

BIRR PARISH

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Offaly Pro - Life Quiz Night

A quiz night will take place on Wednesday May 25th at 8pm. in Hough's pub, Banagher. A table of 4 people will cost 20 euro, i.e. 5euro per person. Please support this vitally important cause and you could win a great prize.

Birr Vintage Week & Arts Festival - Meeting Thursday 19th May @ 7.30 p.m. Dooley's Hotel **All Welcome**

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 or email miriam@mlcireland.ie Please send me a message on the above number if you are interested

Busy Bodies Summer Camp: Takes place in Killeen National School, Killeen. Dates are **Week 1- 4th July, Week 2 - 11th July.** Lots of Activities, age 3 years to 10 years from 9.30 a.m. to 3pm please contact Ann for further information on 087 9625218.

Birr Theatre & Arts Centre : As part of the Bealtaine Festival, we are pressing play on the movie **BELFAST** - Thursday 19 May 3pm. A cuppa and a biscuit are served too. Director Kenneth Branagh looks at the troubles in the North through the eyes of an innocent child.

Remember **Frank Mc Namara** from Late late? Frank comes to Birr with his son JJ in a show called **The Apple and the Tree**. Sat 21 May 8pm. Playing Beethoven Chopin and Liszt, where beautiful music will be interspersed with fun stories! To Book www.birrtheatre.com - Box Office 0579122911

Grief Café Wednesday 18th May at 10.30am - 12pm Birr Theatre & Arts Centre bringing an opportunity for people of all ages to come together and share their experiences of grief.

Birr Library, would like to invite you to a tea and coffee morning from 10:30am (after 10.00am mass) on Wednesday, 18th May 2022. Local people will read short extracts of the stories, memories, people, places and events featured in the recently published *The Way We Were*. **All welcome.**

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 14th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sat 14th	7.30p.m.	Pauline Long, Keshcarrigan, Leitrim (1st Ann) Tim Hutchinson Kathleen & Jim Colohan, New Road Donie (Dan) Carroll, Bulfin Park Carmel Milne, Crinkle
Sun 15th	8.30 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sun 15th	10.30 a.m.	Kathleen Ryan, 3 Emmett Terrace (MM) Seamus & Chris Kennedy, Emmett Street
Sun 15th	12 noon	James Hegarty, Cappaneale
Mon 16th	10.00 a.m.	Patrick Hutchinson
Tues 17th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Wed 18th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Thurs 19th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Fri 20th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sat 21st	10.00 a.m.	Martin & Katie Ryan, Crinkle
Sat 21st	7.30 p.m.	Edward, Mary & Eddie Sherlock, Curraduff Chrissie O'Meara & her husband Paddy O'Meara, Burkes Hill Tommy, Con & Liz Kennedy Willie & Annie Smyth, Killeen William Smyth & Liam Morris Paddy Kirwan & his son Billy, Newbridge Street
Sun 22nd	8.30 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sun 22nd	10.30 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sun 22nd	12 noon	Joe Landy, 2 Westgate (1st Ann) Sharon Guinan, Clonbrone William Cooney, John's Mall Rosemary Mooney, Woodlands Park Sean & Frances Hogan Mary Murray, John Murray, Ballindarra & Fr. Henry Torpey, Carrig

Please Pray for the Souls of

Nancy Moody (nee Hctor), Glebe Street
Aidan King, The Gables, Riverstown
Marie Mahon, Coologue, Fivealley,
Mother of Dorothy Smith, Seffin Birr



Monthly Padre Pio Mass
 with Prayers Thursday
 19th May @ 7.30 p.m.



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In memory of Loved Ones



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

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.**

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. Bus Fare €20.00

Lough Derg 3 day Pilgrimage

Monday July 11th to Wednesday July 14th
 Bus from Emmett Square
 Cost €150 (approx.) Names to Parish Office.

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 Cúigiú Domhnach Den Cháisc

Inniu an cúigiú Domhnach den Cháisc agus táimid breis is leath bealaigh trí Mhí na Bealtaine. Ag machnamh dúinn ar shaol Íosa táimid ag dul siar na mílte bliain. Níor scríobhadh aon bheatha de shaol Íosa nó ní dhearadh aon scannán dá shaol sula bhfuair Sé bás. Gach a bhfuil ar eolas againn faoi, tá sé ag teacht chugainn trí An Scríbhinn Dhiaga: an Pháis, an Bhás agus an t-Aiséirí. I Soiscéal an lae inniu iarrann Íosa ar na deisceabail grá a bheith eatarthu i gcónaí “Tá aithne nua á thabhairt agam daoibh, go dtabharfadh sibh grá dá chéile; faoi mar a thug mise grá daoibhse, go dtabharfadh grá dá chéile. As sin a bheidh a fhios ag cách gur deisceabail liomsa sibh má bhíonn grá agaibh dá chéile” Eoin13:34-35. Is fiú dúinn na Soiscéil a léamh chun eolas níos fearr a fháil ar Íosa agus bheith i gcaidreamh leis gach lá. Má fhanaimid dílis do Chríost, agus a thoil a chomhlíonadh, beidh ceangail grá eadrainn go brách gan scaoileadh, mar is Eisean an tSlí, an Bheatha, agus an Fhírinne. A Thiarna, tabhair do ghrásta dúinn go gcuirimid i bhfeidhm ó ghníomh a bhfuil á dhearbhu agus á chomóradh againn. Áiméan

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Today is the fifth Sunday of Easter and we are more than halfway through the month of May. When we reflect on the life of Jesus, we are going back thousands of years. No life of Jesus was written and no film was made of Him during His life. Everything we know about Him comes through Sacred Scripture, His Passion, Death and Resurrection. In today's Gospel Jesus asks his disciples to love one another “I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples” John13: 34-35 We ought to read the Gospels to get to know Jesus better. If we remain faithful to Christ and do His will, we will be united with Him forever as He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Lord, grant that what we celebrate in in worship we may carry out in our lives. Amen