Is mó duine atá ag fulaingt de bharr breoiteachta. Iarann an Eaglais orainn guí ar son daoine atá breoite ar an Déardaoin. Agus sinn ag smaoinreamh orthu is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá:

**A Mhuire Mháthair, mo mhíle grá tú
Mo choimirce chúnta in am gach gá tú
Mo dhochtúir leighis, tinn agus slán tú.**

Tá an paidir seo a leanas ón Traidisiún:

**A Íosa, glan mo chroíse
Go gléghlan gach lá,
A Íosa, cuir m'intinn faoi léirsmacht do ghrá.
Déan mo smaointe go fíorghlan
agus briathra mo bhéil,
Is a Thiarna, 'Dhia dhílis,
stiúir choíche mo shaol. Áiméan.**

Our Lady of Lourdes

Pope John Paul II initiated World Day of the Sick, in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is celebrated on 11 February. In 1858 Our Lady appeared for the first time to Bernadette Soubirous a poor girl, fourteen years of age. Many come to the Sacred Shrine each year from all over the world seeking healing and spiritual grace. We are all aware of people who are ill and we remember them especially on this feast day as we pray:

**Mother Mary your love protects me in all distress.
You are my physician in sickness and health.
Comfort all those who suffer. Be with them always.
Amen.**

The following prayer is from oral tradition:

**Jesus, cleanse my heart each day
and make it spotless,
Jesus, rule my mind by the power of your love.
Make truly clean my thoughts
and the words of my mouth,
and, dear Lord God,
direct my life now and forever. Amen.**