

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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Birr Conference of SVP would greatly appreciate the **donation of school uniforms**. They can be handed in to the SVP shop on Wilmer Road from Tuesday to Friday mornings. The SVP contact number is **085-8804028**. Thank you for your continued support.

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 Children's Clothes & Shoes along with Bric a Brac welcome. Contact Chris on the Offaly Hospice Shop phone number 083 0994754 for further information.

Money Matters

We have traditionally depended on the passing of the collection baskets at Sunday masses for support. Thank you to the many parishioners who have found new ways of continuing to support the parish during this time of reduced attendances. The generosity of o many means we can pay our way at this time.

Ways to contribute to our Parish

- Envelope boxes available in Church and Parish Office
- Direct payment by cheque or cash.
- Transfer directly to our bank account
- **IBAN** - IE40 BOFI 9016 7724 9407 77.

Parish Donations during the month of July was

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 21st	7.30 p.m.	Patrick Donoghue (1st Ann) Rose Gunning (1st Ann) & her husband Eamonn Johnny Mann, New Road
Sun 22nd	10.30 a.m.	Tommy Sheeran (MM) Jack & Nellie Gleeson, Killeen
	12 noon	Vincent & Mary Cordial
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Sheila Delahunty (MM)
Thur 26th	10.00 a.m.	Kathleen Wright
Sat 28th	7.30 p.m.	Maura Sherlock (MM) Cella Errity (1st Ann) Jack & Bina Walsh & grandson Eoin Eastwood
Sun 29th	9.30 a.m.	Noel Houlihan Carrig

Please Pray for the Souls of



Bernie Lally, McAuley Drive,
Francis Thompson, Norwich
& late of Pound Street,
Colman Murphy, Ballyegan,
Ena Hickey (nee Connolly), England
and late of High Street,
sister of Michael Connolly, Kinnitty.

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.

***Challenges are what
make life interesting and
overcoming them is what
makes life meaningful.***

The Curmudgeon's Prayer



Lord, thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will someday be old.

Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs.

Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point.

Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweet as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening self-righteousness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a Saint—some of them are so hard to live with—but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people.

And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.
Amen.

Comhgairdeas - Congratulations

Congratulations to the team and management of our county **Under-20 Football** squad on their **All-Ireland** success last weekend.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Naomh Róis Lima (1586-1617)

Ar an Luan 23 Lúnasa comórfar Lá Féile Naomh Róis, Lima. Rugadh í i Lima, Peru sa bhliain 1586. Cailín an —diaga ab ea í agus bhí ard mheas aici ar Naomh Caitríona Sienna agus thosaigh sí ag déanamh aithrise uirthi. Throisc sí trí huair in aghaidh na seachtaine. Is mó fear a theastaigh í a phósadh ach thug sí a cúl orthu go léir. I gcoinne tola a tuismitheoirí chaith sí mórán uaireanta ag guí os comhair na Naomhshacraiminte. Theastaigh uathu go bpósfadh sí. Chinn sí go nglacfadh sí móid na gearmnaíochta. Faoi dheireadh thug a hathair seomra dí sa teach. Chabhraigh sí le daoine breoite agus ocracha sa phobal inar mhair sí.

In aois a fiche bliain glacadh í isteach i dTreas Ord Naomh Dominic. Chaith sí an chuid is mó dá ham ag guí. Is minic a thaibhsigh Dia É féin di. Fuair sí bás sa bhliain 1617. Naomhainmnigh an Pápa Clement 1X sa bhliain 1671. Ceiliúrtar a lá fhéile ar 23 Lúnasa. Seo paidir chuig Naomh Róis Lima:

***A Thiarna Dia ár nAthair, le grá duit,
shéan Naomh Róis gach rud saolta
le bheith ina naomh.
De réir cabhair a paidreacha,
deonaigh go ndéanaimis aithris uirthi
agus bheith tugtha d'Íosa inár saol laethúil
trí Chríost ár dTiarna. Áiméan.***

St. Rose of Lima (1586-1617)

Monday next 23August is the feast of Saint Rose of Lima. She was born in Lima, Peru in 1586. She was a very devout girl who had a great regard for and was influenced by Saint Catherine of Sienna. She fasted three times a week. Many men wanted to marry her, but she refused them all. Against her parents' wishes, she spent many hours in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. They wanted her to marry. She decided that she would take a vow of celibacy. Her father eventually gave her a cell at the back of his house. Here she spent much time in prayer. She helped the sick and hungry people in the community.

At the age of twenty she entered the Third Order of St Dominic. She spent most of her time in prayer. God often appeared to her. She died in 1617. Pope Clement 1X canonised her in 1671. His feast day is celebrated on August 23. This is a prayer to St Rose of Lima:

***Lord God, our Father, out of love for you,
Saint Rose rejected all worldly things
to strive for holiness.
Through her intercession
may we follow her example
and put Jesus first in our daily lives
through Christ our Lord. Amen***

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