

BIRR PARISH

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The annual **Cemetery Mass** takes place in the old cemetery, **Clonoghill** next **Thursday 22nd July at 7.30 p.m.**

Priests Collection

We acknowledge and **thank** parishioners for their generosity to the **July Priests' collection**. If you were away and wish to contribute, envelopes can be left in the Green box in the church. Many thanks.

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 **June** was **€5,538**.

The Bend in the Road

Sometimes we come to life's crossroads
And we view what we think is the end.
But God has a much wider vision
And he knows that it's only a bend-

The road will go on and get smoother
And after we've stopped for a rest,
The path that lies hidden beyond us
Is often the path that is best.

So rest and relax and grow stronger,
Let go and let God share your load
And have faith in a brighter tomorrow-
You've just come to a bend in the road.

By Helen Steiner Rice

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 17th	7.30 p.m.	Tom & Christina Brereton Martin Guilfoyle and his parents William & Margaret Michael Hickey Cora Kenny
Sun 18th	8.30 a.m.	William & Florence Cooke & their son Teddy
	10.30 a.m.	Tom Hynes, New Road
	12 noon	Gemma Ely (MM) Patrick & Elizabeth Mullins, Fairview Keith family John O'Connor
Mon 19th	10.00 a.m.	Ray Murphy
Wed 21st	10.00 a.m.	James & Frances Hayes, Crinkill
Thur 22nd	10.00 a.m.	Anna Coolahan
Sat 24th	7.30 p.m.	Christy "Pops" & Margaret Kelly Paddy Nugent, Green Street Helena Cahill David "Budgie" Byrne & his father Camillus
Sun 25th	10.30 a.m.	Babby Flynn Bill Foran & family
	12 noon	Michael Madden, Main St & Townsend St.
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Mary Torpey (1st Ann), Carrig



Please Pray for the Soul of

Mary Byrne, Roscrea
Sister of Phyliss Hehir, Bulfin Park

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.

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These weekdays our readings are from the Book of Exodus and the focus is on Moses. This reflection might connect for you.

Reflection - Moses

The evening sunlight faded from the land.
The moon was rising silvery and pale.
The young man sat in silence on the sand
And listened to the old man tell his tale.

He was afraid, he said, and ran away
To wander in the waste of desert sands.
He was an outlaw from that very day
He wore Egyptian blood upon his hands.

Then somewhere in the desert's binding heat,
A place where desert bushes seemed to burn,
He shook the leather sandals from his feet
And heard the voice if God bid him return.

"Send Aaron, Lord", he said, "Let Aaron speak.
He speaks so well and my words stumble so.
The Pharaoh will not listen to the weak."
"Your words will come from me." God said. "Now go".

And then when God had shown his mighty hand
And through his servant Moses set them free
The people marched towards their Promised Land
Across the dried up bottom of the sea.

And though the people sometimes went astray
And at the foot of Sinai worshipped gold.
Yet Moses led them back upon the way.
The way to milk and honey, long foretold.

"And so," the old man said "when young men meet
And ask who was the bravest one of all.
Remember well the man who bared his feet
And listened to his Master's desert call.

Though slow of speech and filled with fear and doubt.
He freed the tribe of God and led them out."

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Naomh Camillus de Lellis.

Tá Lá Fhéile Camillus de Lellis ar an 18 Iúil. Rugadh é sa bhliain 1550. Fuair a mháthair bás nuair a bhí sé an-óg agus d'fhás sé aníos gan smacht. Chaith sé tamall dá shaol ina rógaire reatha. le saighdiúireacht agus le cearrbhachas nó gur iompaigh Dia chuige féin é. Ansin chuaigh Camillus isteach in Ord na gCaipisíneach ach b'éigean dó imeacht de bharr na bhfiolún ar a cho-sa. Thriail sé ar an Róimh .Bhí sé an- tugtha do chúram na n-easlán agus chuaigh sé i mbun oibre i gceann de na hospidél ann. Thosaigh sé ag staidéar le bheith ina shagart agus ornaíodh é .Bhunaigh sé Ord de shagart a mbeadh sé mar de chúram orthu freastal ar dhaoine breoite sna hospidél agus ina dtithe cónaithe. D'éag sé sa bhliain 1614. D'fhógair an Pápa Leo X111 Naomh Camillus ina éarlamh ar ospi-déal agus tithe leighis. Is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá ar son daoine breoite:

Guimis orthu siúd atá breoite, in ospidél agus sa bhaile, go bhfaighidís leigheas trí idirghuí Naomh Camillus. Áiméan.

Feast of St. Camillus

The Feast of St. Camillus is celebrated on the 18 July. He was born in 1550. His mother died when he was very young and he grew up without parental discipline spending part of his life being a soldier and given to gambling. Camillus turned to God and joined the Capuchin Order but was forced to leave because of ulcers in his feet. He went to Rome. He was very devoted to the care of the sick and began to work in one of the hospitals there. He studied for the priesthood and was ordained. He founded an order of Priests whose mission was to serve the sick in hospitals and in their homes. He died in 1614. Pope Leo X111 proclaimed Saint Camillus patron of hospitals and nursing homes. The following prayer is for the sick:

Let us pray for those who are sick in hospitals or at home. May they be healed through the intercession of Saint Camillus. Amen.



**Moses Parts
The Red Sea**

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