

BIRR PARISH

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Padre Pio Mass

Thursday 21st July @ 7.30 p.m.

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.

Annual Concelebrated Mass of St. Feichin.

Mass will be concelebrated in St. Feichin's Cemetery, Lackan in Abbey parish on Sunday July 17th at 7pm. Bishop Michael Duignan will be the Chief Celebrant of the Mass. Covered seating is available. A cup of tea for all after Mass. Everybody is welcome. Those attending this Mass should go to Portumna and then on to the village of Abbey and follow the direction signs.

Step by Step to Feed the Next Child

Mary's Meals began feeding 200 children in Malawi in 2002 and is now feeding 2,279,941 children every day in places of education. Our vision is that every hungry child receives a daily meal and that all who have more than they need, share with those who are in need. With our no frills policy, it costs with Mary's Meals €18.30 to give a child a meal every day for a full school year.

To raise funds and awareness of Mary's Meals, we are walking throughout Ireland. Walks are starting on 7th August from Kilkenny, Malin, Derry, Armagh, Dublin, Kilkenny, Limerick and Thurles and are all arriving in Knock Co Mayo on 15 August. Maybe you could get involved in Step by Step to Feed the Next Child. You are invited to visit our website www.marysmeals.ie Fr Eamonn Kelly (Parish Priest in Raphoe, Co. Donegal) will walk this year from Thurles and invites you to join him. For more information you can phone Fr Eamonn on 0879077985 or eamonnkelly1949@gmail.com or contact local volunteer Angela Moore at 089-4959519. **Thurles walk will go through Templemore, Roscrea, Birr, Ferbane, Athlone, Roscommon, Ballymoe and Ballyhaunis.**

Remembered in Mass this Week

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	9.30 a.m.	Private Intentions Carrig
Sun 17th	10.30 a.m.	Eileen King, Woodlands Johnny Cleary, Presentation Place
Sun 17th	12 noon	Deceased members of the Hogan & Guilfoyle Families, Townsend Street
Mon 18th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Tues 19th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Wed 20th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Thurs 21st	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Thurs 21st	7.30 p.m.	Padre Pio Mass
Fri 22nd	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sat 23rd	10.00 a.m.	Frank Reilly
Sat 23rd	7.30 p.m.	Christy Pops Kelly & his wife Kathleen
Sun 24th	8.30 a.m.	Buckley & Cleary Families Babby Flynn, High Street Bill Foran & Family
Sun 24th	9.30 a.m.	Sheila Delahunty, 1st Ann & husband Tom
Sun 24th	10.30 a.m.	Maura Sherlock (1st Ann), Williams Street
Sun 24th	12 noon	Philomena & Michael Clavin, Burkes Hill David (Budgie) Byrne, Cappaneale & his Dad Camillus Jack & Maureen Loughnane, Glebe Street

Please Pray for the Souls of

Pat Cleary, Clonfinane, Carrig, Birr, Tipperary



Cemetery Mass takes place in Carrig on Tuesday 19th July. Mass will begin at 7.30pm.

Sponsored By Anonymous

Birr Tidy Towns

Announcing Birr Tidy Towns Pride of Place Awards 2022

Proudly sponsored by Birr Branch of Athenry Credit Union
There will be five categories this year: 1. Shop front incl. hospitality Award, 2. Garden, front and back, 3. Estate, 4. Outstanding Service Award (Nominate someone in your local area), 5. Sustainability/Biodiversity Award (Business and residential entries are accepted) What have you done to save Energy? LED lighting, What have you done to reduce, reuse, recycle? Have you introduced a water Butt to your garden or estate, Do you have a bug hotel, Pollinator friendly plants or flowers? Details can be provided on the entry form. Entry forms can be collected and returned to Birr Credit Union **Closing date Friday 5th Aug. 2022**
How to Enter Online – Send your Photos to the Birr Tidy Town Facebook Page
All entries will be judged during Vintage Week and the winners will be announced on Awards Night October 2022

Medjugorje

Pilgrims travelling with Phil Robinson group on July 20th Pick up with Kearns bus from Emmett Square @ 10.30a.m. any further enquiries please contact Phil 086-3956299.

Congratulations- Comhghairdeas

Sunday July 20th 1997 Lorcan Kenny Burkes Hill and Arnold Rosney, Presentation Place were ordained to priesthood by Bishop Willie Walsh, here in St. Brendan's. On this the silver jubilee of their ordination we congratulate Fr. Arnie & Fr. Lorcan and wish them continued good health and blessings in their ministry.

Ad Moltos Annos

Fr. Pat Gilbert

This week Bishop Fintan announced his diocesan changes appointing Fr. Pat Gilbert as Co PP VF to Nenagh parish and the Odhran pastoral area. We wish Fr. Pat every success in his new role. We thank him for his great work and service to the young people and parishioners of our parish for over 33 years.

Muire Máthair Dé

Is í Muire Banríon na bhflaitheas
Díontóir na bhfíorlag,
Farraige na daonnachta,
Réaltan eolais gach seachránaigh,
Bean réitigh na feirge,
Idirmhíneitheoir na ngearánach,
Sásamh an bhreithimh,
Teanga na mbalbhán,
Seomra séad na suáilcí,
Tuile na ngrást agus
Tonn Chlíodhna na Trócaire.

Mary is the Queen of Heaven

Protector of the weak,
Sea of humanity,
Astronomer's knowledge of stars,
Woman resolving anger,
Complainant's pacifier,
Satisfaction of judge,
The language of the dumb,
The room of blessings,
The flood of graces and
The Clíodhna Wave of Mercy.

Trees

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is Prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing
Breast;
A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in Summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

Joyce Kilmer