

BIRR PARISH

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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.

A **Remembrance Mass** for residents of **Birr Community N.U** who have died in the past year (2020-2021) takes place in St. Brendan Church on Tuesday 30th November at 7.00 p.m.

A book entitled "**Graveyards and Churches of Carrig and Lougheen**" will go on sale next Sunday (21st Nov) after 9:30 Mass in Carrig. Price:€15. From Monday onwards it will be available to buy in the Parish Office, SuperValu, Carrig Village Store, Loughnane Centra, Arrabawn Store. It is also available from committee members: Tony Dargan (0872069342); Tony Doorley (0868509159); Laura Smyth (0876628473); Dermot Sullivan (0879540528); Margaret O'Brien (0871343108); Peter Whyte (0860874841)

Killaun Bog Reserve - on Thursday evening in St. Brendan's Community School, almost to the day of the opening of the Killaun Bogland Boardwalk in 1991 by then President, Mary Robinson, the school community have reminded us once again of this unique "rain forest" on our doorstep with a new boardwalk launch of "When the Nightjar Returns" by author John Feehan. They unveiled ambitious plans for an extended loop walk in the adjoining Coillte forest and bog lands under the custodianship of the Oxmantown trust. We congratulate all involved in this project.

Congratulations to **Birr** hurlers on their victory as County Intermediate Hurling Champions and to **Carrig and Riverstown** on their achievement as Junior Hurling champions. Comhghairdeas to the teams, their mentors and parents.

Christmas Mass Bouquets are now available from the Parish Office. €5 each.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 20th	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 Anne & Paddy Mannion 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
Mon 22nd	10.00 a.m.	Daly & Mooney families, Fairview
Tues 23rd	10.00 a.m.	Paul O'Dwyer
Wed 24th	10.00 a.m.	Birmingham & O'Keefe families
Thur 25th	10.00 a.m.	Murray & Maxwell families
Sat 27th	10.00 a.m.	William Smyth, Connaught Street
	7.30 p.m.	Gertie Spain (MM) Mahon & O'Meara families Tommy Doherty Joe Daly, Clonkelly Eddie Coughlan Seamus Davis
Sun 28th	10.30 a.m.	Mary Kearns (1st Ann) Bobby Sheils Bernie Sheeran, William Street
	12 noon	Bridget "Bea" Irwin (1st Ann) & her husband John Agnes & Gerry O'Brien, Westgate Oliver Craughwell, Woodlands Park, his parents Martin & Agnes & sisters Mary & Veronica

Please Pray for the Souls of



James Odlum, New Road,
Larry McGarry,
late of High Street and Langley,
Maurice Gavin, Tramore
& late of Emmet Street,
brother of Kathleen Ryan, Emmet Street.

TRÔCAIRE

Working for a Just World

A very sincere **Thank You** for your donations to the **Trócaire Emergency Appeal** for the people of East Africa last weekend.

€4,400 has already been donated. Donations can still be left into the sacristy or Parish Office. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Many people in East African countries including Somalia, Ethiopia and South Sudan are struggling to survive 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**.

Hello God

Hello God, I called tonight
To talk a little while...
I need a friend who'll listen,
To my anxieties and trials...

You see, I can't quite make it
Through a day just on my own...
I need your love to guide me,
So I'll never feel alone.

I want to ask you please to keep
My family safe and sound.
Come and fill their lives with confidence,
For whatever fate they're bound.

Give me faith, dear God, to face
Each hour throughout the day,
And not to worry over things,
I can't change in any way.

I thank you God, for being home,
And listening to my call,
For giving me such good advice,
When I stumble and fall.

Your number, God, is the only one
That answers every time.
I never get a busy signal,
Never had to pay a dime.

So thank you, God, for listening,
To my troubles and my sorrow.
Good night, God, I love You, too,
And I'll call again tomorrow!

Helen Keogh, Burkes Hill was presented with a **St. Brendan's Medal** and inscribed scroll in recognition of her involvement in the parish and community at 12 noon Mass on Sunday 14th November by Brian Kennedy, chairperson, Pastoral Council.

For almost 50 years Helen has given her time as a reader, Eucharistic Minister, member of the Baptismal team, pastoral council, Eucharistic Adoration, bereavement group and Dóchas (cancer support group). She has served on boards of management for both primary and secondary schools and parents associations. Helen has held various offices in the Pioneer Association at both parish and regional level.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Sollúntas Chríost Rí na nUile.

Ceiliúrtar Sollúntas Chríost Rí na nUile ar an Domhnach deireanach den Bhliain Liotúirgeach. An Pápa Pius XI a bhunaigh an fhéile seo in onóir Chríost Rí na nUile sa bhliain 1925 mar fhrithfhreagairt ar an náisiúnachas agus an dí-eaglaisiú a bhí ag dul i dtreise ag an am. Rinneadh í a cheiliúradh i dtosach ar an Domhnach deiridh de mhí Mheán Fómhair. Sa bhliain 1969 thug an Pápa Pól VI ainm nua ar an bhFéile: "Ár dTiarna Íosa Críost Rí na nUile".le ceiliúradh ar an Domhnach deireanach den Bhliain Liotúirgeach

Tá ríogacht agus caithréim Chríost ár dTiarna, Ard -Rí na Cruinne, á cheiliúradh againn. Tá bliain úr, nua na hEaglaise ag tosú agus ár n-aird dírithe ar chomhlíonadh plean Dhé nuair a thiofadh a ríocht agus go mbeimid i gcuideachta ár muintir i láthair Íosa Críost sa bhflaitheas. Cuimhnimid gur chríochnaigh a bheatha ar an gcros ach inniu tugaimid ómós dó mar Rí Aiséirithe.

Go dtuga gach dúil ar neamh agus ar talamh moladh agus glóir duit go deo mar Rí na nUile Is é Íosa mo Rí-se, mo chara is mo ghrá; Is é Íosa mo dhídean ar pheaca is ar bhás. A Chroí Naofa Íosa go dtaga do ríocht. Áimeán

Feast of Christ the King

The feast of Christ Our King is celebrated on the last day of the Liturgical Year. The Feast of Christ our King was instituted by Pope Pius IX in 1864 in response to growing secularism and nationalism. It was originally celebrated on the last Sunday in September. In 1969 Pope Paul VI renamed the festival "Our Lord Jesus Christ King of All" to be celebrated on the last Sunday of the Liturgical year.

We are commemorating the triumph of Christ, Our Lord as King. A new Liturgical Year begins and our attention is focused on God's plan when His kingdom will come and we and our people will be with Jesus Christ in heaven, remembering that His life ended on the cross but today we honour Him as the Risen King. This prayer is from Ár bPaidreacha Dúchais:

May all creation praise and glorify You as universal King. Jesus my King, my friend and my beloved; Jesus my protection from sin and death. Sacred Heart of Jesus may your Kingdom come. Amen

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