

BIRR PARISH

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Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Active retirement group please note change of day's We meet every Wednesday in Carrig community hall from 2.30-4.30pm. **New & Old Members Welcome**

Marian Hall Bingo re-opens on Friday March 4th @ 8.30pm. **All welcome**

The society of St. Vincent de Paul Birr is in urgent need of Men's clothing and shoes especially large and x-large sizes your support would be greatly appreciated

Medugorje: July 20th to July 27th 2022
For more information please contact Phil Robinson (086) 3956299.

Offaly Pro Life are holding a meeting in the Marian Hall Annexe on Tuesday next March 1st at 8pm. Items on the agenda will include ;
The 'Three year Review of Abortion Law & the pain relief bill. If you would like to lend support to this life saving movement please come along on Tuesday evening

Money Matters- Tap & Donate

To facilitate parishioners who no longer carry cash we have installed tap & donate box at the entrance to the church. You can use your smart phone or debit card to make contributions to the parish finances.

We thank parishioners who contributed to the February clergy collection. If you were away or forgot you can still make your contribution by placing envelopes in the green box at the sanctuary area.

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.

First Friday Mass in Carrig:
4th March @ 7.30pm

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 26th	10.00 a.m.	Phil McDermott, Walcot (MM) John & Madge Hctor, Walcot
Sat 26th	7.30 p.m.	Liam Martin, Cappaneale (MM) Patrick Hamilton, (MM) Lisa Guilfoyle Joe & Phil Shortt & Annie Shortt Tommy Erritty & deceased members of the Erritty family, Breffni Clonkelly Joe Long, Cornmarket Street
Sun 27th	8.30 a.m.	Brigid & James Flynn, George Flynn & Family
Sun 27th	10.30 a.m.	Mary Shields, Gloster Birr (1st Ann) Josephine Mitchell (1st Ann) Johnny & Margaret Guinan, Clonbrone Michael & Nellie Whelan & Son Michael Elizabeth Maher, Crinkle Jack & Mary Scully, Fortal
Sun 27th	12 noon	Mary Concepta Cooke, Grove St(MM) Jimmy Hogan (1st Ann) John Murdock, Presentation Place Josephine & Ted Nealon Patrick & Josephine Kelly, & daughter Gail, The Green, Sr, Josephine & Pat O'Malley
Tues 1st	10.00 a.m.	John Fallon, Rathcabbin Christy, Sally & Kathleen Cleary,
Wed 2nd	10.00 a.m.	Terri Masterson Paddy Guinan
Thurs 3rd	10.00 a.m.	Teresa Creamer (MM)

Please Pray for the Souls of

Brendan Milne, Ballyboy late of Tullamore & Crinkle Brother of John, Mill street, Tom, Blueball & sister Betty, Crinkle Tony Kelly, Cappaneale



Ash Wednesday - Lent

Wednesday next March 2nd is Ash Wednesday the start of the joyful season of Lent. Ashes are blessed and distributed on this day @ 10am mass in St. Brendan's and at 7.30pm mass in Carrig.

Ashes will be available for people to take home and place on each other's foreheads reminding us of this special time (Lent) of blessing and renewal. Lent time is the 40 days before Easter, traditionally people have taken on a commitment or denied themselves of a luxury sweets/food/ alcohol etc.

The prayer that accompanies the placing of the blessed ash "turn away from sin and believe in the good news"

Temperance Sunday

The Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday, we are invited to reflect on the gift of temperance and the struggle so many individuals and families have with alcohol and drugs. We remember the prayer of the fellowship "Lord grant me the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, courage to change the things we can and wisdom to know the difference"

Welcome Rev Canon Arthur Minion

We warmly welcome Rev Canon Arthur Minion as the new rector for the Birr group of parishes Birr/Locheen/Lorrha/Dorrha. He will be installed into his new parish on Tuesday March 1st by the Archbishop of Dublin. Most Rev. Dr Michael Johnson. Canon Arthur is very familiar to south Offaly and north Tipperary and having served as rector to the Shinrone group of parish in the 1990s. Canon Arthur is married to Susan and has three children. We wish him every blessing in his new position as he renews old friendships and the makes new one's.

Sacramental Preparation for First Penance/Communion/Confirmation



We welcome the young people from the

Parish preparation Programme, participating on Sunday 10.30 am mass.



Carrig NS - Carrig Church @ 9.30am
Worksheet 1 & 2 is available at weekend masses.

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**
Wed 9th March – **Crinkill N.S.**
Thurs 10th March – **Carrig N.S. Carrig Church**



Last October Pope Francis launched a process called Synodality in which lay people and religious are invited to reflect on our understanding of church. This weekend at church porches a explanatory leaflet is available. The model of church as we know it is changing dramatically - we are invited to reflect on how we want church to be under the heading's of communion, participation and mission

Sponsored By
MS

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí an Mhárta

Cuirimid fáilte roimh Mhí an Mhárta, mí an fheirmeora, mí na sailchuaiche, mí na hathbheochana. I mí an Mhárta bí linn a Thiarna. Is iad intinní an Phápa don mhí seo: Guímid ar son Chríostaithe atá ag streachailt le dúshlán bitheiciúil; go gcosnaí siad i gcónaí dínit bheatha an duine trí phaidreoireacht agus ghníomh. An Chéadaoin seo chugainn Céadaoin an Luaithrigh, an chéad lá den Charghas. Is ré aithrí in onóir do Pháis Chríost é tráth an Charghais. Beannaítear luaithreach ar an lá seo agus cuirtear ar chlár éadain an duine é leis na focail "déanaigí aithrí agus creidigí sa soiscéal". Is am troscaidh, aithrí agus paidreoireachta é An Carghas. *A Íosa glan mo chroí-se go gléghlan gach lá; A Íosa cuir m'intinn faoi léirsmacht do ghrá.*

Month of March

We welcome the month of March, month of the farmer, month of the violet, month of renewal. Be with us O Lord in the month of March. The Pope's intention for this month: We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. It is a period of reparation in honour of the Passion of Christ. Ashes, reminding us of our mortality, are blessed and distributed with the words "turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel". This is a time of fasting, penance and prayer. Jesus cleanse my heart and purify it each day; Jesus, let my mind be guided by your love.

Day of Prayer for Survivor's and Victims of Abuse

Lord, forgive us our many sins. We grieve and repent will all our hearts for having offended you, for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable. We place all of those who have been hurt by the church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother. Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light of your Word. May we as people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church. Amen.