

BIRR PARISH

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First Friday Mass in Carrig church Friday 3rd June @ 7.30 p.m.

Priests Collection will be taken up at all masses this weekend, thank you for your support and generosity.

Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Active Retirement
As part of the **Bealtaine festival** we have Music & Song, Sunday 29th May 2022 @ 3pm Admission Free. Members and non members welcome.

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.

Save the date!!! Joyce is coming to town!! On **Wednesday, June 8th**, Robert Grogan, the writer, actor and Joycean enthusiast is coming to Birr Library and is on a mission to help us mere mortals decipher ULYSSES, James Joyce's extraordinary and celebrated novel. So hold onto your hats and join us on the 8th at 6.30pm for what promises to be a night to remember. Free Event Spaces are limited so to reserve a seat contact us on (057) 9124950 or at birrlibrary@offalycoco.ie

Charity Plant Sale Portumna Castle: Notice to all gardeners and gardening enthusiasts!
Get potting and donate your plants to a charity Bring and Buy Plant Sale, run by "An Gairdín", Organic and Ecology Centre, Portumna, Co. Galway in aid of UNICEF. The event will be held at Portumna Castle and Gardens on Sunday 29th May beginning at 11am. Bring your potted plants and flowers on the day and buy your choice of plants by donating to UNICEF. (Cash transactions only)
Our craft gardener Lynn will give 2 guided tours of the wonderful 17th century walled kitchen garden, at 2pm and 3.30pm. The garden is in full bloom at the moment and is a treat for all the senses. Booking is essential for the garden tour. Contact : 0909741658 or 0909742003
Local musicians have volunteered to perform throughout the afternoon. This should be an entertaining day for all the family.

Sponsored by In Memory of Loved Ones

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 28th	10.00 a.m.	Francis Kennedy, Newbridge Street (MM)
Sat 28th	7.30p.m.	Mikie Donoghue, Cappaneale William & Sarah O'Meara & Family Members, Cree Jimmy Kelly, Presentation Place Maureen Plunkett, High Street
Sun 29th	8.30 a.m.	Paddy Corrigan, Castle Street
Sun 29th	9.30 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sun 29th	10.30 a.m.	Seamus, Jane & Martin Yates, Newbridge Street Vincent Sammon, John's Mall & his sister Dolores (Lola) Aitken
Sun 29th	12 noon	Private Intentions
Mon 30th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Mon 30th	3.00 p.m.	David Egan, Memorial Mass
Tues 31st	10.00 a.m.	Jack, Rose & Catherine Grimes
Wed 1st	10.00 a.m.	Joe Carroll
Thurs 2nd	10.00 a.m.	Brian McManus, Military Road
Fri 3rd	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Fri 3rd	7.30 p.m.	Private Intentions
Sat 4th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sat 4th	7.30 p.m.	Martin Byrne, Clonoghill Upper
Sun 5th	8.30 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sun 5th	9.30 a.m.	Martin Carney, Carrig (MM) Mary Keeshan & her husband Brendan, Cornhill Road, Riverstown Theresa Kennedy & her daughter Mary, Clohaskin, Carrig and all deceased members of the Rice & Kennedy Family Paddy Meara John Kennedy
Sun 5th	10.30 a.m.	Mary Hehir & Son Geoffrey, High St Donald & Margie Brady, Killeen Pake & Lill Egan, Lusmagh, Burkes Hill
Sun 5th	12 noon	Private Intentions

Please Pray for the Souls of

Mary Blake, Doonbeg, sister of Fr. Kieran Blake PP, Coolderry & Kilcolman
Nora Kenny, Cork, mother of David Kenny, Church Street Birr



Guidance

Holy Spirit, give me wisdom and the courage of my Convictions, as I make life decisions today and every day. Some may be simple, others complex, but all require honesty and quiet reflection. I pray that, with your help and guidance, my heart will be open to God's will in whatever choices I am asked to make. Amen.

Prayer to 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.

Lough Derg 3 day Pilgrimage

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

New Readers' Rotas:

New Rotas are now available behind the altar. All readers are requested to collect the same. Many thanks to our Ministers of the Word, for their continued support.

Eucharistic Ministers

New Rotas are now available behind the altar. Many thanks to our Eucharistic Ministers for their continued support.

Lourdes 2022

After an absence of two years, due to the Covid pandemic, the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place again this year, from 28th June to 3rd July and from 2nd October to 7th October, direct from Shannon Airport.. The pilgrimage this year cannot accommodate sick or assisted pilgrims Prices vary from 739 to 759 per person sharing depending on choice of Hotel. Booking and more details from Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800

The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Birr Parish Finance

We thank parishioners who have continued to make donations to St. Brendan's Parish. Donations can be made to the parish in a number of ways:

1. Parish Envelopes (Cash or Cheque)
Donations can be given at weekend Masses or placed in the locked green box in St. Brendan's church beside the candelabra. This box is opened daily,
2. Set up a standing order.
3. Electronic transfer to the Birr Parish bank account - IBAN - IE40 BOFI 9016 7724 9407 77.
4. SUM UP card machine available at the main entrance.

Parish Donations during the month of April was €10,305.00. We are very grateful for your continued support.

Deascabháil ár dTiarna Íosa Críost

Inniu ceiliúrtar Deascabháil ár dTiarna Íosa Críost. I rith tréimhse dhaichead lá tar éis Aiséirí Chríost thaispeáin Íosa É féin do na deisceabail ó am go ham. Feicimid cumhacht Dé ag feidhmiú in aiséirí Chríost agus ina dheascabháil go deaslámh an Athar. Tógadh Íosa idir chorp agus anam isteach sna Flaithis. Bhí eagla agus éadóchas ar na deisceabail. D'iarr Íosa orthu a mhisean féin a choimeád ar siúl. Chuir sé in iúl dóibh go raibh a chúram ar talamh críochnaithe. Dúirt Íosa leo fanacht timpeall Iarúsailéim go dtiocfadh an Spiorad Naomh chucu. Tá Íosa ar neamh ag idirghuí ar ár son, agus ar son na heaglaise go léir. Inniu Lá Cumarsáide Domhanda. Cónaímid i ré na teicneolaíochta. Gach bliain ar an Domhnach roimh an Chincís ceiliúránn an Eaglais a bhfuil bainte amach ag na meáin chumarsáide i rith na bliana reatha. Díríonn sí ar conas is féidir luachana an tsoiscéil a chur chun cinn sna meáin. Bhunaigh an Pápa Pól V1 é mar chomóradh bliantúil sa bhliain 1967. Iarrtar orainn machnamh a dhéanamh ar dheiseanna agus ar dhúshláin na modhanna cumarsáide. Tá sé de dhualgas ar na meáin chumarsáide an fhírinne a chur de shíor os comhair an phobail. Seo paidir le rá ar Lá Cumarsáide Domhanda: A Dhia na fírinne, a thugann solas agus inspreagadh dúinn, treoraigh lucht na meán cumarsáide. Go ndéana siad gach iarracht tacú le dínit an duine trí fhocail agus íomhánna. Tabhair géarchúis dóibh. Go dtaga an Spiorad Naomh chugainn go léir agus go ndéana sé finnéithe dinn os comhair an tsaoil ar Shoiscéal ár dTiarna Íosa Críost. Áiméan

Feast of the Ascension

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. For forty days after His Resurrection Jesus appeared to the Apostles at different times. We see the power of God at work in the Resurrection and Ascension. Jesus was taken body and soul into Heaven. The apostles were frightened and downcast. Jesus asked them to continue His mission on earth. He told them to stay in Jerusalem and promised to send them the Holy Spirit as His work on earth was completed. Jesus is now in Heaven interceding for us and for the whole church. Today is World Communications Day. We live in the technological age. Every year it is celebrated by the Church on the Sunday before Pentecost Sunday. It emphasises how the media can promote Gospel values. The day was established by Pope Paul V1 in 1967. We are invited to reflect on the opportunities and challenges of the media. The media has an obligation to promote the truth at all times. This is a prayer for today: God of truth who enlightens us, guide the media. May they endeavour to support the dignity of the person through words and images. Give them discernment. May the Holy Spirit come to us and give us the courage to be witnesses to the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.