

BIRR PARISH

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Secret Love – The Doris Day Story

The Fantastic Great Singalong Songbook team of Linda Kenny, Damien Smith, Alf McCarthy, together with the Songbook Band, tell the real story behind Doris Day's 'Calamity Jane' smile and bring you all her hit songs including *Sentimental Journey*, *Que Sera Sera*, *Secret Love*, *Perhaps Perhaps Perhaps* and many more. An afternoon spent singing your heart out! **Sunday May 8th 3pm**, tickets €22 available from Birr Theatre & Arts Centre -0579122911 www.birrtheatre.com for full details.

Borrisokane Players :are delighted to announce their long-anticipated return to the stage with their 2022 production of Robin Hawdon's 'Perfect Wedding' at The Clarke Memorial Hall, Borrisokane. Running nightly from Friday May 6th to Sunday May 8th at 8.30pm sharp. Bookings on 086 067 8124. A weekend of fantastic amateur drama not to be missed!

Alzheimer Society Day Care Centre

Annual Tea Day fundraiser in the Day Care centre Thursday 8th May @ 3pm in aid of the Alzheimer Society

NEWSKILLS TO COMPETE-WELDING

TRAINEESHIP course which we are now recruiting for. This 36-week full time programme is ideal for those who wish to work in the area of welding and fabrication. The programme will be delivered in a fully equipped premises with an emphasis on hands on workshop-based learning complemented with relevant theory and work placement. Programme content includes industry recognised certification in MMA, M.I.G. and T.I.G. Welding, City & Guilds certification in Fabrication together with other related modules. Participants should have an interest in gaining employment in the continually expanding Engineering Industry. We will also have on site a Metron Welding - Lincoln Electric VR Simulator. This new programme is starting in Mid-May. It's a six-month programme Monday - Friday at Banagher FET Centre. For further information and details about this programme and others please contact Centre Manager Ben Pillion on 085 8016195 / 0851380205 or Email banagherfet@loetb.ie

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In Memory of Loved ones

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 30th	7.30p.m.	Mary Teresa Lawlor, Moorpark Street, (MM) Trevor O' Shea, Bulfin Park, (1st Ann) Deceased Members of the O'Shea & Brummell Family Derek Maher, Cappaneale Anthony Nevin and his son Anthony Nevin Jnr, Presentation Place
Sun 1st Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Brendan & Sarah O' Brien
Sun 1st	10.30 a.m.	Stan Hayes, High Street Graham Ringrose, 3 Doire Og, Coolderry Monica Boyd, Woodlands Drive
Sun 1st	12 noon	Annie Michael & Rody Harte Mick & Mary Hogan, Crinkle
Mon 2nd	10.00 a.m.	Patrick, Aileen O'Gorman & Family Members
Wed 4th	10.00 a.m.	Eileen Daly, Woodland Villas (MM) Jody Donoghue
Fri 6th	10.00 a.m.	Tony McLoughlin, Main Street,
Sat 7th	7.30 p.m.	Tommy Parsons, Bulfin Park (MM) Mick Davis, Emmett Street (1st Ann) Billy Watson, 6 Rosse Row George Smith, Seffin John Gormley, Meadowcourt
Sun 8th Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Helena White, Carrig
Sun 8th	10.30 a.m.	John Carroll Paddy Molloy, Burkes Hill Valerie McIntyre, Demesne View
Sun 8th	12noon	Aidan Maher, Pound Street (1st Ann) Michael Connolly Sarah Barry Martin Hynes, Castle Gardens & his Son Peter

Please Pray for the Souls of

Tony Fahey, Burkes Hill
 Josephine Gill (Nee) Hall, late of Rathmore, Sharavogue, Ealga Lodge Nursing Home Shinrone, Sister of Aileen Watkins Birr
 Dymphna Talbot, Formerly Seffin Birr
 Laserina O'Connor, Dublin wife of the late John O'Connor Main Street, Birr
 Greg Curley, Ballinasloe Galway, brother of John Curley, Burkes Hill
 Marguerite Kilfeather Rosses Point Sligo, sister of Denise O' Hare Oxmantown Mall



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.



The following dates have been earmarked for our parish celebrations of



First Holy Communion and Confirmation

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

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 PPP
 Sunday 22nd May – Carrig N.S. –
 (In Carrig Church at 9.30am)
 Saturday 28th May – Crinkill N.S

Confirmation Ceremonies – 7.30pm

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 PPP
 Friday 3rd June - Killeen N.S.

Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Introductory Talk in St. Cronan's Roscrea @ 3pm on Sunday 8th May. This Marian devotion was begun in the 1960s. The talk will be presented by John Sullivan International director for the Flame of Love movement.

Trócaire

Now that the Lenten Season has concluded we invite you to return your Trócaire box or offerings. Your support for Trócaire is very much appreciated at these difficult times to respond to the cry of the poor in so many parts of the world.

Our Lady of Clonfert May Masses and Devotions 2022:

Masses will take place at the shrine each night, Monday to Friday at 7.30 p.m., Saturday Mass at 7pm and Sunday Mass at 10.30 a.m. and 7pm. Mass also each Friday at 12 noon for the month. Rosary and Benediction following evening Mass on Sunday's on the 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th. Guest celebrants and speakers covering many topics of life. CLONFERT CHURCH H53D702. Masses can be viewed on www.churchservice.tv/clonfert. We would appreciate if face coverings could be worn in church.

An Tríú Domhnach den Cháisc

Inniu an chéad lá de Mhí na Bealtaine, an tríú Domhnach den Cháisc. I Mí na Bealtaine, bí linn a Thiarna, Mí na Maighdine Muire, tús an tsamhraidh, mí na cuaiche, mí na mbláthanna. Is iad intiníní an Phápa don mhí seo: *Go bhfeice daoine óga i mbeatha Mhuire an dóigh le héisteacht, doimhneacht na tuisceana, an misneach a ghineann creideamh agus dúthracht don tseirbhís*. Thaispeáin Críost é féin arís do na deisceabail i Soiscéal an lae inniu. Bíonn Críost aiséirithe in éineacht linn de shíor. Ba cheart dúinn éisteacht go humhail lena bhriathar trí mheán na Scrioptúr, freastal ar Aifreann agus Comaoineach Naofa a ghlacadh.

A Thiarna, is tú an Finné fiordhílis, an Chéadghin ó mhairbh. Cuir ar chumas d'Eaglaise fianaise a dhéanamh leat gan stad gan staonadh. Áiméan

Third Sunday of Easter

Today is 1 May, the third Sunday of Easter. Be with us O Lord in the month of May, month of the Virgin Mary, beginning of summer, month of the cuckoo, month of flowers. The Pope's intention for this month: *We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates and the dedication to service*. Christ showed himself again to the disciples in today's Gospel. The risen Christ is always with us. We ought to listen humbly to his word in the Scriptures, attend Mass and receive Holy Communion.

Lord, you are you are the faithful and true witness, the first-born from the dead; may The Church never cease to proclaim you to the world. Amen