

BIRR PARISH

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Feast of Corpus Christi

Each year the church celebrates the precious gift from Jesus to us of Himself - His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Blessed Eucharist. This special day is called the Feast of Corpus Christi - The Body of Christ. As far back as the 12th century Jesus has been honoured by this special feast Day. The beautiful practices of Adoration, Benediction and carrying the Blessed Sacrament in procession emerged as time went on. Continuing this tradition which was interrupted by the Covid epidemic we intend to hold our annual Corpus Christi Procession in the grounds of St. Brendan's church and gardens on **Thursday June 16th @ 7.30pm**. All are invited to attend and join in the prayers and the singing. A special cead mile failte is extended to all our First Communion and Confirmation children and their parents. Please pray for a fine evening.

Midland Living Links supporting those bereaved by suicide. Coffee Morning - 7th June, Conference room in St. Brendan's Church after 10.00 a.m. mass.

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

Offaly Hospice Foundation needs volunteers to help with Sunflower Days on June 9th, 10th & 11th. If you have an hour or two to spare and would like to help raise money for your local palliative care service please contact Mary Murphy on 0868595046 or email offalyhospice@gmail.com

Lough Derg 3 day Pilgrimage

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

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Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 4th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sat 4th	7.30 p.m.	Joe Kennedy, Elm Park, (MM) Martin Byrne, Clonoghill Upper
Sun 5th	8.30 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sun 5th Carrig	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 Brendan Burns, Clonoghill Lower
Sun 5th	12 noon	Tim Bergin, Woodlands Park Bridget & Joe Delaney Patrick & Bridget Dolan, Wilmer Road
Mon 6th	10.00 a.m.	Celine & Lorraine McCarthy & dad John
Tues 7th	10.00 a.m.	Margaret Gray, Main Street
Wed 8th	10.00 a.m.	Johnny & Nelly McCarthy, Kitty Hayden, sister Josephine their 6 sisters & 3 brothers and all the deceased members of the McCarthy families
Thurs 9th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Fri 10th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sat 11th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sat 11th	7.30 p.m.	Nancy Moody, Glebe Street (MM)
Sun 12th	8.30 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sun 12th Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Aidan King, The Gables, Riverstown (MM) Tom & Son Gareth Turner, Carrig
Sun 12th	10.30 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sun 12th	12 noon	Dr. Paddy Grealy, Oxmantown Mall (1st Ann) Michael & Margaret Loughnane & Deceased family members Con Phelan, Townsend Street

Please Pray for the Souls of

Brian Studdert, 5 Sandymount Avenue, Birr



A very sincere **Thank You** for your generous contributions to the **Trocaire Lenten Campaign**. We have contributed **€5,791.00** to this worthy cause.

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

Remembering those taking Exams

The state exams begin on Wednesday of this week. We remember all our young people who will be sitting their Junior Cert and Leaving Cert exams. A "Book of Intentions" where you are invited to write the names of those you wish to be remembered during these days is in front of the altar. You are invited to take one of the prayer cards and remember the intentions of all.

Prayer Before an Examination

Dear Lord, as I take this exam, I thank you that my value is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me.
 Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together.
 Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way.

As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked.
 Help me to remain focussed and calm, confident in the facts and in my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are there with me. 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.

Spirit of God



You are the breath of creation, the wind of change that blows through our lives, opening us up to new dreams and new hopes, new life in Jesus Christ. Forgive us our closed minds which barricade themselves against new ideas, preferring the past to what you might want to do through us tomorrow. Forgive our closed eyes which fail to see the needs of the world, blind to opportunities of service and love. Forgive our closed hands which clutch our gifts and our wealth for our own use alone. Forgive our closed hearts which limit our affections to ourselves and our own. Spirit of new life, forgive us and break down the prison walls of our selfishness, that we might be open to your love and open for the service of your world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Domhnach Cincise

Ceiliúrtar Domhnach Cincise caoga lá tar éis Dhomhnach Cásca. Thuirling an Spiorad Naomh ar na hAspail. Líonadh Muire, na hAspail agus cairde Íosa leis an Spiorad Naomh. Chuaigh na hAspail amach láithreach ag fógairt an dea-scéala faoi bheatha, faoi bhás agus faoi aiséirí ár dTiarna. Líonadh Muire, na hAspail agus cairde Íosa leis an Spiorad Naomh. Trí sheanmóireacht Pheadair Naofa glacadh trí mhíle duine isteach san Eaglais. Thug an Spiorad Naomh cumhacht do na hAspail agus tríd an chumhacht sin thug siad faoin cine daonna a athmhúscailt. Glacaimid an Spiorad Naomh sa Bhaiste agus sa Chóineartú. An Domhnach Cincise seo cuimhnimis gur Críostaithe sinn agus go mbainimid leis an Tiarna Íosa Críost. Is é an Spiorad Naomh, Spiorad na fírinne agus cabhróidh sé linn ár mbeatha a chaitheamh de réir na fírinne. Tá gá go fóill lenár bpaidreacha ar son lucht ceannais gach tíre ionas go gcomhlíonfaidís a ndualgas go cóir agus go cothrom le trua is le taise. Go dtaga dá bharr síocháin agus comhar idir náisiúin an domhain le cúnamh Dé. Moladh go deo leat a Spioraid Naoimh.

Líon ár gcroíthe le do ghrá agus le do dhíograis.

Déan aspail dinn a Thiarna chun dea-scéala do ghrá a scaipeadh, pé áit a mbeimis.

I ngaol Dé, i ngrá Dé, i dtoil Dé, i súil Dé, i rún Dé, i gcúram Dé go gcónaímid. Áiméan.

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday is celebrated fifty days after Easter Sunday. The Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles in the form of tongues of fire. Mary, the apostles, and the disciples of Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Apostles went out immediately spreading the good news of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Through the preaching of St. Peter three thousand were converted to the Church. The Holy Spirit gave the apostles power to go forth and renew the face of the earth. We receive the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation. On this Pentecost Sunday let us reflect on our Christianity and that we belong to Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth who helps us to lead our lives according to the truth. There is ongoing need for our prayers for those who govern in every country that they may exercise their office with justice and compassion. Lord help them to promote peace in the world. Praise be to you Holy Spirit. Fill our hearts with your love and your zeal. Make us bearers of the Good News of Christ wherever we are. May we live in God's kinship, in God's love, in God's will, in expectation of God, in friendship with God, and in God's care. Amen