

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.

Who Cares? is a new information booklet for Laois & Offaly that aims to support and empower carers of people with cognitive impairment/dementia on their caring journey and help them access relevant supports and services that they may require at various times along the route. It also provides them with information in relation to carer entitlements tax credits and possible agency arrangements that can be put in place to manage another's affairs.

It address such things as: - How do the members of Primary Care Teams and Psychiatry of Later Life support people with dementia and their carers?

- On the days a carer is feeling particularly stressed who is available for emotional support?

- Depending on the information/advice a carer is seeking where is the best place to find answers?

- What are the social and leisure opportunities that could be available locally?

This information booklet will be available through both the Alzheimer's Society, (087) 3210642, Family Carers Ireland (057) 932 2920 as well as in local libraries and on the HSE website and both Laois and Offaly County Council websites for those who were unable to secure copies.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 25th	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 John Joe & Pat Sheeran & family
	12 noon	Phil McNamara, Elmgrove (1st Ann) Rachel Spain, Corr na Meala Eileen & Mick O'Regan Shortt family
Mon 27th	10.00 a.m.	Paddy Wall Mona Collins
Thur 30th	10.00 a.m.	Tom Hutchinson
Fri 1st	10.00 a.m.	Bridget Hutchinson Winifred Murphy
Sat 2nd	10.00 a.m.	Christy Parsons, Crinkill
	7.30 p.m.	Mai Snow
Sun 3rd	8.30 a.m.	Michael & Rosaleen Brien & family, Pound St & Burke's Hill
	10.30 a.m.	Kevin & Ann Madden
	12 noon	Ann O'Brien (Memorial Mass) Ballyegan & South Africa Betty Connerton-O'Sullivan, Dublin (MM) Brenda Deegan, Military Road Margaret & William Connerton, Mill St Jacinta & Paddy O'Sullivan, Dublin Margaret & William Hegarty, Moorpark St



Please Pray for the Souls of

Mary Wythe, Portlaoise & late of Drumbane,
Maura Cooke, Military Road, Crinkill,
Ned Griffin, England & late of Riverstown.

**You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself
In any direction you choose.**

Dr. Seuss

Sponsored By

Anonymous

Celebration of Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to all young people of Crinkill N.S. who were confirmed in a lovely ceremony last Friday night.

Celebration of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Next weekend, 2nd and 3rd of October, children from our parish schools and the Parish Preparation Programme will receive Holy Communion for the first time. We keep these children and their families in our prayers.

My First Communion Prayer

I clasp my hands, then kneel and pray
On this, my first Communion Day.

I ask you, Jesus, to watch me grow,
And teach me all that I need to know.

Protect me, daily, from all things bad,
And fill my heart with all things glad.

And if I ever lose my way,
Please guide me back
When I kneel and pray.

Golden Age Beatitudes

Blessed are they who understand
My faltering step and shaking hand,
Blessed, who know my ears today
Must strain to catch the things they say,
Blessed are they who seem to know
My eyes are dim and my mind is slow,
Blessed are they who looked away,
I spilled my tea on the cloth that day!
Blessed are they who, with cheery smile,
Stopped to chat for a little while,
Blessed are they who know the way
To bring back memories of yesterday,
Blessed are they who never say,
"You've told that story twice today!"
Blessed are they who make it known
That I'm loved, respected and not alone,
And blessed are they who will ease the days
Of my journey home, in loving ways.

By Elizabeth Clark

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Na hArdaingil. 29 Meán Fómhair.

Ceiliúrtar na Naoimh Micheál, Gabriel agus Raphael Ardaingil ar 29 Meán Fómhair. Ba é Naomh Micheál ceannaire na n-aingeal a bhí dílis nuair a d'éirigh aingeal an uabhair amach in aghaidh Dé. "Ansin bhris cogadh amach sna flaithis, níor mhór do Mhicheál agus dá chuid aingeal troid leis an dragan. D'fhreagair an dragan agus a chuid aingeal an cath, ach níor rug siad bua, agus ní bhfuarthas a n-ionad sna flaithis feasta." Apac. 12:7.

De réir an traidisiúin tá baint aige le muir is le tír. Marcaíonn sé ar mhuintir capaill bháin sciath ina lámh chlé agus sleá trímhéarach ina lámh dheas agus é ar tí an dragún a mharú. I nDeireadh Fómhair 1884 thit an Pápa Leo X111 i laige tar éis dó Aifreann a cheiliúradh agus ní de bharr taom croí nó stróc. Bhí dath an bháis air rud a scanraigh gach duine a bhí i láthair. Tar éis tamaill tháinig sé chuige féin agus dúirt sé leis na daoine go bhfaca sé radharc uafásach. Chonaic sé an diabhal agus a chuid aingeal ag troid ar fud an domhain chun anamacha a bhreith leo ach ina dhiaidh sin chonaic sé Naomh Micheál á gcaitheamh isteach in Ifreann. Chum sé an phaidir seo a leanas agus dúradh é tar éis gach Aifreann ar fud an domhain go dtí 1969 nuair a rinneadh athruithe sa Liotúirge tar éis an Dara Comhairle Vatacánach.

A Naoimh Micheál Mhichíl Ardaingéal, cosain sinn in am an chatha, bí mar dhéan againn in aghaidh urchóide agus chealgaireachta an diabhail. Go mba-graí Dia air, impíimid go humhal. Agus déan-sa a cheannfort na sluaite neamhaí an t-áibhirseoir a theilgean síos go hlfreann, trí chumhacht Dé, agus ina theannta sin na hanspioraid eile atá ag imeacht ar fud an domhain le fonn anamacha a chuir i mbealach a gcaillte, Áiméan

Feast of the Archangels - 29 September

The feastday of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels is celebrated on 29 September. Saint Michael was the leader of the angels who were faithful when the other angels through pride rebelled against God. "Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven." Apoc. 12:7.

According to tradition he is associated with sea and land. He rides a white horse with a shield in his left hand and a three fingered spear in his right hand about to kill the dragon.

In October 1884 Pope Leo X111 collapsed after saying Mass, but not from a heart attack or stroke. He was the colour of death and scared all those present. When he recovered, he told the people he had seen a terrible sight. He saw the devil and his angels fighting all over the world to bring souls with them into hell, but later he saw Saint Michael casting them into hell. He composed the following prayer and it was said at the end of every Mass worldwide until 1969 when changes were made in the Liturgy after the Second Vatican Council.

Saint Michael the Archangel defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.