

BIRR PARISH

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Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Active

Retirement Group: Meeting in Carrig Community Hall on Monday 18th April @ 7.30 p.m. New members welcome.

Progressive 25 Easter Game in Carrig Hall on Tuesday 19th April @ 8.30 p.m. Refreshments served.

Affordable Live-in Homecare provides live-in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on 087 991 6791 or 087 744 0729. Our website is www.alhomecare.ie

St. Padre Pio Mass with Intercession prayers

Thursday next 21st April @ 7.30p.m.

Birr Parish Finance

We acknowledge the people who have already signed up to Revenue's CHY4 Tax Back scheme. If you pay income tax in Ireland and donate €250 or more in a given calendar year you can help the parish reclaim tax back on your donations. Please contact the parish office for more information.

A very sincere thank you for your generosity to the **Priests' Easter Collection** that was taken up last weekend. It is very much appreciated.

Lough Derg 2022 reopens 1st May

One day retreats May, August and Sept €45
Three day pilgrimages June, July and August €80. More details 071-9861518

Trocaire Lent 2022

This year the Thandekile family in Zimbabwe are on the Lenten boxes. Conflict, injustice, climate change and Covid are hurting so many around the world. The Trocaire collection is usually taken up on Good Friday or you may use the envelope in yearly box. Trocaire fast boxes can be left to the sacristy or Parish office.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 16th	9.00p.m.	Martin & Winifred Maughan, daughter Tina and all the deceased members of the Maughan family, Banagher
Sun 17th	10.30 a.m.	James Donoghue, Bulfin Park, (20th Ann)
Sun 17th	12 noon	James (Dino) Martin, Cappaneale (2nd Ann) Martin Hogan & his wife Nancy, High Street, (56th Ann)
Mon 18th	10.00 a.m.	Easter Tridium Mary McSweeney
Tues 19th	10.00 a.m.	Easter Tridium
Wed 20th	10.00 a.m.	Easter Tridium
Sat 23rd	7.30 p.m.	Ann (Annio) Coughlan, Glebe Street (1st Ann)
Sun 24th Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Geoff Harding, Ballyghar Carrig (MM) Catherine Davern, Corr na Meala
Sun 24th	10.30 a.m.	John Kennedy, Cornmarket Street & his son John & his mother Mary

Please Pray for the Souls of

Brendan Nolan, Killyon brother in law of the late Sean Kinirons High Street
Joseph Colgan, Rath, son in law of Mary Kinirons, High Street & husband of Bridget (nee Kinirons)
Bernadette Carroll, Kildare, Sister of Bridget Reynolds, The Terrace Crinkle



Divine Mercy Sunday -
on next Sunday, April 24th. Chaplet
at 2.45 p.m. followed by Mass at
3.00 p.m. All welcome.

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Birr Town Soccer Club

Easter Blessings To All



Easter Reflection

Breaking through the powers of darkness
Bursting from the stifling tomb
He slipped into the graveyard garden
To smell the blossom air.

Tell them Mary, Jesus said,
That I have journeyed far
Into the darkest deeps I've seen
In nights without a star.

Tell them Mary, Jesus said,
That fear will flee my light
That through the ground will tremble
And despair will stalk the earth
I hold them firmly in my hand
Through terror, to new birth.

Tell them Mary, Jesus said,
The globe and all that's made
Is clasped to God's great bosom
They must not be afraid.
For though they fall and die, He said
And the black earth wrapped them tight
They will know the warmth
Of God's healing hands
In the early morning light.

Tell them Mary, Jesus said,
Smelling the blossomed air
Tell my people to rise with me
To heal the earth's despair.

Edwina Gately

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.

Domhnach Cásca

Ceiliúrtar Aiséirí ár dTiarna Íosa Críost mar an fhéile is mó i bhféilire na hEaglaise. D'aiséirigh Críost ón marbh Domhnach Cásca. Is mór an t-athrú a tháinig ar thuiscint agus ar dhearcadh na ndeisceabal maidin Domhnach Cásca. Cúpla lá roimhe seo, bhí siad ag féachaint ar Íosa ag fulaingt a pháise agus ag fáil bháis ar an gcros. Ní foláir nó go raibh a gcroí briste. Nuair a d'aiséirigh Sé léirigh Sé gur bhuaigh Sé ar an mbás, ar an bpeaca agus ar chumhacht an oilc. Chruthaigh sé gurbh é féin Dia. Nuair a chonaic siad an tuama folamh thuig siad teagasc Íosa. Bíodh gairdeas agus áthas orainn um Cháisc. Chreid ár sinsir go ndearna an ghrian damhsa sa spéir le háthas agus go raibh gach gné den dúlra faoi lúcháir ar Dhomhnach Cásca de bhrí go raibh ár Slánaitheoir ina bheatha arís. De réir an tseanchais, dúirt Pointias Píoláit lena bhean go gcreidfeadh sé in Aiséirí Chríost dá n-éireadh an coileach a bhí á bheiriú aici ón gcorcán. Leis sin d'éirigh an coileach ón gcorcán agus ghlaigh sé amach os ard "Mac na hÓighe Slán" Is é sin an abairt a bhíonn i mbéal an choiligh nuair a ligeann sé glao as gach maidin ó shin i leith. Tá ár gcroí ag cur thar maoil le háthas inniu chomh maith. Seinn alleluia! **Moladh go deo leat Íosa, Alleluia!**
Cáisc faoi shéan is faoi mhaise do chách

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the greatest feast in the Liturgical Calendar. Jesus arose from the dead on Easter Sunday. The understanding and outlook of the disciples changed greatly on Easter Sunday. A few days before, the disciples saw Jesus suffer His agony and die on the cross. No doubt their hearts were broken. When Jesus arose from the dead on Easter Sunday it was a victory over sin, death and evil. He proved that He was God. When the disciples saw the empty tomb they understood the teaching of Christ. Let us rejoice and be happy at Easter. Our ancestors believed that the sun danced and that nature celebrated on Easter Sunday because Jesus had risen from the dead. According to tradition Pontius Pilate informed his wife he would believe in the Resurrection of Christ if the cockerel which was being cooked in a pot jumped out. With that out jumped the cockerel and declared "Christ is safe". This is what the cockerel says each morning when he crows. Our hearts are overflowing with joy today also. Sing alleluia! **Praised be Jesus at all times, Alleluia!**