

BIRR PARISH

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Paddy Fenning Sponsored Walk

In aid of Motor Neurone Disease and Offaly Homeless takes place on September 26th from G.A.A. Centre, Arden Rd. Tullamore. For further details contact Michael @ 0894386908

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 so 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.

Male Spanish Erasmus Student looking for accommodation in Birr for 3 months (until Christmas). If you can help please call Luis on 00 34 653 971418 or email l.lazarohoz@gmail.com.

**Kind words are short
and easy to speak,
But their echoes
are truly endless.**

Sponsored By

Anonymous

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 18th	7.30pm	Michael Hansbury (Snr) Tom Pardy Martin Rice
Sun 19th	10.30am	James & Brigid Flynn & George Flynn & Family
	12 noon	Bernie Lally (MM) Brian Guidera Pat O'Gorman & O'Gorman Family John Dunican Gretta, Michael & John Reid Anne & Paddy Murray
Fri 24th	10.00 a.m.	Fergal Keighery
Sat 25th	10.00 a.m.	Austin Byrne
	7.30 p.m.	Betty Townsend & her son Paul Irene O'Leary Eamon Pardy, Ashbrook Drive George & Margaret Plunkett & their son Georgie Jimmy Donoghue, McAuley Drive Sheila Jennings
Sun 26th	10.30 a.m.	Michael Bowes, Connaught St (1st Ann) Patrick O'Meara Gerry Garahy
	12 noon	Phil McNamara, Elmgrove (1st Ann) Rachel Spain, Corr na Meala Eileen & Mick O'Regan Shortt family



Please Pray for the Souls of

Mary Tuohy, Roscrea, mother of
Nuala Cunningham, staff Crinkill N.S.,
Jackie Hannon, Shinrone, father of
Tom Hannon, staff Birr Community School

My Guardian Angel

When my goodnights and
prayers are said,
And I am safe,
tucked up in bed.
I know my
Guardian Angel stands,
And holds my soul between his hands.
I cannot see his wings of light,
Because I keep my eyes shut tight.
For if I open them, I know,
My pretty Angel has to go,
But through the darkness I can hear,
His white wings rustling very near,
I know it is his darling wings,
Not mother folding up my things.



Celebration of Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to all young people receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. The young people who attended Crinkill N.S. will be confirmed next Friday, 24th September @ 7.30pm. We keep them all in our prayers.

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Lord, You send out Your Spirit
to touch the hearts of all people,
so that they may believe in You
and in Jesus whom You sent.
Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation
as they listen to Your voice.
Open their hearts to Your Spirit
and bring to fulfilment
the good work that You have begun in them.
As we prepare these children for Confirmation,
make each of us an instrument of Your love.
Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others,
and to be patient with what we do not understand.
Deepen our faith in the Gospel
and help us to pass it on by our example.
We pray that You will continue
to guide us and sustain us.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

What I Lost Through Prayer

"Once a man was asked,
'What did you gain by regularly praying to God? '
The man replied,
'**Nothing...**but let me tell you what I lost:
Anger, ego, greed, depression,
insecurity, and fear of death. '
Sometimes, the answer to our prayers
is not gaining, but losing;
which ultimately is the gain.

Míle Buíochas

Míle Buíochas to the O'Meara and Milne families who donated vegetables for our Harvest Mass celebration. Thanks also to Mary Larkin who created the beautiful **Sacred Space**. We give thanks for the harvest and the blessing of having enough food to eat.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Naomh Maitiú.

Duine d'Aspal Íosa ab ea Naomh Maitiú agus ceiliúrtar a lá Fhéile ar 21 Meán Fómhair. Bailitheoir cánach ab ea é. Bhí drochmheas ag na Giúdaigh ar bhailitheoirí cánach. Cuid dá aicme a bhíodh ag bailiú cánacha do na Rómhánaigh nó do Héaród. Nuair a chas Íosa ar Mhaitiú dúirt sé leis "lean mise".

Scríobh sé a Shoiscéal as Aramais dá mhuintir féin na Giúdaigh chun a chruthú dóibh gur bh é Íosa as Nasaireit an Messiah ar labhair na fáithe faoi sa Sean -Tiomna. Luann sé mar sin ina Shoiscéal a lán de na tairngreachtaí úd i dtaobh an Messiah agus léiríonn sé mar a chomhlíonadh ina n-iomlán iad in Íosa. D'fhulaing Naomh Maitiú géarleanúint agus anbhás go háthasach ar son Íosa.

Naomh Maitiú guigh orainn inniu. Áiméan

Ceiliúrfar Lá Fhéile Muire na Trócaire, Meán Fómhair 24. Lá mór comóraidh is ea é do Shiúracha na Trócaire in Éirinn agus ar fud an domhain. Guímis ar a son agus iad ag saothrú agus ag moladh Dé lá i ndiaidh lae. Guímis freisin ar son a gcomhpháirtithe agus aon duine a bhí bainteach ri-amh le Siúracha na Trócaire. Go raibh siad dílis dá ngairm.

Go raibh an neart, an t-eolas agus an grásta ó Dhia acu iad siúd atá faoina gcúram a threorú mar is ceart agus is cóir. Áiméan

St. Matthew

St. Matthew was one of the Apostles and his feast day is celebrated 21 September. Matthew was a tax collector. The Jews despised those who collected taxes for the Romans or for Herod. When Jesus met Matthew, he said to him "follow me".

Matthew wrote his Gospel in Aramaic for his own people, the Jews, to prove to them that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah whom the prophets foretold in the Old Testament. He shows how the prophesy was fulfilled in Jesus. Matthew followed Jesus and suffered torture and death willingly for the sake of Jesus.

St Matthew pray for us today. Amen.

The feast of Our Lady of Mercy is celebrated on the 24th September. It is a great day of celebrations for Sisters of Mercy in Ireland and all over the world. We pray for them and for all those associated with them, that they may be faithful to their calling.

Lord may they receive strength and knowledge to guide those in their care in the way of justice and right. Amen.