

BIRR PARISH

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The **Vincent de Paul shop** is currently closed due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, they can be contacted on **085-8804028** in emergencies.

New Construction Studies Programme will commence at Banagher FET Centre on the 19th of April 2021. Modules include: Concreting, Floor and Wall, Tiling MIG Welding and NZEB Awareness and Safe Pass Training. A training allowance is payable where applicable. For further details you can contact: (M) 085 8016195 or 085 8051912

Offaly Personal Assistant Services are currently recruiting for **Personal Assistants** in Social Care in Tullamore, Banagher and Portlaoise. The service provides support for people with disabilities in the community, assisting them with activities of daily living. This is a Community Employment position which will allow eligible candidates to gain both training and experience in the disability services. Please contact: Roisin Kennedy, CE Supervisor, Offaly Personal Assistant Services on 085 8050539 or roisin@ocil.ie for further information.

Birr Parish Finance

We are **very grateful** to parishioners who have continued to make donations to St. Brendan's Parish. **Donations** can be made to the parish in a number of ways:

1. Parish Envelopes (Cash or Cheque)
Donations can be placed in the locked green box in St. Brendan's church beside the candelabra. This box is opened daily,
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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Anonymously

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sun 4th	10.30 a.m.	Martin McCarthy (MM) Bill O'Meara & family Johnny Ryan, McAuley Drive Mary Sheils Celia Hart Har & Bridget Naylor & son Harry
	12 noon	Louie Grealy (MM) Joe Kennedy, Tullamore Road Michael & Ellie O'Connor Tom McInerney McInerney & Doyle families
Mon 5th	10.00 a.m.	Jack & Bina Walsh, Mallow & grandson Eoin Eastwood, Crinkill
Sat 10th	7.30 p.m.	Jim & Lily Reid Michael Hough Margaret, Michael & John Molloy
Sun 11th	10.30 a.m.	Tom & Doreen Rigney Sean Kinirons Dinny Sheeran, William Street Sheeran family
	12 noon	Sr. Celine Loughnane (1st Ann) Christy Loughnane



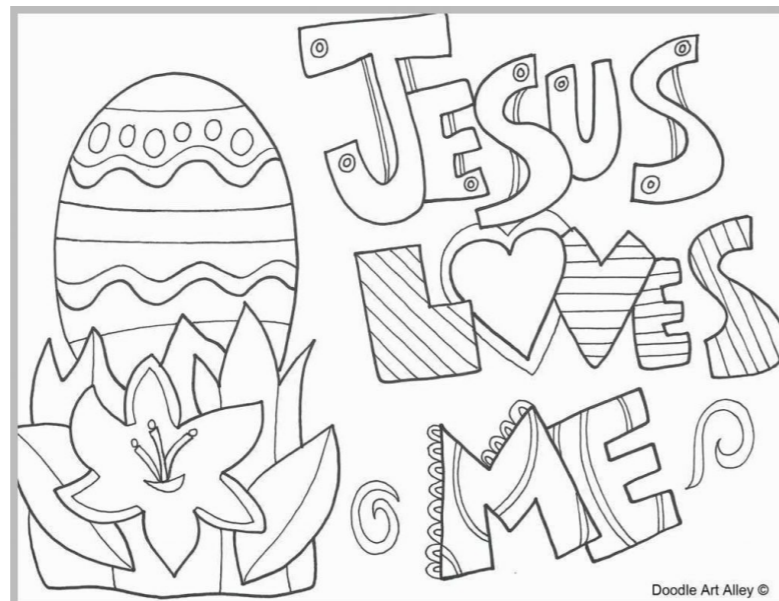
Please Pray for the Soul of

Herbert Hennessy, Seffin,
Tony Robinson, Kinnitty.

**“This is the day that the Lord has made:
let us rejoice in it and be glad”.**
Alleluia!

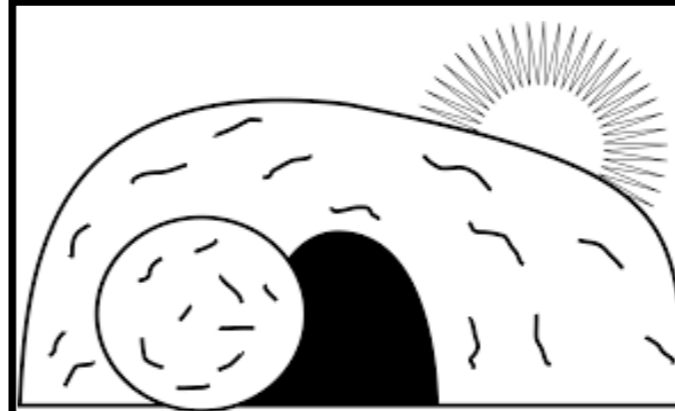
**Love has triumphed over hatred,
life has conquered death,
light has dispelled the darkness!**
Jesus is Lord.

Pope Francis



Colour Me

Easter Blessings To All



Easter Sunday means that because He lives we shall also live. A reason for living and our hope in dying. Easter resurrection happens in small, small ways. We all have small deaths and resurrections, Easter stories to tell, moments of promise and truth, moments of resurrection. Today, tell your Easter story and as you do so, say simply, “It’s good to be alive!”. And alive in Christ means alive forevermore.

An Easter Prayer

I wish you the strength to be warm when the world would prefer you to be cold.

I wish you only joy for all your days that you may soothe the sorrow of others.

I wish you wonder that you may see the glory of a loving God in all around you.

I wish you humour and the gift of smiling that you may banish the fears of others.

I wish you the glory of silence, that you might know the will of your Lord who loves you and walks always at your side.

I wish you Easter peace in your world and in your surroundings shining into the furthest corners of your heart where your truth is kept.

I wish you Easter fire to light your days and fill them full of vision and dreams.

I wish you faith so as to walk at the side of the least of men and women and feel their pain.

I wish you hope that you might ascend the heights of compassion.

And I wish you love to be with you for all eternity for in love all things become possible.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Domhnach Cásca.

Inniu Domhnach Cásca, an fhéile is mó i bhféilire na hEaglaise. Mar sin bímis lúcháireach inniu. Tá daichead lá an Charghais thart fad a bhíomar ag guí, ag déanamh íobairtí agus cleachtaí spioradálta chun a bheith réidh an Cháisc a cheiliúradh le díograis chroí agus brí iomlán a bhaint as bás agus aiséirí Chríost. Tá Críost faoi ghlóir anois. Nuair a d'aiséirigh sé léirigh sé gur bhuaigh sé ar an mbás, ar an bpeaca agus ar chumhacht an oilc. Chruthaigh sé gur bh É féin Dia. Bhí an tuama folamh agus bhí ionadh an domhain ar a chairde nuair a thaispeáin Íosa é féin dóibh. D'aithin siad é. Chreid siad go raibh sé aiséirithe, agus líonadh a gcroí le háthas. Tá go leor seanchas ag baint le hAiséirí Íosa. Anseo in Éirinn chreid ár sinsir go ndearna an ghrian damhsa sa spéir le háthas agus go raibh gach gné den dúlra faoi lúcháir ar Domhnach Cásca de bhí go raibh ár Slánaitheoir ina bheatha arís. Théidís go barr na gcnoc fiú go moch ar maidin chun an t-iontas a fheiceáil. An Domhnach Cásca seo, arís i mbliana caithfidimid fanacht sa bhaile agus páirt a ghlacadh in Aifreann na Cásca ar an Raidió, ar an gCeamara Gréasáin nó ar Straoisleabhar.

Caithfidimid leanúint ar aghaidh ag guí go mbeimid slán agus go mbeidh deireadh leis an Vireaschorónach go luath. Is féidir linn an phaidir chiorclach seo a rá gach maidin.

**Éirim suas le Dia, go n-éirí Dia liom,
Lámh Dé i mo thimpeall, ag suí is ag luí is ag éirí dom. Áiméan.**

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the greatest feast in the Liturgical Calendar. Let us rejoice. We have spent the forty days of Lent praying, making sacrifices and engaging in spiritual exercises in preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. Christ is in glory now. In the Resurrection Jesus showed his victory over death, sin and the power of evil. He proved he was God. The tomb was empty and his friends were surprised when he appeared to them. They recognised him. They believed he had risen from the dead and they were filled with joy.

In Ireland there is much folklore surrounding the Resurrection of Jesus. Our ancestors believed that the sun danced, and that nature celebrated on Easter Sunday because Jesus had risen from the dead. They used to go to the hilltops to see this spectacle.

Again this Easter Sunday, we must stay at home and take part in the Mass on Local or National Radio, on Webcam or on Facebook. We continue to pray that we may be safe from the Coronavirus and that it may soon be overcome. We can say this circular prayer each morning.

**I arise with God, May God rise with me,
God's hand about me as I sit,
as I lie and as I rise. Amen.**