

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. **Training session March 23rd @ 7.30 p.m. in St. Brendan's Church.**

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

Daffodil Day:

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



Padre Pio Mass Thursday 24th March @ 7.30p.m.

Pilgrimages:

Medugorje: July 20th to July 27th 2022
For more information please contact Phil Robinson (086) 3956299 . Spiritual Director Fr. Antony Sajeesh Birr

Lourdes 2022

After an absence of two years, due to the Covid pandemic our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes resumes again this year from 28th June to 3rd July, direct from Shannon Airport. Sick or assisted pilgrims will not travel this year. Cost €739 to €759 depending on the choice of hotel, Agena or La Solitude. To reserve your place please contact Joe Walsh Tours -Tel; 01-2410800, email: info@joewalstours.ie Post: Joe Walsh Tours 69 O'Connell Street Dublin 1
The autumn pilgrimage will take place from 2nd to 7th October 2022. Enquiries to Fr Tom Ryan Pilgrimage Director 087- 2349816 or tfryan.ennis@gmail.com

Fully Escorted Pilgrimage four night Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 04th April 2022. €570.00 per person sharing. Price includes return bus transfer, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions. Single supplement €75.00. Contact Patricia on 087 1890 236 or knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 19th	7.30 p.m.	Mary Morris, John's Place (MM)
Sun 20th	9.30 a.m.	Jimmy, Dick & Paddy Quinn and all the deceased members of the Quinn Family
Sun 20th	10.30 a.m.	Helen Hogan, Killeen
Sun 20th	12 noon	Mary Ellen Fennane (1st Ann) Patrick & Elizabeth Mullins, Fairview Keith Family
Thurs 24th	10.00 a.m.	May Tierney
Sat 26th	7.30 p.m.	Tony Kelly, Cappaneale (MM)
Sun 27th	8.30 a.m.	Michael Bowe & Family
Sun 27th	10.30 a.m.	Middleton & Kennedy Families, Crinkle Bill Carroll, Whiteford Violet, Eddie & Michael Forrister, Castle Street
Sun 27th	12 noon	Terry Hoctor, Hilltop, Crinkle Eugene Garvey, Tullynisk Jimmy & Annie King, Glebe Street

Please Pray for the Souls of
Geoff Harding, Ballyghar Carrig



Geoff Harding (Appreciation)

On Sunday last Geoff Harding Ballyghar passed away. He has been a constant figure in the community life of Carrig village for a lifetime. His work ethic, genial personality and love of place enabled him to achieve so much.

Ita and Geoff returned to Carrig to make their home after a period of time working in England. They built up a very successful petrol and grocery shop – The Village Store. Geoff looked after the Carrig church grounds and the graveyard for many years. His love of flowers and plants was evident in the way he enhanced both the village green areas and the church/graveyard grounds. He worked tirelessly for the community – a member of both the hall committee and the Tidy villages committee.

We offer our sympathy to his beloved Ita and the circle of his family. "Leaba I Measc Na Naomh duit"

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.

Sacramental Preparation for First Penance/Communion/ Confirmation



We welcome the young people from **Carrig N.S.** @ 9.30 a.m. mass in Carrig Church & The



Parish Preparation Programme, participating on Sunday at 10.30 am Mass.
Worksheets 3 & 4 are available at weekend Masses.

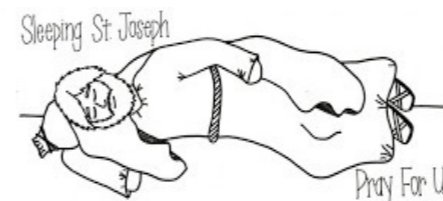


Feast of St. Joseph March 19th

St Joseph has been declared the patron of the church. Pope Francis made 2021 the year of St. Joseph to highlight his central role

Prayer to St Joseph

Saint Joseph, guardian of Jesus and husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his son. In you, Mary placed her trust. When you were faced with difficult decisions you listened for the spirit to guide your response. Be with us and guide us as we invoke your intercession. When life throws up unexpected challenges give to us a renewal of faith and deepening of hope so enabling us to bear witness to faithfulness, love and peace. St. Joseph, father of orphans and protector of vulnerable people, patron of workers and all who have been forced to leave their native lands. Be with us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



Pope Francis has promoted devotion to the Sleeping Saint Joseph. Joseph, while he was asleep was visited by the Holy Spirit in his dreams when making difficult decisions in his life. So Pope Francis puts his prayer request under the image of the Sleeping St. Joseph when he is going to sleep in the evening time. The next day he will revisit the presenting issue with fresh insight.

St. Joseph's Magnets
are now 2 for €5

An Tríú Domhnach den Charghas. Teachtaireacht an Aingil.

Is é seo an Tríú Domhnach den Charghas. Inniu táimid leath bealaigh tríd an gCarghas agus is féidir linn ár rúin a athnuachan. Ceiliúrfar Teachtaireacht an Aingil chun na Maighdine Muire ar an Aoine 25 Márta. I Soiscéal Naomh Lúcas (Lúcas1:26-38) tagann an tArd aingeal Gabriel chuig Muire. "Agus ar a theacht isteach chuici dúirt: 'Sé do bheatha, atá lán de ghrásta, tá an Tiarna leat: is beannaithe thú idir mná" Lúcas1:28-29. Ceiliúraimid an ról atá ag Muire mar an té a roghnaíodh le bheith ina máthair ag Iosa. Is í Muire an té is gaire do Chríost agus dúinne chomh maith. Cé go bhfuil clabhsúr tagtha ar Sheachtain na Gaeilge ná déan dearmad ar an Ghaeilge a labhairt. Is seoid luachmhar í, ná lig di dul in éag. – *Beatha teanga í a labhairt.*

Fáilte an Aingil

Tháinig aingeal le scéala chun Muire. F. Agus ghabh sí ón Spiorad Naomh. 'Sé do bheatha a Mhuire, srl. Féach mise banóglach an Tiarna. F. Déantar liom de réir d'fhocail. 'Sé do Bheatha srl. Agus ghlac an Briathar colainn dhaonna. F. Agus chónaigh sé inár measc. 'Sé do bheatha, srl Guigh orainn, a Naomh-mháthair Dé. F. Ionas go m'fhiú sinn gealltanais Chríost. Guímis: Doirt anuas, impímid, a Thiarna, do ghrásta inár gcroí, ionas, sinne a fuair fios, trí scéala an aingil, ar theacht Íosa Chríost do mhac i gcolainn dhaonna, go dtiocfaimis, trí luaíocht a pháise agus a chroise, chun glóire a aiséirí, trí Chríost ár dTiar-na. Áiméan

Third Sunday of Lent.

Feast of the Annunciation.

This is The Third Sunday of Lent. Today we are halfway through the season of Lent and we can renew our resolutions. The feast of the Annunciation is celebrated on Friday next 25 March. In the Gospel of St. Luke (Luke1:26-38) we read that the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary. "He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice so highly favoured! The Lord is with you" Luke1 28-29. We celebrate Mary's role as the person chosen to be mother of Jesus. Mary is the closest to Jesus and to us too. Irish Language Week has come to a close but we must not forget our language but speak it at every opportunity. It is precious, don't allow it to be forgotten. – The life of a language is to speak it!

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary... Behold the handmaid of the Lord. R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary... And the Word was made flesh. R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary... Pray for us O holy Mother of God. R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Let us Pray. Pour forth we beseech you, O Lord, Thy Grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel may by His passion and Cross be brought to the Glory of His Resurrection. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.