

## BIRR PARISH

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### 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**.

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### Please Support frontline Missionaries World Mission Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Remembered in Mass this Week

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
Mon 25th	10.00 a.m.	Bridget Harte, St. Brendan's Villas
Wed 27th	10.00 a.m.	Stephen Connors & family Patsy Tooher Kieran Bannon, Clonoghill Elizabeth Bannon James O'Sullivan Kitty Fox
Sat 30th	7.30 p.m.	Margaret Merritt, Eliza Lodge (MM) Kathleen Gallagher (1st Ann) & her husband Joseph Teresa & Paddy Coughlan
Sun 31st	10.30 a.m.	Tommy Hutchinson & friends Mick & Molly Feighery Kathleen & Jean Gallagher
	12 noon	Peter Pardy
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Sinead O'Brien (1st Ann) Maureen Hoare Hoare & O'Brien families

### Please Pray for the Souls of



Ita Clarke, Carrig,  
Gertie Spain, Church Street,  
Maisie Thompson, Dunmanway,  
mother of Pat Thompson, Meadowbrook

A book on the "**The Graveyards and Churches of Carrig and Loughreen**" will be published next month. If you have loved ones interred in either Carrig or Loughreen and we haven't been in contact please contact any of the following:  
Tony Dargan (0872069342),  
Tom or Margaret O'Brien, Laura Smith,  
Tony Doorley, Dermot Sullivan, Peter Whyte .  
**Mile Buíochas.**

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## The Interview With God

I dreamed I had an interview with God.  
"So you would like to interview me? God asked.  
"If you have the time," I said.  
God smiled. "My time is eternity".  
What questions do you have in mind for me?"  
"What surprises you most about humankind?"  
God answered....  
"That they get bored with childhood,  
They rush to grow up, and then  
Long to be children again.  
That they lose their health to make money...  
And then lose their money to restore their health.  
That by thinking anxiously about the future,  
They forget the present.  
Such that they live in neither  
The present nor the future.  
That they live as if they will never die,  
And die as though they had never lived."  
God's hand took mine  
and we were silent for a while.  
And then I asked....  
"As a parent, what are some of life's lessons  
You want your children to learn?"  
"To learn they cannot make anyone love them  
All they can do is let themselves be loved.  
To learn that it is not good to  
Compare themselves to others.  
To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness.  
To learn that it only takes a few seconds  
To open profound wounds in those they love,  
And it can take many years to heal them.  
To learn that a rich person  
is not one who has the most,  
But is one who needs the least.  
To learn that there are people  
who love them dearly,  
But simply have not learned  
How to express or show their feelings.  
To learn that two people  
can look at the same thing  
And see it differently.  
To learn that it is not enough that they  
Forgive one another,  
But they must also forgive themselves."  
"Thank you for your time," I said humbly.  
"Is there anything else you would like  
your children to know?"  
God smiled and said,  
"Just know that I am here always".

### Ministers of the Eucharist

With the increase in people attending Sunday Mass it is important that Ministers of the Eucharist who are rostered find a replacement if you are unable to attend the designated Mass.

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### Domhnach Domhanda na Misean 2021

Inniu Domhnach Domhanda na Misean. Ón bhliain 1926 ar aghaidh bíonn an Eaglais ag comóradh agus ag cuimhneamh ar a misean uilíoch. Is lá ar leith é atá eagraithe ag Craobhscaoileadh an Chreidimh chun deis a thabhairt do Chaitlicigh ar fud an domhain iad féin a ath-thiomnú d'obair mhisinéireachta na hEaglaise trí ghuí agus trí ghníomh. Déantar an ceiliúradh seo ar an lá céanna i ngach paróiste ar fud an domhain. D'éisigh an Pápa Proinsias a theachtair-eacht bhliantúil do lá domhanda 2021 leis an téama ó leabhar Iseáia, "Ní Féidir Linn Fanacht Inár dTost - 'mar ní féidir dúinn gan labhairt ar a bhfuil feicthe agus cloiste againn' Gníomhartha 4:20.

Is misinéirí sinne go léir tofa ag Dia ar lá ár mBaiste. Thug Íosa ordú do na deisceabail "Imígi faoin domhan uile agus fógraígi an soiscéal don chruthú chruthaíocht uile. An té a chreidfidh agus a bhaistfear, slánófar é: ach an té nach gcreidfidh, daorfar é." (Marcas 16:15 -16. Tá an domhan i ngéarchéim ina lán paróistí bochta san Afraic, san Áise agus i Meiriceá Laidineach le misinéirí ag obair iontu. Is féidir linn teacht i gcabhair orthu lenár bpaidreacha agus ár bhflaithiúlacht airgid'. Úsáidtear an t-airgead chun eaglaisí agus scoileanna a thógáil agus oiliúint a chur ar fáil d' iarrthóirí sagartachta. Guímid ar son mhisinéirí, ar son na bpobal Chríostaí a sheol chun bealaigh iad agus ar son na ndaoine a d'fháiltigh rompu.

**Iarrimid ar Dhia a bheannacht a chur ar mhisinéirí an domhain agus a ghrásta a dhoirteadh orthu siúd a dhéanann freastal orainn sa bhaile. Áiméan**

### World Mission Sunday 2021

Today is World Mission Sunday. Since 1926, the Church has traditionally remembered its universal mission. It is a special day set aside by Propagation of the Faith so that Catholics worldwide can rededicate themselves to the missionary work of the Church by prayer and action. Every parish in the world celebrates this day on the same date. Pope Francis released his annual Message for World Mission Sunday 2021 which is "We cannot remain silent, what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20).

Each of us is a missionary by virtue of our Baptism. Jesus commanded His disciples, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned". (Mark 16: 15-16). At present missionaries are desperately in need of support in many poorer parishes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. We can assist them with our prayers and financial help. The money is used to build schools and churches and for the education of priests. We pray for missionaries, for those who provide the support for their missions and for those who welcome them.

**We ask God to bless missionaries throughout the world and to grant His graces to those who minister among us. Amen**