

BIRR PARISH

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Remembrance Sunday is the Sunday nearest to November 11th when the Great War, World War I, came to an end and all who have died in various wars and serving with the United Nations peacekeepers are remembered. Here in Birr we have a particular connection with the men from the Leinster Regiment's home base in Crinkill Barracks who died in the great war. May they rest in peace.

Kohima Epitaph

*When you go home, tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow, we gave our today.*

Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 27th November - Feast of the Miraculous Medal - Mass at 10.00 a.m. will include a blessing of Miraculous Medals.

The monthly **St. Pio Mass** takes place next Thursday, **18th November**, at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome.

A new book, "**The Graveyards and Churches of Carrig and Lougheen**" will be on sale after 9.30 a.m. Mass in Carrig on Sunday 21st November.

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. You can contribute by using Envelope boxes, by direct payment by cheque or cash or transfer directly to our bank account

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Parish Donations during the month of **October** was **€10,260**.

EmployAbility Service North Tipperary is an employment and recruitment service which supports people with an illness, injury or disability to secure and maintain a job in the open labour market. We cover all geographical areas of North Tipperary. If you would like to avail of our service please contact us at: 067 37896/37897.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 13th	7.30 p.m.	Enda Cooke, her daughter Geraldine & grand-daughter Natalie Gloria Hansbury Billy & Phyll Murphy Liam & Joan McGlone Vincent & Margaret Daly Daly & Lawlor families Damien Deegan
Sun 14th	10.30 a.m.	Mary Loonam, Annagh Joe Feehan
	12 noon	James & Annie Kearns Gilmartin & Ryan families Michael Quinn, Croghan Lizzie Kelly, Presentation Place
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Ita Clarke (MM)
Tues 16th	10.00 a.m.	Maryanne & Ben Mahon
Sat 20th	10.00 a.m.	Margaret Roe Connie Gormley and her daughter Lucy Patrick Hutchinson
	7.30 p.m.	Kevin Abbott (1st Ann) Willie & Mary Coughlan Jim Fogarty, Roscrea Road Bessie Loughnane Winifred & Paul Shiels
Sun 21st	10.30 a.m.	Michael & Agnes Parkinson Matt Clifford Joe & Delia Barry & sons Gerry, Des & Dave Noel & Joan Corboy, Clonkelly
	12 noon	Michael Purcell Sheila Murdock, Presentation Place & her father Bill Dwyer John Gilmartin Sean Cooke, Crinkill Denis Parkinson Catherine McGilton Frank, Josephine & Dolores Higgins
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Gareth Turner & his father Tom

Please Pray for the Souls of



Cronan Parkinson, The Crescent,
Brendan Cooke, London
& late of The Terrace, Crinkill
father of Margaret Moten and
brother of Tony & Michael,
Maura Ryan, Roscrea,
sister of Willie Kirwan, Ballindarra.

TRÔCAIRE A very sincere **Thank You**
Working for a Just World for your donations to the
Trôcaire Emergency Ap-
peal for the people of
East Africa last weekend. €3,460 has already been do-
nation. Donations can still be left into the sacristy or
Parish Office. Your generosity is very much appreciat-
ed. Many people in East African countries including So-
malia, Ethiopia and South Sudan are struggling to sur-
vive a **devastating hunger crisis**.

Sick and House Bound

If any housebound parishioners or sick parishioner would like to receive the sacrament at home or have a visit from a priest of the parish, please contact the **Parish Office on 05791 22028** or **Priest Mobile Emergency No. 087 3515294**.

Bishops of Ireland - Pilgrimage

The Covid-19 pandemic has been a particularly difficult time for those who have lost loved ones and have often had to cope with their grief without many of the usual spiritual and community supports. To pastorally support everyone who has suffered the pain of bereavement during the pandemic, and in the context of the month of November as the traditional time when we remember our dead, on next **Sunday, 14 November at 3.00pm**, the Bishops of Ireland will undertake a pilgrimage to the International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine in Knock. The bishops will concelebrate Mass for all those who have died in our country during the pandemic, and for their families. At the Mass the bishops will also offer prayers of thanksgiving for all those who so selflessly sacrificed so much during the pandemic. This Mass will be live-streamed on www.knockshrine.ie and broadcast on the RTÉ News Now digital television channel and online. The bishops invite everyone to join with them in prayer on this solemn occasion.

A Coronavirus Prayer for this Weary Winter

Jesus Christ, Light of the World,
You understand what it is like to feel alone
in the midst of great suffering.
Remain with us as we continue
to endure the coronavirus pandemic.
Awaken our hearts as we bear witness
to the sickness, the sacrifice, even death.
In these dark months we cry, "How long, O Lord?"
Help us to watch and pray for signs of your hope.
When we long for a world returned to normal,
inspire us to work toward a world transformed.
When we feel forgotten and lonely,
help us to find solidarity through your love.
When we cannot see your face,
help us to see you in others, especially
the medical professionals who labour tirelessly.
When we feel only sorrow in our souls,
help us to know that the joy of the Gospel
remains as true now as ever.
When we feel only grief in our hearts,
help us to find consolation in knowing that those who
are sick or have died are held in your loving embrace.
As we walk through this time of darkness,
give us faith that we are headed toward brighter days.
Give light to our eyes.
Let us show that light to one another.
Even in winter, when the ground appears barren,
it is warmed by the light of your creation;
seeds are nourished and green shoots
are pushing up toward the sun.
Jesus Christ, be our light. Amen.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Lá Fhéile Lorcán Naofa Uí Thuathail

Ceiliúrtar Lá Fhéile Lorcán Naofa Uí Thuathail ar an 14 Samhna gach bliain. Rugadh é i gCaisleán Diarmada, i gCill Dara sa bhliain 1128. D'fhreastal sé ar scoil i nGleann Dá Loch. Buachaill cráifeach, staidéarach ab ea é. Rinneadh Ardeaspag ar Bhaile Átha Cliath é sa bhliain 1162 agus leath a chlá agus a cháil mar namh as ucht na bpionós a ghearradh sé air féin agus an grá a bhí aige do na boicht. Nuair a tháinig na Normannaigh go hÉirinn rinne sé gach iarracht ar chearta a thíre a chosaint. Bhí sé ar a shlí chun socrú síochána a dhéanamh le hAnraí 11 nuair a d'éirigh sé breoite sa Normainn agus fuair sé bás ann. Sa bhliain 1442 tógadh a chloigeann agus a chnámha go Sasana agus cuireadh i Chorley, Lancashire, iad, ach cailleadh iad in am Anraí VIII. Ní fhacthas ó shin iad. Is patrún é ar Bhaile Átha Cliath é.

*Iarraimid air guí chun Dé a bheannacht
a chur ar mhuintir na hÉireann agus
ar mhuintir Bhaile Átha Cliath ach go háirithe.
Naomh Lorcán guí ar ár son. Áiméan*

Feast of St. Laurence O'Toole

The Feast of St. Laurence O'Toole is celebrated on the 14 November. He attended school in Glendalough. As a young boy he was religious and studious. He became Archbishop of Dublin in 1162 and his fame as a saint spread because of his self-penance and love of the poor. When the Normans came to Ireland, he made every effort to defend the rights of his country. He was on his way to make a peace settlement with Henry II when he became ill in Normandy and died there. In 1492 his head and bones were buried in Chorley, Lancashire, but were lost during the reign of Henry VII. They have not been seen since. Saint Laurence is the patron saint of Dublin.

*We ask him to intercede for God's blessing
on the people of Ireland and in particular
for the people of Dublin.
Saint Laurence pray for us.*

During the month of **November**
we remember and pray for the
Holy Souls.

*Eternal Father, I offer You
the most precious blood of
thy Divine Son, Jesus, in
union with the Masses said
throughout the world today,
for all the Holy Souls in
Purgatory, for sinners every-
where, for sinners in the
universal Church, for those in
my own home, and in my fam-
ily. Amen.*

Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great

