

BIRR PARISH

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Altar Servers is something that we have missed since the beginning of the pandemic and we are delighted to start welcoming them back to all Parish Masses. If you are in third class and upwards including secondary school please complete information form with your parent and return to the parish office.

Holy Ghost Missionaries

Each year the diocese of Killaloe facilitate a missionary congregation to visit parishes for mission appeal. This year the Holy ghost missionaries priests will be visiting Birr parish next weekend March 19th/20th and will speak at the weekend masses.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday of Lent at 11 50 am

Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for Compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.

Daffodil Day:

Friday 25th March collections return to the streets of Birr. Proceeds to the Irish Cancer Society please support this worthy cause

BIRR YOUNG VOICES

For all boys and girls age 8-12years who love to sing! Join Birr Young Voices for an Easter Holiday Music camp from Wednesday 20th - Saturday 23rd April, and Birr Festival of Music 29th April - 2nd May. See www.birrfestivalofmusic.com for enrolment details.

St. Joseph's Magnets

are now 2 for €5

St Patricks day badges €2.00 each
Are now available from the Parish Office
Proceeds to Lighting renewal fund

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Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 12th	10.00 a.m.	John Murray Ballindara Fr. Henry Torphy
Sat 12th	7.30 p.m.	Teresa Shortt, Seffin & her parents Daniel & Elizabeth, brothers John, Tom Willie & his wife Briget Michael Deegan, Crinkle Baby Sheila Cash, Daingean Road
Sun 13th	10.30 a.m.	Agnes Pearson, The Rocks Patricia Shelly Geraldine Cleary
Sun 13th	12 noon	William Carroll, Whiteford (MM) John Fay William, Teresa & Donie Hanley Anna Pey and all deceased members of the Hanley & Pey families
Mon 14th	10.00 a.m.	Ted Cooke, Military Road Margaret Delaney & her husband Michael O'Brien Glebe St
Wed 16th	7.30 p.m.	John & Frances Hoare Sr. Josephine Grimes
Thurs 17th	12 noon	Noel & Maureen Reedy, John's Mall
Sat 19th	7.30 p.m.	Mary Morris, John's Place (MM)
Sun 20th	9.30 a.m.	Jimmy Dick & Paddy Quinn and all deceased members of the Quinn Family
Sun 20th	10.30 a.m.	Helen Hogan, Killeen
Sun 20th	12 noon	Mary Ellen Feenane (1st Ann) Patrick & Elizabeth Mullins, Fairview & Keith Family

Please Pray for the Souls of

Mary Lawlor, Carrig
Ann Jones, London sister of Liam Carter New Road
Caroline Ward (nee Corcoran) John's Court
formerly United States, Sister of Des
Corcoran, John's Place & Mary Boissel, Military
Road Crinkle
Pat Spain, Kinnitty
Monica Haines, Green Street,
Pat Hartnett, Roscrea formerly Seffin,
Joe Reynolds, Manchester formerly Crinkle
Sister of Bridget Reynolds, Crinkle

St. Patrick's Prayer

I arise today
Through the strength of heaven
Light of sun, radiance of moon,
splendour of fire, speed of lightning
Swiftness of wind, depth of sea,
stability of earth, firmness of rock.
I surround myself today with the
power of God;
God's strength to comfort me,
God's might to uphold me,
God's good sense to guide me
God's eye to look before me,
God's word to speak to me,
God's hand to lead me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's angels to save me.



Sacramental Preparation for First Penance/Communion/Confirmation



We welcome the young people
from **Mercy Primary School**,
participating on Saturday at
7.30pm Mass and **Crinkill N.S**
participating on Sunday at
10.30 am Mass.



Worksheets 3 & 4 are available at weekend Masses.

**Congratulation to all the young boy's & girl's who
made there first reconciliation during the week. A
very special word of thank's to their teachers,
parents & sacramental co-ordinator Joan Hogan**



As the key Lenten Project for 2022, Parishes and Pastoral Areas all over the diocese will be holding many forms of Synodal conversations during March and early April. You are invited to take part in these conversations, to share your views, and to listen to others. You can also take the opportunity to participate online in the Synodal Process by completing the online survey on the Diocesan Website at: <https://www.killaloe-diocese.ie/synod-keyqs/>
You don't need to be a regular participant in Church activities and events to be part of this process. All the more, if you have fallen away from the faith or if you never engaged at any stage, we would like to hear your voice. We earnestly look forward to listening to what you have to say and look forward to hearing from you. If you would like to participate in the Listening Process, please leave your name with the parish office.

There are three key themes/issues around which the discussion will happen. These are Communion, Participation, and Mission.

What does Communion mean for you?

Do you have a real sense of belonging to a Church community? Are we living up to our calling to be welcoming and inclusive? Do you know people or groups who feel excluded or marginalised? What can be done to include everybody?

What does Participation mean for you?

Have you had the opportunity to participate in Church? If not, what obstacles do you feel prevent you? How can we promote participation in our parish community?

What do you understand by Mission?

Is our Church community inward-looking or outward-looking? Are we reaching out to those who are hurting or marginalised? What needs call for our response?

Lá Fhéile Naomh Pádraig

Ceiliúramid Lá Fhéile Pádraig ar an Déardaoin seo chugainn 17 Márta ní hamháin in Éirinn ach ar fud na cruinne. Tógadh Pádraig mar sclábháí go hÉirinn agus chaith sé sé bliana mar aoire ar Shliabh Mis i gContae Aontroma. Bhí sé mar nós aige guí chun Dé céad uair sa lá agus céad uair san oíche. D'éirigh leis filleadh ar an mBreatain agus as sin go dtí an Fhrainc. Oirníodh ina é shagart agus ina dhiaidh sin rinneadh easpag de. D'fhill sé ar Éirinn agus chraobhscaoil sé Soiscéal na Críostaíochta. Tugann an lá féile seo deis dúinn buíochas a ghabháil le Dia as an tseoid luachmhar seo a bhronn Naomh Pádraig orainn. Gabhaimid buíochas chomh maith dóibh siúd idir chléir agus tuath a scaip an Creideamh ar fud an domhain. Sa *Confessio* cuireann Pádraig é féin in aithne dúinn "Mise Pádraig, peacach róthútach, an té is lú de na fíréin go léir agus an té is mó a bhfuil dímheas ag a lán...". Tugaimis ómós dó mar ba chóir. Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig orainn go léir sa bhaile agus ar fud na cruinne ar ár lá náisiúnta ceiliúrtha féin.

Sliocht as **Lúireach Phádraig**
*Críost i gcroí gach duine a smaoiníonn orm,
Críost i mbéal gach duine a labhraíonn liom,
Críost i ngach súil a fhéachann orm,
Críost i ngach cluas a éistean liom.*

Feast of Saint Patrick

We celebrate the feast of St. Patrick on Thursday next 17 March, not only in Ireland but throughout the world. Saint Patrick was brought as a slave to Ireland and spent six years as a shepherd on Sliabh Mish in Co. Antrim. It was his custom to pray to God a hundred times a day and the same at night. He succeeded in retuning to Britain and from there to France. He was ordained a priest and later a bishop. He returned to Ireland and preached the Gospel of Christ to the Irish people. We remember to thank God for this precious gift on St. Patrick's feast day. We also thank God for all those who proclaimed and spread' even to this day, the Christian message to people throughout the world. In the *Confessio* Patrick introduces himself "I Patrick, wretched sinner, least among men, despised by many...". Let us honour him fittingly. Happy St. Patrick's Day to everybody in Ireland and throughout the world on this our national feast day.

Extract from **St. Patrick's Breastplate**
*Christ in hearts of all who think of me,
Christ in mouth of all who speak to me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.*