

## BIRR PARISH

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### Commiserations to our brave Offaly team

who were so narrowly defeated in Sunday's Minor All-Ireland Hurling Final. You did us proud and will do so in the future at under-20 level. May God bless all of you and your supporters.

### Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Active

**Retirement Group** have organised a trip to Coleraine Garden Centre in Co. Laois. A few places are still available. We are also planning a trip away later in the year, **for more information please contact 087-9958876** open to non-members. The group are taking a break until September we look forward to seeing you all then.

**Carrig Tidy Towns Group** is delighted with the support received from the community towards its ongoing fundraising initiative. The group is bringing this initiative to a conclusion on Sunday the 17th July by hosting a 'Breakfast Morning' at Carrig Hall, at 10.15am, generously sponsored by Carrig Village Stores. A free breakfast will be provided to anyone attending that morning and donations would be greatly appreciated. The Group would like to thank everyone who has contributed to date and to Carrig Village Stores for sponsoring this event.

**SCRIPTS - Ireland's Playwriting Festival** is well underway in Birr with performances and workshops. Join us at Birr Theatre & Arts Centre Sat 9 July 8pm for live theatre – **WAKE** By Irene Kelleher & Sun 4pm for **Nurtured New Works – Festival Finale**  
[www.scriptsireland.com](http://www.scriptsireland.com)

### Lough Derg 3 day Pilgrimage

Monday July 11th to Wednesday July 13th ,  
Bus from Emmett Square Cost €150 (approx.)  
Names to Parish Office.

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## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 9th	10.00 a.m.	Christina Lally, Fairview Bernie Bennett, Ashbrook Drive
Sat 9th	7.30 p.m.	Michael Tuohey & his parents James Ryan, Newbridge Street
Sun 10th	8.30 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sun 10th Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Ciss & Jack Cashen
Sun 10th	10.30 a.m.	<b>Thomas Sheeran, (1st Ann), William Street</b> and all the Sheeran Family William Egan and his parents, brothers and sister, Cree Ann & Kevin Madden
Sun 10th	12 noon	Fr. Tony Cahir
Mon 11th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Tues 12th	10.00 a.m.	Deceased Eucharistic Adorers
Wed 13th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Thurs 14th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Fri 15th	10.00 a.m.	Patrick & Michael Hutchinson and Grandchildren
Sat 16th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sat 16th	7.30 p.m.	Martin Guilfoyle, Killeen and his parents William & Margaret Michael Hickey Cora Kenny, Brendan Street Brian Thomas Molloy Michael Joseph Molloy, Meadowcourt
Sun 17th	8.30 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sun 17th Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sun 17th	10.30 a.m.	Eileen King, Woodlands
Sun 17th	12 noon	Private Intentions

### Please Pray for the Souls of

Brendan Currivan, Roscrea Road  
Christy Liffey, Rathcabbin & Hollypark  
Birr, brother of Michael Liffey, Killeen



**A very sincere thank you for your  
generosity to the July Priests'  
Collection that was taken up last  
weekend.**

**It is very much appreciated.**

**Cemetery Masses** take place in  
Clonoghill on Friday 15th July and in  
Carrig on Tuesday 19th July. Masses  
on both evenings will begin at 7.30pm.



On June 19th 160 people gathered from across the Irish church in Athlone. The themes emerging from the Synodal Process are the same right across the country.

While each diocese had it's own particular experience of the Synodal Pathway, nevertheless what we heard today were many common themes emerging across the country - North and South - such as:

The continuing importance of faith in people's lives.

Reflections on our sense of belonging to church. Expressions of how abuse is part of the story of the church.

A call for much greater roles of women at all levels in the future of Church.

Attention to sexuality, relationships and LGBTQI & concerns.

The importance of education, catechesis, youth, family and co-responsible leadership.

Lay ministry, culture and the impact of Covid-19, as well as to faith formation, clergy and liturgy.

**We join our prayers** with those who will pray Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 28th June onwards.

## Believe

Believe in yourself, for you are marvellously endowed. Believe in your job, for all honest work is sacred. Believe in this day, for every minute contains an opportunity to do good. Believe in your family and create harmony by trust and cooperation. Believe in your neighbour, for the more friends you can make, the happier you will be. Believe in uprightness, for you cannot do wrong doing right. Believe in your decisions; consult God first, then go ahead. Believe in your health, your health is your wealth. Don't doubt it. Believe in the now; yester-day is past recall, and tomorrow may never come. Believe in God's promises; He means when he say "I am with you always" Believe in God's mercy; if God forgives you, you can forgive yourself and try again tomorrow.

## Smaoineamh na Seachtaine.

Tá na scoileanna go léir dúnta anois agus teaghlaigh ag dul ar saoire. Go raibh gach duine slán sábháilte ar na bóithre agus cois farraige i rith an tSamhraidh. Aon duine a thug aird ar na meáin chumarsáide le gairid, tá scéalta truamhéalacha cloiste faoi thubaistí uafásacha agus bás ar na bóithre. Dia idir sinn agus an t-olc. Go raibh saoire gan bhrón gan sceon ag cách.

Sa spioradáltacht Cheilteach bhí ár sinsear an-tugtha do Dhia. Bhí paidir ar leith acu do gach ócáid. Ba bhreá leo an Lúireach. Is iad seo a leanas dhá cheann a bhíodh i mbéal an phobail ar son na sábháilteachta. Dia idir mé agus uisce mo bháite, Dia idir mé agus tine mo dhóite, Dia idir mé agus bás gan chairde, Dia idir mé agus taisme bhóthar. Áiméan. Crios Chorp Chríost is Muire, Ár dtionlacan fan bóthar, Nára turas é in aistear, Gura leas dúinn gach orlach. Áiméan.

Schools are closed and families are going on holidays. May everybody be safe on the roads and at the seaside during the Summer. There have been some sad reports recently in the media of disasters and deaths on the roads. God between us and harm. May everybody have a holiday free from sadness and fear.

According to Celtic Spirituality our ancestors were devoted to God. They had a prayer for every occasion. The following are two of their prayers for safety:

God between me and the water that may drown me,  
God between me and the fire that may burn me,  
God between me and death in debt,  
God between me and a road accident.  
Amen

May the girdle of Jesus and Mary  
Be around us on our journey  
May we have a safe trip  
And benefit from every inch. Amen.