

## BIRR PARISH

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### Tuesday 29th June - Feast of SS. Peter & Paul

We can learn from Peter and Paul's lives. Paul converted from being a brutal persecutor to a fearless preacher through the grace of Christ. Peter learned that his denials are restored by love. Both men show us by their lives that recovery from their mistakes and openness to God's love gave them courage to bear witness to their faith. We all have shaky egos that are vulnerable to shame. But each of us, Like Peter and Paul are also called by name for God's kind purpose and plan.

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### Thursday 1st July - Feast of St. Oliver Plunkett

#### Prayer to St. Oliver Plunkett

Glorious Martyr, Oliver,  
 you willingly  
 gave your life  
 for your faith,  
 help us also  
 to be strong in faith.  
 May we be loyal like you  
 to the See of Peter.  
 By your intercession and example  
 may all hatred and bitterness  
 be banished from the hearts  
 of Irish men and women.  
 May the peace of Christ reign  
 in our hearts,  
 as it did in your heart,  
 even at the moment of your death.  
 Pray for us and for Ireland. Amen.



The shrine of St. Oliver Plunkett is in St. Peter's Church, Drogheda, Co. Louth

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## Remembered in Mass this Week

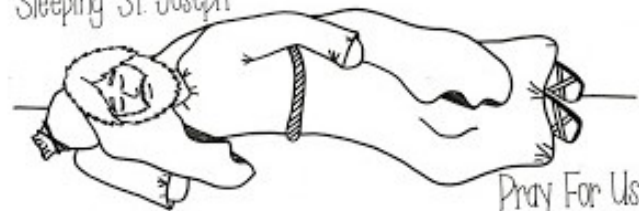
Sat 26th	7.30 p.m.	Pauline Long (MM) Tom & Betty Lally Martin Burrow
Sun 27th	10.30 a.m.	Albert & Mary Kate Watkins Oisin Watkins Carroll Patrick Nevin Kathleen Nevin Grant Joe Scully, Fortal
	12 noon	Kathleen Dowd Jack & P.J. King Dowd & King families Gail Kelly, Green Street & her parents Patrick & Josephine John Colclough & his son Sean
Thur 1st	10.00 a.m.	Teresa Smyth Cleary & Buckley families
Sat 3rd	7.30 p.m.	Peter McEvoy
Sun 4th	10.30 a.m.	Stephen Tierney
	12 noon	John Kearns, Oxmantown Mall

### Please Pray for the Soul of



Dan Curley, Scurragh,  
 & Curraghboy, Co. Roscommon

Sleeping St. Joseph



Pray For Us

### Sleeping St. Joseph Fridge Magnets

Pope Francis has promoted devotion to the Sleeping Saint Joseph. Joseph, while he was asleep was visited by the Holy Spirit in his dreams when making difficult decisions in his life. So Pope Francis puts his prayer request under the image of the Sleeping St. Joseph when he is going to sleep in the evening time. The next day he will revisit the presenting issue with fresh insight.

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.

### Birr Parish Finance

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 May was €5,910. We are very grateful for your continued support.

Birr Parish is still hoping to celebrate **First Holy Communion and Confirmation** in July on the following dates. We will continue to monitor HSE/Government advice.

### Dates for Sacraments 2021

#### First Holy Communion

##### Saturday 10th July

11.00 a.m. - Killeen N.S.  
 & Parish Preparation Programme  
 2.00 p.m. - St. Brendan's Boys P.S.  
 4.00 p.m. - Crinkill N.S.

##### Sunday 11th July

9.30 a.m. Carrig N.S. (in Carrig Church)  
 2.00 p.m. Mercy P.S.

#### Confirmation

##### Monday 5th July

5.30 p.m. - Mercy P.S.  
 & Parish Preparation Programme  
 7.30 p.m. - Crinkill N.S.

##### Tuesday 6th July

5.30 p.m. - Killeen N.S. & Carrig N.S.  
 7.30 p.m. - St. Brendan's Boys N.S.

If these dates do not suit a family please contact the sacramental co-ordinator, Joan on 089-4400853.

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**Cemetery Masses** take place in Carrig on Thursday 8th July and in Clonoghill on Thursday 22nd July. Masses on both evenings will begin at 7.30pm.

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### St. John's Eve

Midsummer night, and bonfires on the hill  
 Burn for the man who makes way for the Light:

'He must increase and I diminish still,  
 Until his sun illuminates my night.'

So John the Baptist pioneers our path,  
 Unfolds the essence of the life of prayer,  
 Unlatches the last doorway into faith,  
 And makes one inner space an everywhere.  
 Least of the new and greatest of the old,  
 Orpheus on the threshold with his lyre,  
 He sets himself aside, and cries "Behold  
 The One who stands amongst you comes with fire!"  
 So keep his fires burning through this night,  
 Beacons and gateways for the child of light.  
 By Malcolm Guite

### Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

#### Laethanta Saoire.

Tá na scoileanna dúnta agus laethanta saoire an tSamhraidh tosaithe. Go raibh gach duine go slán sábháilte ar muir is ar tír i rith an tSamhraidh le laethanta geala, faoi áthas, faoi mhaise agus faoi phléisiúr i ngrásta Dé agus sinn ag tabhairt moladh Dó as na grásta go léir atá bronnta aige orainn. Is paidir dheas í seo ón mBéaloideas chuig d'Aingeal Coimhdeachta le rá le haghaidh sábháilteachta:



**Aingeal aoibhinn, aingeal Dé,  
 Cabhraigh liom ar feadh an lae.  
 Bí le m'ais go síoraí dlúth  
 Is ná lig don diabhal mé a chur amú. Áiméan**

Tá tráth na scrúduithe thart i mbliana agus beidh daltaí ag glacadh saoire freisin. Guímid gach rath ar dhaltaí an pharóiste agus iarraidimid ar an Spiorad Naomh teacht i gcabhair orthu agus iad a choimeád slán i gcónaí.

**A Thiarna go leana mé tú agus do threoir i gcónaí.  
 In ainm an Athar le bua,  
 In ainm an Mhic d'fhulaing pian,  
 In ainm an Spiorad Naoimh le neart,  
 Muire agus a Mac linn inár dtriall. Áiméan**

#### Summer Holidays

Schools are closed and Summer holidays have begun. May all be safe on land and at sea during the Summer enjoying bright days full of joy and happiness in the grace of God. We praise Him for all the graces he has bestowed on us. This is a lovely prayer from our Tradition to our Guardian Angel for protection:

**O angel of God,  
 help me throughout this day.  
 Be with me forever,  
 Save me from all evil. Amen.**

Examinations are finished and students look forward to the holidays. We wish all students in the parish every success and we ask the Holy Spirit to help them and keep them safe.

**Lord may I always follow you,  
 and let you be my guide  
 In the name of the Father victorious,  
 In the name of the Son who suffered,  
 In the name of the Holy Spirit of power,  
 May Mary and her son be with us. Amen**