

## BIRR PARISH

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**Eucharistic Ministers** - If any Eucharistic Minister has a Pyx for taking Holy Communion to a family member or friend and are not using it anymore we would be very grateful if you would return to the Parish Office or the Sacristy. Many thanks.

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**Birr Review 2021** - The Birr Review Committee are looking for contributions from the people of Birr to this much loved annual publication. We are hoping that all the local Clubs, Societies and Groups will let us know what activities they have been up to since 1 November 2020. Couples who have been married, and those couples who have celebrated their 20th, 30th, 40th, 50th or 60th Wedding Anniversaries since 1 November 2020 are also encouraged to send in a photograph and accompanying details to: [birrreview@gmail.com](mailto:birrreview@gmail.com).

### Attitude

"The longer I live, the more I realise the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill.

It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable.

The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude...I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you...we are in charge of our attitudes."

*by Charles Swindoll*

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## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 31st	7.30 p.m.	John Girvin, his brother Paul & parents Dorothy & John Enda Cooke, her daughter Geraldine & grand-daughter Natalie William O'Donoghue
Sun 1st	8.30 a.m.	Mary Burns-Kennedy
	10.30 a.m.	Tony Devine, Donaghmede, Dublin
Tues 3rd	10.00 a.m.	Johnny Madden
Wed 4th	10.00 a.m.	Michael & Mary Ellen King
Thur 5th	10.00 a.m.	James & Frances Hayes, Crinkill
Fri 6th	10.00 a.m.	Celine & Lorraine McCarthy & their father John McCarthy family
Sat 7th	10.00 a.m.	Paddy Murphy & his son Pat
	7.30 p.m.	Christy & Mary Hough Lill Roe & her grand-daughter Rosaleen Waters John Kennedy, Bridge Street
Sun 8th	10.30 a.m.	Nora & Michael Grennan Kathleen & Sally Scully
	12 noon	Maura & Jimmy Hayes, Seffin & Annagh

### Please Pray for the Souls of



Maura Sherlock, William Street,  
 Sheila Delahunty, Carrig,  
 Bridie Greed, Clonkenny,  
 mother of Fr. Pat Greed.

*Sleeping St. Joseph*



### 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.

## A Prayer

Lord Jesus,

What weaknesses did you see in us that made you decide to call us, in spite of everything, to collaborate in your mission?

We give you thanks for having called us, and we beg you not to forget your promise to be with us to the end of time.

Frequently we are invaded by the feeling of having worked all night in vain, forgetting, perhaps, that you are with us.

We ask that you make yourself present in our lives and in our work, today, tomorrow, and in the future yet to come.

Fill with your love these lives of ours, which we put at your service.

Take from our hearts the egoism of thinking about what is "ours," what is "mine", always excluding, lacking compassion and joy.

Enlighten our minds and our hearts, and do not forget to make us smile when things do not go as we wished.

At the end of the day, of each one of our days, make us feel more united with you and better able to perceive and discover around us greater joy and greater hope.

We ask all this from our reality. We are weak and sinful men, but we are your friends.

**Amen.**

*by Rev. Adolfo Nicolás, S.J.*

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### Money Matters

The average monthly expenses for the parish are approximately €12,000 per month. The main income is from the Parish Development Fund, Basket Collection and Shrines. The basket collection has reduced dramatically and consequently we have an ongoing shortfall. We acknowledge and thank you for your continued generosity and support.

**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 July was **€7,769.**

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### *Mí Lúnasa.*

Cuirimis fáilte roimh Mhí Lúnasa, mí na cruithneachta, mí an Fhómhair. Gabhaimid buíochas le Dia as an aimsir álainn a bhí againn le tamall anuas. Go raibh gach duine slán sábháilte ar na bóithre agus ag snámh. I mí Lúnasa, ceiliúraimis an fómhar. Duine de na déithe ba thábhachtaí i gcultúr na gCeilteach ab ea Lugh. Féile a bhí ann le fáiltiú roimh fhás an arbhair agus roimh thúis an fhómhair. Is minic a bhíodh daoine in Éirinn ag déanamh damhsaí agus tinte cnámha le Féile Lúnasa a cheiliúradh. Bhí cuid de na nósanna seo beo go dtí an fichiú haois. De réir an tseanchais ba laoch, file, cruithne, taidhleoir, státaire agus ceardai é Lugh. Is uaidh a shíolraigh ainm na míosa, Lúnasa, an chéad mhí den fhómhar. In aimsir na gCeilteach ceapadh gur ón ngrían a tháinig torthaí na talún. Tháinig Naomh Pádraig agus mhúin sé gur chruthaigh Dia teas na gréine agus báisteach na spéire chun plandaí a chur ag fás. Is é intinn an Phápa don mhí seo ná: Guímis ar son na hEaglaise, go bhfaighe sí grásta agus neart ón Spiorad Naomh chun í féin a leasú faoi sholas an tSoiscéil. Gabhaimis buíochas le Dia as gach ní a fhásann. Sa Bhiobla, cuirtear in iúl dúinn go bhfuil "tráth breithe, tráth báis, tráth curtha síl, tráth bainte fómhar". (Cóheilit(3:1) A Thiarna bí linn i Mí Lúnasa.

**Ag Críost an síol, ag Críost an fómhar.  
 in iothlainn Dé go dtugtar sinn.**

**Ag Críost an mhuir, ag Críost an t-iasc.**

**I líonta Dé go gcastar sinn.**

**Ó fhás go haois, ó aois go bás,**

**do dhá láimh, a Chríost, anall tharainn.**

**Ó bhás go críoch nach críoch ach athfhás,**

**i bParthas na ngrást go rabhaimid Áiméan**

### **Month of August**

We welcome the month of August, the month of wheat, the beginning of Autumn. We thank God for the beautiful weather we have had for some time. May everybody be safe on the roads and while swimming.

In August, we celebrate the harvest. Lugh was one of the most important gods in pre-Christian Celtic Culture. Dancing and bonfires were engaged in to celebrate the Feast of Lugh. Some of these customs were still alive until the twentieth century. According to folklore Lugh was a warrior, a hero, a poet, a harpist, a diplomat, a statesman and a craftsman. August (Lughnasa) the first month of Autumn is named after him. In pre-Christian times it was thought that all the crops came from the sun and without it there would be no food and they would die. St. Patrick came and taught that God created the heat of the sun and the rain to help the growth of plants. We thank God for everything that grows. The Pope's intention for August is: Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel. In the Bible we read that there is: A time to be born, a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.... (Ecclesiastes 3:2-3) Lord be with us during the month of August.

**To Christ the seed, to Christ the crop,  
 in barn of Christ may we be brought.  
 To Christ the sea, to Christ the fish,  
 in nets of Christ may we be caught.  
 From growth to age, from age to death,  
 Thy two arms here, O Christ, about us.  
 From death to end, not end but growth,  
 in blessed Paradise may we be. Amen.**