

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.

Please support Offaly Hospice Charity Shop, Offaly St, Tullamore our shop is open Tuesday to Saturday 10.30am to 4.30pm. All donations of Ladies Gents and Childrens Clothes & Shoes along with Bric a Brac welcome. Contact Chris on the Offaly Hospice Shop phone number 083 0994754 for further information.

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.

This year the Youth 2000 Summer Festival will take place both ONLINE and IN PERSON! The festival is primarily taking place ONLINE! All talks, testimonies, Liturgies, prayer and worship will take place online for the course of the weekend and it is here that you can watch, engage with and participate in the Summer Festival in its entirety. However, in line with government and church regulations, this year we are able to add in person elements once again to our Summer Festival. These in person elements will be held at multiple satellite locations around Ireland with slightly different formats in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland to ensure that all activities are in line with relevant government regulations there. For all information and to register please visit www.youth2000.ie.

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Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 7th	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
Tues 10th	10.00 a.m.	Deceased Eucharistic Adorers
Sat 14th	7.30 p.m.	Gerry & Nellie Daly Michael & Patricia Fallon Kevin Pardy
Aug 15th	10.30 a.m.	Marie Burke, Hillside
	12 noon	William, Catherine & Billy Delaney



Please Pray for the Soul of

Frank Doorley, Hillside



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.

**The most beautiful things
in the world cannot
be seen or even touched.
They must be felt
with the heart.**

Helen Keller

What is success?

To laugh often and much;
to win the respect of intelligent people
and the affection of children;
to earn the appreciation of honest critics
and endure the betrayal of false friends;
to appreciate the beauty;
to find the best in others;
to leave the world a bit better,
whether by a healthy child,
a garden patch
Or a redeemed social condition;
to know even one life
has breathed easier
because you have lived.
This is to have succeeded!"

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Emergence

After the long sorrows and the upset, when the rains have stopped and the storms eased, you will walk out again, the roads still lustrous wet, you will breast the rise, and pause; listen a while

to the burble of excess rainwater along hidden drains and the welcoming scold of the wren and chaffinch; half-hidden at the base of the blackthorn hedge, a fox-run leads towards the secrecy of a dark wood

and you find, by a solitary ash, where the new grasses are disentangling from the old on the cramped ditch-top, an early purple orchid, rising lone towards pyramidal grandeur and enigma. Stand

for a while in mid-morning silence, to savour the presence of the world as you knew it, maternal though strict, embracing and aloof, till you feel part of the insistent and discreet stirring of new life,

your part being to be yourself, attentive, open and quietly expectant, aware of the simple desire to be one with the presence, the stillness, to hold in acceptance the long sorrows and the loss.

by John F. Deane

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.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Athrú Aeráide.

Iarrtar orainn onóir a thabhairt don Chruthaitheoir agus gréasán na beatha a chaomhnú. Tá athrú aeráide ag cur isteach go mór ar an domhan. An tseachtain seo caite chualamar scéalta sna meáin chumarsáide faoi staid na haimsire ar fud an domhain; tinte móra sna Stáit Aontaithe; tuilte i lár na hEorpa, sa tSín agus sa Nua-Shéalainn; teochtaí an-ard in Iarthar na hEorpa agus tinte foraoiseacha millteacha sa Tuirc agus sa Ghréig.

Cad is cúis leis an bhfíor-dhrochaimsir ne-amhshéasúrach seo? Deir eolaithe aeráide go bhfuil baint ag athrú aeráide leis an drochaimsir agus nach foláir cosc a chuir leis an téamh domhanda go práinneach. Ní féidir le heolaithe a rá go cinnte fós, an é an t-athrú aeráide an t-aon chúis amháin atá leis an bhfíor-dhrochaimsir ach deir siad gur cinnte go gcuireann sé léi. Is é an domhan forbartha ceann de na truaillitheoirí is mó a dhéanann dochar don at-maisféar.

Ba cheart dúinn go léir gach iarracht a dhéanamh chun an domhan mór a chóiméad slán sábháilte do na glúine atá le teacht. Chun cabhrú linn é seo a dhéanamh, is féidir linn staidéar a dhéanamh ar Laudato Si, ciorclán an Phápa a foilsíodh Meitheamh 2015.

A Dhia, doirt anuas orainn cumhacht do ghrá ionas go mbeimid in ann an bheatha agus an áilleacht a chosaint. Áiméan.

Climate Change

We are asked to honour the Creator and preserve the network of life. Climate change is taking its toll on the world. Last week we heard reports in the media on the worldwide weather extremes, major fires in the United States, floods in Central Europe, China and New Zealand. very high temperatures in Western Europe with devastating forest fires. What is the reason for this extreme non-seasonal weather? Scientists say climate change is responsible for bad weather and that global warming must be stopped as a matter of urgency. Scientists cannot yet say for certain whether climate change is the only cause of extreme weather, but they say it certainly contributes to it. The developed world is one of the biggest polluters in the world and this harms the atmosphere. We ought to make every effort to keep the world safe for future generations. To help us let us read the Pope's Encyclical Laudato Si which was published June 2015.

All-powerful God. pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Amen.