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CRK Active Retirement Group - Meeting in Carrig Community Hall on Monday 18th October at 7.30 p.m. Looking forward to having the group back together. New members very welcome.

St Pio Mass - the monthly mass will be held next Thursday 21st October at 7.30 p.m.

Money Matters

We are especially grateful for your continued support to the parish finances. It is very much appreciated. 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.

Parish Donations during the month of **September** was **€9,492**.

Volunteers needed at Parents First (Covering Offaly and Laois) - Would you be interested in volunteering with Parents First for 1 -2 hours each week? We are looking for parents or grandparents to pass on their valuable knowledge and experience in bringing up children. Call 085 8565252 or 086 1959221 or email: coordinator@parentsfirst.ie.

Morning Prayer

I come before you, O Lord.

As the sun rises, may your hope rise up in me. As the birds sing, let your love flow out of me. As the light floods into this new day, may your joy shine through me.

I come before you, O Lord

*And drink in this moment of peace,
That I may carry something of your hope,
love, and joy today in my heart. Amen.*

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 16th	7.30 a.m.	Christina & Tom Brereton Madeline Ryan, Crinkill Dan Milne Francis & Denis Stokes
Sun 17th	10.30 a.m.	Tom Nolan
	12 noon	Mary Morris (MM) Imelda King Pauline Wilson, Newbridge Street Nicholas Kiely, Dublin
Sat 23rd	7.30 p.m.	Patrick Cahill (MM) Raymond Murray (1st Ann) Elsie Pardy
Sun 24th	8.30 a.m.	Maura Cooke (MM) Peggy O'Meara (Riverstown)
	10.30 a.m.	Oisín Watkins Carroll Albert & Mary Kate Watkins Kathleen & Richard Grant Patrick Nevin
	12 noon	Paddy Seery, Clonbrone (1st Ann) Tom Feenane, his wife Mary Ellen & sons Thomas & Morgan
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Patrick & Maureen O'Brien, Tinnakelly

Please Pray for the Souls of



Gerry Donoghue,
St Brendan's Villas & Bulfin Park,
Jimmy Kiely, Freagh, Kilcormac,
& late of Crinkill.
Betty Haugh, Woodlands Drive,
Natalia McEntaggart, London,
Peg Monahan, mother of Bishop Fintan.

Please Support frontline Missionaries World Mission Sunday 24th October

Once again, we appeal for your support of frontline Missionaries involved in the everyday pastoral care of people and missionary activity in 1,100 dioceses throughout the world mostly in Africa, Asia and Latin America, many of which are places ravaged by poverty, conflict and insecurity.

The Mission Sunday theme proposed to us by Pope Francis is:

**"We cannot remain silent –
we cannot but speak of
what we have heard and seen"**

Acts 4:20.

We are deeply conscious of appealing during what is still a time of great uncertainty but are also aware of the great needs of frontline missionaries where the level of those yet receiving the vaccines is still very low putting them even more at risk. We cannot remain silent but need to reach out to show our love and active support for missionaries.



Synodal Process

In these days, the Catholic Church throughout the world and in Ireland is beginning a series of conversations about what God wants of his people at this time. These conversations are often referred to as a Synodal Process. "Synodal" comes from a Greek word which means "walking together".

This Sunday, 17th October we mark the opening of this Synodal Process entitled, For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission. This Synodal Process coincides with the start of the two-year Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland which will lead, in time, to a National Synodal Assembly in Ireland.

We pray that the next two years will be a time of prayer, listening and discernment, involving a consultative conversation. This will allow all people - both within the Church and in society at large, to share their insights into the Catholic Church in Ireland - past, present and future - so that we can prepare for a National Synodal Assembly in the coming years.

Pope Francis has asked us to pray continually for the success of this synodal process. He asks that we use the words of a very ancient prayer attributed to St Isidore of Seville who lived in the 6th century. This prayer has been used at Councils and Synods of the Church since ancient times.

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make yourself at home in our hearts;*

*Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.*

*We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.*

*Do not let ignorance
lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.*

*Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.*

*All this we ask of You,
Who are at work in every place and time
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen*

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Naomh Lúcas.

Comórfar lá fhéile Naomh Lúcas ar an Luan seo chugainn 18 Deireadh Fómhair. "Lúcas an lia . ró-ionúin "(Col 4 :14) a thug Naomh Pól air. Is léir óna scríbhinní gur Gréagach ó dhúchas é agus ceaptar gurbh as Aintíoch na Síre dó agus gur Naomh Pól féin a d'iompaigh chun an Chreidimh é .Thaisteal sé le Naomh Pól ar a lán dá aistear soiscéalaíochta agus d'fhan sé dílis dó a fhad a bhí Pól i mbraighdeanas sa Róimh.

Léiríonn Soiscéal Lúcaís trócaire Dé thar aon ní eile agus caoine an tSlánaitheora .Tugann sé an cuntas is iomláine ar Íosa ina Leanbh . Scríobh sé freisin Gníomhartha na nAspal leabhar a bhfuil cur síos ar chúrsaí na hEaglaise, ar an gcaoi ar chaith-righ síol an tSoiscéil ó lá na Deascabhála go dtí an bhliain 62AD.Tugann sé léargas dúinn ar shaothar Naomh Pól. Díríonn An Eaglais Chaitliceach ar Naomh Lúcas mar phátrún ar ealaíontóirí ,lianna, máinlianna agus mic léinn.

Trí idirghuí Naomh Lúcas go raibh tuiscint níos doimhne againn ar Shoiscéal Dé agus fonn orainn é a chraobhscaoileadh Áiméan.

Saint Luke

We celebrate the feast of Saint Luke on Monday , October 18. St. Paul referred to Luke "as Luke, the beloved physician" (Col 4 :14). It is clear from his writings that he was Greek and it is thought he was born in Antioch and that St. Paul himself inspired him to become a follower of Christ. He travelled with St. Paul as he spread the Gospel of Christ and supported Paul when he was imprisoned in Rome.

St. Luke's Gospel demonstrates God's mercy and especially the gentleness of our Saviour. He gives the most complete account of the child Jesus. He also wrote the Acts of the Apostles which describe the early Church and how it developed from the Ascension of Christ to 62AD . He gives us an insight into the writings of St. Paul. St. Luke is recognised by the Catholic Church as the patron saint of artists, physicians, surgeons and students.

**Through the intercession of St. Luke,
may we have a deeper understanding
of and the desire to spread the Gospel of Christ.
Amen.**

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