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Anyway

"People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you. Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight. Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow. Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God. It was never between you and them anyway."

— Mother Teresa

The above was reportedly written on the wall of Mother Teresa's home for children in Calcutta, India, and are widely attributed to her. However, some sources say that the words were written on the wall in Mother Teresa's own room. In any case, their association with Mother Teresa and the Missionaries of Charity has made them popular worldwide, expressing as they do, the spirit in which they lived their lives.

They seem to be based on a composition originally by Kent Keith, but much of the second half has been re-written in a more spiritual way.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 22nd	7.30 p.m.	Carmel Moore Jim & Mollie Brien Evelyn Bell & her parents Michael & Margaret Pardy
Sun 23rd	10.30 a.m.	Philip Brady (1st Ann) Rita & Joe Scully
	12 noon	Michael & Ellie O'Connor Joseph Flynn, Tullamore Road
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Thomas, Mary T. & Maretta White Pascal & Noreen Coolahan & son Fred
Mon 24th	10.00 a.m.	Margaret Mongan
Sat 29th	7.30 p.m.	Thomas "Tucker" Pardy
Sun 30th	10.30 a.m.	Patrick & Margaret O'Meara Hogan family, Newbridge Street Jack Ryan, Crinkill & his parents Kieran & Bridget, Ridgehills, Banagher Daniel & Bridget Hogan, Mount Palmer
	12 noon	Elizabeth Lally (1st Ann) & her great-grandson Leon Maloney Coughlan James Doran
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Eleanor & Patrick O'Neill Michael Maher, Clonfinane

Please Pray for the Soul of



Peggy Teehan,
Clonbeg, Kilcolman,
mother of Geraldine Teehan, Crinkill.

Newsletter Sponsorship

If you would like to sponsor the Newsletter we would love to hear from you. The cost is €100 per month. Please contact one of the Priests or the Parish Office.

Mercy Primary School is now accepting applications for enrolment for September 2022. Parents can access our Enrolment Application Form on our school website www.mercyprimaryschool.ie under *Forms and Policies* or by phoning the school on 057 9120259 between 9.30am and 2.30pm.

A Construction Studies Programme will commence in Banagher FET Centre on the 14th of February 2022. Modules include: Renewable Energy Systems, Concreting, Floor and Wall, Tiling, MIG Welding and NZEB Awareness, thermal Insulation Installation and Safe Pass Training. A training allowance is payable where applicable. For further details you can contact: (M) 085 8016195 085 8051912 or (E) TRAINEESHIP@LOETB.IE

Catholic Schools Week 2022

This year's Catholic Schools Week runs from January 22nd to January 30th with the theme of "Living Life to the Full". The focus is on the hope of a brighter future and on reconnecting with the wider community as Covid-19 restrictions are reduced. Irish composer, Bernard Sexton wrote a poignant hymn for the victims of Covid-19 and their families.

*God will wipe away all tears
God will bring you home
Storms may gather, evening falls
Do not fear, be not afraid.*

Sacraments 2022



The following dates have been earmarked for our parish celebrations of **First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.**



Please keep all the children in your prayers as they prepare for the next milestone in their faith journey.

Enrolment Ceremonies for First Holy Communion and Confirmation Classes – St. Brendan's Church at 7.30pm

Tuesday 25th January – Killeen N.S.
Thursday 27th January – St. Brendan's Boys P.S.
Tuesday 1st February – Mercy P.S.
Wednesday 2nd February – Crinkill N.S.
Thursday 3rd February – Carrig N.S. and Parish Preparation Programme

Reconciliation Services for First Holy Communion Classes – 7.30pm

Monday 7th March – Killeen N.S. and Mercy P.S.
Tuesday 8th March – St. Brendan's Boys P.S. and Parish Preparation Programme
Wednesday 9th March – Crinkill N.S.
Thursday 10th March – Carrig N.S. (In Carrig Church)

First Holy Communion Ceremonies – 11.00am

Saturday 7th May – Killeen N.S. and Mercy P.S.
Saturday 14th May – St. Brendan's Boys P.S. and Parish Preparation Programme
Sunday 22nd May – Carrig N.S. – (In Carrig Church at 9.30am)
Saturday 28th May – Crinkill N.S.

Confirmation Ceremonies – 7.30pm in St. Brendan's Church

Monday 30th May - St. Brendan's P.S.
Tuesday 31st May - Crinkill N.S.
Wednesday 1st June - Mercy P.S.
Thursday 2nd June - Carrig N.S. and Parish Preparation Programme
Friday 3rd June - Killeen N.S.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Naomh Proinsias de Sales

Amárach 24 Eanáir ceiliúrtar Féile Naomh Proinsias de Sales. Rugadh é i Savoy sa bhliain 1567. Thréig sé maoin agus clú an tsaoil agus ghabh leis an Eaglais. Ceapadh ina easpag ar Ghinéiv é agus rinne sé obair iontach ar son an Chreidimh i measc lucht leanúna Chailbhín. Bhunaigh sé Ord na Cuartaíochta do mhná. Scríobh sé a lán leabhar spioradálta a léitear go forleathan i gcónaí agus a bhfuil teagasc lán tairbheach iontu do chách. Bhíodh Naomh Proinsias ag síor - mholadh na carthanachta agus na ceannasaíochta. Léirigh sé ann féin ceannasaíocht Chríost. Fuair Naomh Proinsias de Sales bás sa bhliain 1622.

St. Francis de Sales

Tomorrow 24 January is the Feast of St. Francis de Sales. He was born in Savoy in 1567. He abandoned property and fame and joined the Church. He was ordained bishop of Geneva and did a great job for the Faith among the followers of Calvin. He established the Order of Visitation for women. He has written many spiritual books which are always widely read and have many beneficial teachings for all. St. Francis constantly praised charity and leadership. He showed in himself the leadership of Christ. St. Francis de Sales died in 1622.

St. Brigid's Cross

Step by Step Guide to making your own

1. Hold one of the rushes vertically. Fold a second rush in half as in the diagram.
2. Place the first vertical rush in the centre of the folded second rush.
3. Hold the centre overlap tightly between thumb and forefinger.
4. Turn the two rushes held together 90 degrees anti-clockwise so that the open ends of the second rush are pointing vertically upwards.
5. Fold a third rush in half and over both parts of the second rush to lie horizontally from left to right against the first straw. Hold tight.
6. Holding the centre tightly, turn the three rushes 90 degrees anti-clockwise so that the open ends of the third rush are pointing upwards.
7. Fold a new rush in half over and across all the rushes pointing upwards.
8. Repeat the process of rotating all the rushes 90 degrees anti-clockwise, adding a new folded rush each time until all rushes have been used up to make the cross.
9. Secure the arms of the cross with elastic bands. Trim the ends to make them all the same length. The St Brigid's Cross is now ready to hang.