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**Carrig & Riverstown Hall Committee -
Hospice Coffee Morning on next Sunday
10th October from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. in
Carrig Hall. Please support. Thank You.**

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. 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.

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Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 2nd	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	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
Mon 4th	10.00 a.m.	Tom McInerney
Tues 5th	10.00 a.m.	Kevin Delaney
Wed 6th	10.00 a.m.	Kitty McCarthy & family
Fri 8th	10.00 a.m.	Conway family
Sat 9th	7.30 p.m.	Christy & Mary McLoughlin Margaret, Michael & John Molloy
Sun 10th	8.30 a.m.	Paddy Frawley
	10.30 a.m.	Jennie Kennedy (MM) Patrick Fitzgerald, Hillside
	12 noon	Ann O'Brien (Memorial Mass) Ballyegan & South Africa Mary Morris (MM) Michael Loughnane, Castletown, Fortal (1st Ann) Don & Maisie Finnerty Joe Kerins, The Crescent, his parents Florence & Helen & sister Leone, Tralee

Please Pray for the Souls of



Margaret Merritt,
Eliza Lodge N.H. & UK,
Paddy Cahill, Grove Street,
Nell Doorley, Loughreen,
Peter Curran, Ballingarry, brother of Megan,
staff of The Nutmeg, Main Street,
Moira McNamara, Shinrone,
mother of Kevin McNamara, Lorraine McNamara and
Bernie Cahill, all of Parkrise.

Nell Doorley RIP

For over 20 years Nell Doorley of Lacka was the sacristan of the Church of the Annunciation, Carrig. Everything was done gently and quietly by a very special woman. Her attention to detail with the altar linen was one of her traits.

We acknowledge sincerely Nell's contribution to the faith community of Carrig. Community spirit and sharing of time and talent is one of the features of Carrig.

We sympathise with Eddie, Mary, Deirdre, Geraldine and Ann and her sister Nancy Liffey.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Congratulations to the children of our parish schools and Parish Preparation Programme who received Holy Communion for the first time this weekend. We keep these children and their families in our prayers.

This Sunday we celebrate **Day for Life** and this year the theme '*The Good Samaritan: A Model of Compassion*'.

Blessing For a Mother-to-be

You know your life has changed for ever,
For in all the days and years to come,
Distance will never be able to cut you off
From the one you now carry
For nine months under your heart
May you be blessed with quiet confidence
That God will guide you and mind you.
May the emerging spirit of your child
Imbibe encouragement and joy
From the continuous music of your heart.
So that it can grow with ease,
Expectant of wonder and welcome
When its form is fully filled
And it makes its journey out
To see you and settle at last
Relieved, and glad in your arms.

From 'Benedictus' By John 'Donohue

This Monday, 4th October is the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**

They're Really Two-at-One

Jesus the Nazarene and Francis of Assisi!
Two attractive men, heart and soul.
But, risk any closeness, feel a tremor!
Jesus' mind of at-oneness-with-all was undoubtedly Shared and practiced and encouraged by Francis-The Brave.
So Francis too, reflects that strangeness.....
Retreat as we may, the truth is plainly there.....
Amen! The Mind of Christ is essential for all.
Amen! It is not the prerogative of Jesus-alone.
Amen! It made, it didn't depend on, his Divinity.
Recall the old unexplored saying:
'Francis was more-Jesus than Jesus-Himself!'
Perhaps it hints at this: Read the Gospels
With attention! Substitute Francis for Jesus.
Then we'll have glimpsed something more of both. And recognised they're really Two-at-One
Jesus the Nazarene, and Francis of Assisi.
Shine on each other! Shine on me, and on all
From 'Memories' By Tom Hamill

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Lá don Bheatha.

Inniu Lá don Bheatha. Ceiliúrtar é go bliantúil san Eaglais Chaitliceach in Éirinn, in Albain, i Sasana agus sa Bhreatain Bheag. Is lá é atá tiomanta chun fea-sacht a ardú maidir le brí agus luach an bheatha dhaonna ag gach céim agus i ngach ríocht. Tá feidhm ag gach beatha agus tá grásta ag baint léi. Tá a fhios againn go bhfuil luach ag an mbeatha nach féidir a thomhas.

Cuirfidh Dia gloach orainn ina am trátha féin agus bí-mis ullamh agus sásta glacadh lenár mbás mar níl sa bhás ach geata isteach go saol úr, nua le Dia. Nuair a théimid i dteagmháil le mistéir an bháis sa phaidreoireacht, sa smaoinreamh, san eispéireas, tóg-tar sinn isteach in ollmhistéir beatha shíoraí an Athar, an Mhic agus an Spioraid Naoimh.

A Dhia tabhair dár marbh toradh a gcreideamh agus a ndílseacht agus fáiltigh rompu isteach sa fhlaithreas agus tabhair dúinn féin grá mór agus ómós dár mbeatha féin. Áiméan

Is í intinn an Phápa don mhí seo ná: Guímis go raibh aon duine a bhaisteadh ag síoladh an chreidimh, iad ar fáil don mhisean trí fhianaise an tSoiscéil a thabhairt ina mbeatha féin.

Day for Life

Today is Day for Life. It is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raise awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. Every life has meaning and is grace filled. We know that life is precious and cannot be measured.

God will call us in his own time. Let us be ready and happy to die as it is the gateway to a new life with God. Every life has meaning and is grace filled. We know that life is precious and cannot be measured. Death is not only a physical process but also a spiritual reality. God did not create us for death as we realise when we reflect in prayer on the mystery of death and we become aware of the great mystery of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

God grant our dead the merits of their faith and faithfulness and welcome them into heaven. Lord, that we always have respect for dignity of human life. Amen

The Pope's intention for this month is: We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.