

BIRR PARISH

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Lakeland Language Centre are looking for host families in the Birr area to take in Spanish students for the next Academic Year. If you are interested or want more information please call Justin on 085-8659667 or Gabriella on 085-8596657.

On Monday 24th May, Fr. Lorcan Kenny will launch his book "**Seven Voices of Hope**" based on seven characters from the Easter story. The book costs €7.99 and all proceeds will go to one of Lorcan's projects in Uganda where he has strong ties with Coloma Primary School. The book is available from veritasbooksonline.com

Radio Maria is Ireland's only Catholic radio station is available 24/7 and covers prayer, catechesis and human formation. It is advert and politics free. There are a number of ways to listen and join in:

1. Download the app on your mobile phone. Search for "Radio Maria Ireland" in the App Store.
2. Online at www.radiomaria.ie
3. On Facebook - search for "Radio Maria Ireland"
4. On Saorview TV - Channel 210

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

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Birr Town F.C.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 22nd	7.30 p.m.	Chrissie O'Meara (1st Ann) & her husband Paudge
Sun 23rd	10.30 a.m.	Mikie Donoghue Martin & Katie Ryan, Crinkill
	12 noon	Patrick Kirwan, Newbridge Street Paddy O'Connor
Sun 24th	10.00 a.m.	Peter Bruce
Sat 29th	7.30 p.m.	Maureen Plunkett (1st Ann) Tim & Maureen Ryan & son Michael
Sun 30th	8.30 a.m.	Paddy Corrigan, Castle Street
	10.30 a.m.	Donal & Margie Brady Tom & Betty Connole, The Thatch Pake & Lil Egan
	12 noon	John Giles James Hegarty, John Daly & Carmel Slammon Rosemarie Mooney, Woodlands Park Rita Carroll, The Ring, & Carroll family

Please Pray for the Souls of



Joe Landy, Westgate,
Patrick Cleary, Dublin,
& late of Roscrea Road,
Betty Farrell, Florida, & late of Church Street.

Sleeping St. Joseph Fridge Magnets

Fridge Magnets of Sleeping St. Joseph are now on sale in the Parish Office and after Mass.

€3.00 each or 2 for €5.00.
All proceeds to Birr Parish.

Holy Communion & Confirmation

Many parents and families of this year's Holy Communion and Confirmation classes are enquiring about dates. Bishop Fintan, on advice from NEPH-ET has told us that at the beginning of June we will be in a better position to set dates. We will keep you informed as soon as we get the go ahead.

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 - via Parish Envelopes, set up a standing order or via electronic transfer to the Birr Parish bank account - IBAN - IE40 BOFI 9016 7724 9407 77.

Parish Donations during the month of April was **€3,788**. We are very grateful for your continued support.

Pentecost Sunday

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday which occurs on the seventh Sunday after Easter. It is a celebration in recognition of receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit and acknowledging that God breathes life and energy into each and every one of us.



Spirit of God

You are the breath of creation,
the wind of change that blows through our lives,
opening us up to new dreams and new hopes,
to new life through Jesus Christ.

Forgive us our closed minds
which barricade themselves against new ideas,
preferring the past to what you
might want to do through us tomorrow.
Forgive us our closed eyes
which fail to see the needs of your world,
blind to opportunities of service and love.

Forgive us our closed hands
which clutch our gifts and our wealth
for our own use alone.
Forgive us our closed hearts
which limit our affections to ourselves
And our own

Spirit of new life, forgive us and break down the
prison walls of our selfishness,
that we might be open to your love
and open and ready to be in service of your world
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May is Safeguarding Month

Adult Safeguarding.

An Adult Safeguarding Policy for all Munster Dioceses has been introduced into the diocese. 'Inspired by gospel values, the commitment of Pope Francis, and in compliance with law we will strive to ensure the participation and welfare of all adults who may be vulnerable in the life of the Church. We are committed to fostering a safeguarding culture characterised by empowerment, collaboration and zero tolerance of abuse.' You can find a copy of the policy at <https://www.killaloe-diocese.ie/safeguarding/safeguarding-forms-policies>

Trócaire Lenten Campaign

€6,283 has been received for this year's Trócaire collection and it will now be forwarded to help with Trócaire's effort in South Sudan and Somalia. A very sincere thank you for this very generous amount.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Domhnach na Cincíse.

Ar an Domhnach seo ceiliúránn an Eaglais teacht an Spioraid Naoimh ar na hAspail. Le teacht an Spioraid Naoimh tá tús curtha leis an Eaglais ina bhfuilimid páirteach. Bhí na hAspail imníoch agus in ísle brí tar éis d' Íosa a bheith imithe uathu. Chabhraigh an Spiorad Naomh leo a gcreideamh agus a dtallanna a aithint chun feidhmiú i gcaobhscaoileadh an dea-scéil. Ghlacadar freagairt na hEaglaise óig orthu féin. Ba mhór an t-athrú a tháinig orthu Domhnach Cincíse tar éis teacht an Spioraid Naoimh. Chuaigh siad amach ar na sráideanna ag labhairt go poiblí faoi Íosa Críost a cuireadh chun báis agus a d'aiséirigh ó mhairbh. Ba bheag eagla a bhí orthu dul ar fud Iosrael, go tíortha eile sa Mheán Oirthear agus fiú go cathair na Róimhe féin ag fógairt scéil Íosa.

Is é an Spiorad céanna a bhronntar orainn sa Bhaisteadh agus sa Chóineartú. Ag glacadh le tabhartais an Spioraid Naoimh tugaimid geallta ár saol a chaitheamh mar fhinnéithe Chríost. Dé-anaimis machnamh ar conas a léirímid torthaí an Spioraid Naoimh inár slí bheatha agus mar a chaithimid le daoine eile. Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá:

Tar a Naomhspioraid Bheannaithe
Cuir grá Dé inár n-aighe
Isteach, 'na shéide lasracha.
Áiméan

Pentecost Sunday

On this Sunday the Church celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. The descent of the Holy Spirit was the beginning of the Church of which we are part. The Apostles were anxious and downcast after Jesus had been taken into heaven. The Holy Spirit helped them to recognise their faith and their talents which they needed to spread the good news. They accepted that responsibility. Their lives changed on Pentecost Sunday after the descent of the Holy Spirit. They went out into the streets preaching the Resurrection of Jesus. They were not afraid to preach the Good News in Israel, in the Middle East and even in Rome.

The same Spirit is given to us in Baptism and Confirmation. Accepting the Holy Spirit's gifts, we promise to devote our lives as Christ's witnesses. Let us reflect on how we portray the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our work and how we treat others. This prayer can be said:

Come Holy Spirit
Inflame our hearts with God's love
And fill us with your spirit.
Amen.