

BIRR PARISH

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Midland Living Links supporting those bereaved by suicide. Coffee Morning - 9th May St. Brendan's Church after 10.00 a.m. mass.

Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Annual Killaloe Diocesan to Knock will take place on Sunday 22nd May 2022. Concelebrated Mass will be lead by Bishop Fintan Monahan. Booking and further information please ring Bernie 05791-20482 or Maura 05791-20001

Host Families: We have European students arriving in Ireland to attend school and live with a host family. We are looking for host families to welcome students into their homes. To find out more about the benefits and €€€ of becoming a host family, please contact Miriam on [0861513742](tel:0861513742) and email miriam@mlcireland.ie Please send me a message on the above number if you are interested personally in becoming a host family and we discuss at a time that suits you best.

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

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 7th	7.30p.m.	Tommy Parsons, Bulfin Park (MM) Mike Davis, Emmett Street (1st Ann) Billy Watson, 6 Rosse Row George Smith, Seffin John Gormley, Meadowcourt Tom Molloy, Connaught Street
Sun 8th	9.30 a.m.	Helena White, Carrig
Sun 8th	10.30 a.m.	John Carroll, School Road, Crinkle Paddy Molloy, Burkes Hill Valerie McIntyre, Demesne View
Sun 8th	12 noon	Aidan Maher, Pound Street (1st Ann) Michael Connolly Sarah Barry Turley, Elm Park Martin Hynes, Castle Gardens & his Son Peter Margaret Lally, Cúl Dara
Tues 10th	10.00 a.m.	Deceased Eucharistic Adorers
Fri 13th	10.00 a.m.	Brendan & Mai Bergin, Emmet Street
Sat 14th	10.00 a.m.	John McCarthy, High Street, Daughter Lorraine & Celine and all his sisters and brothers of the McCarthy Family
Sat 14th	7.30 p.m.	Pauline Long, Keshcarrigan, Leitrim (1st Ann) Tim Hutchinson Kathleen & Jim Colohan, New Road Donie (Dan) Carroll, Bulfin Park Carmel Milne, Crinkle
Sun 15th	10.30 a.m.	Kathleen Ryan, 3 Emmett Terrace (MM)
Sun 15th	12 noon	James Hegarty, Cappaneale

Please Pray for the Souls of

Joe Kennedy, Elm Park, Syngefield
 Martin Carney, Carrig, Birr
 Mark Smyth, Tinlough, Carrig, Birr



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.

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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 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.**

Ukraine Collection

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the recent Special Collection for Ukraine. Nationally, this collection has raised to date over €3.25 million. Your contributions will bring much-needed relief to those in the region whose lives and livelihoods have been devastated. The funds raised will be used by the Caritas Internationalis, which is currently operating on the ground in Ukraine and its surrounding areas.

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.

An Ceathrú Domhnach den Cháisc

Tá an ceathrú Domhnach den Cháisc tiomnaithe do lá domhanda d'urnaí ar son gairmeacha. Deir Íosa linn i soiscéal an lae inniu "Éistean mo chaoirigh le mo ghlór, agus aithním iad, leanann siad mé. Tá an bheatha shíoraí agam á tabhairt dóibh..."(Eoin 27-28). Is íomhá an-chumhachtach é an Sáraoire ar an ngrá pearsanta agus an cúram atá ag Críost do gach duine. Tá an creideamh lár-nach don chaidreamh idir Íosa mar Aoire agus baill den tréad sin. Tá gairm ag gach duine chun bheith ina dheisceabail ag Íosa. Iarrtar orainn inniu guí go bhfreagróidh daoine óga an ghairm chun na Sagartachta agus an Bheatha Reiligiúnach. Is é Íosa féin a dúirt linn: "Tá an fómhar fairsing ach níl ann ach meitheal bheag. Dá bhrí sin guígí Máistir an fhómhair go gcuirfeadh sé meitheal uaidh isteach ina fhómhair" (Matha 9:37-38). *A Thiarna Íosa Críost, Slánaitheoir an domhain, go n-éirí linn ár mbeatha a chaitheamh de réir do dhílse. Go dtreoraí an Spiorad Naomh sagairt agus lucht craobhscaoilte an dea-scéil. Aiméan.*

Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is devoted to prayer for vocations. Jesus tells us in today's gospel, "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life..." (John 27-28). The Good Shepherd is a very powerful image of the personal love and care that Jesus has for each person. Faith is central to the friendship between Jesus the Good Shepherd and the members of His flock. Everybody has a vocation in life and is called to be a true disciple of Jesus. We are asked to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. It was Jesus who said, "The harvest is great but the labourers are few. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send labourers into His harvest". (Matthew 9: 37-38).

Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, may we spend our lives faithful to You. May the Holy Spirit guide priests and all who preach the gospel. Amen

Trocaire

We acknowledge the generosity of people in response to the Trocaire Lenten appeal to date €5,586 has been forwarded. If you have Trocaire boxes or wish to donate please leave to sacristy or parish office. Thank you.