

BIRR PARISH

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Padre Pio Mass Thursday 18th @ 7.30 p.m.

Pilgrimage to Lough Derg 12th/13th September - it includes Holy Mass in Knock on Monday the 12th an overnight stay in The Great Northern Hotel Bundoran with dinner, bed & breakfast included. On Tuesday we travel to Lough Derg for a retreat from 10am - 4pm. On our return journey we have an evening meal in Gleeson's Roscommon. The bus will service Birr & Roscrea. Total cost is €190.00 per person sharing. In order to secure your place a deposit of €100 is required by the 1st September which can be left into the parish office. For more information please contact Bridget 086-6792754.

Carrig Graveyard Committee - Our Annual graveyard mass was celebrated recently and it was a very special occasion. The Committee would like to thank everyone for their continued support and for all donations towards the upkeep of our church grounds. **Your support is very much appreciated.**

National Heritage Week

Archaeologist Caimin O'Brien will deliver a lecture at the restored 17th Century Glass Furnace in Glasshouse, Shinrone on Tuesday 16th August @ 7pm refreshments served. For more information telephone Ann-Maria 087-9000737.

All Welcome.

National Heritage Week

Honouring Imogen Stuart - Sculptor
14th August 2022 @ 3-4.30 p.m.
St. Ruadhans Catholic Church
Lorrha, Nenagh

**Sponsored by
Anonymous**

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 13th	10.00 a.m.	Gerry & Nellie Daly, Fairview
Sat 13th	7.30 p.m.	Kevin Pardy Lill Roe, her granddaughter Rosaleen Waters, Clonoghill Emily & her husband Devassy Thekkan, O.A Devassy Paddy & Nancy Walsh, New Road Raphael & Catherine Reynolds, Grove St Crinkill
Sun 14th	8.30 a.m.	Roy & Teresa Breen, Newbridge St
Sun 14th	9.30 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sun 14th	10.30a.m.	Tony Butler, Moorpark Street (MM) Kathleen & Sally Scully, Compton Row Thomas & Mary Kate Cox
Sun 14th	12 noon	Bernadette Lally, McCauley Drive (1st Ann) Cyril Murphy, Station House, Birr
Mon 15th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Tues 16th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Wed 17th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thurs 18th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Thurs 18th	7.30 p.m.	Padre Pio Mass
Fri 19th	10.00 a.m.	William & Margaret Hanlon, Presentation Place, daughter Bernie Ashbrook Drive, Son Richard, Croghan View & Grandson Frankie, Ashbrook Drive
Sat 20th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sat 20th	7.30 p.m.	Vincent & Mary Cordial, Newbridge St
Sun 21st	8.30 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sun 21st	9.30 a.m.	Pat Cleary, Clonfinane, Carrig (MM) Carrig
Sun 21st	10.30 a.m.	Patrick Donoghue, Ballymun, Dublin
Sun 21st	12 noon	Private Intentions

Please Pray for the Souls of

John Hogan, Clonoghill Lower, Birr
Des Kenneally, Woodside, New York &
Seffin brother or Emily Quinlan, Seffin



Comhghairdeas

Congratulations to Emer Teehan, Sarah Teehan, Tara Sequin, Sarah Cooke, Amy Ryan, Aisling Carroll, Aoife Maher & Cathy Dermody of Birr CCE on achieving all Ireland Champion in the 8 Hand Reel at the All Ireland Fleadh in Mullingar on Saturday last.

Feast of the Assumption Monday 15th August

The Feast of the Assumption invites all of us to reflect on Mary as the radical woman. Read prayerfully the **Magnificat** (see below). Here we see this woman who hungers for a new justice on earth, one that reflects the justice of God. The God who did not overlook her is the God who dethrones the mighty and exalts the lowly. Mary voices a radical protest against what we all take for granted; that the mighty will always prevail over the weak, that the well fed nations will thrive while others starve to death, that the politically strong will always occupy the thrones of power. The Assumption of Mary is a celebration of **hope**. To that **hope** we cling. In that **hope** we rejoice!

Oh Mary assumed into heaven
- inspire us a we journey
to our true homeland. Amen.

Masses Monday August 15th

St. Brendan's @ 10.00 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.
St. Patrick's, The Pike @ 6.30 p.m.
Please note there is no Mass in Carrig.

The Magnificat

My soul glorifies the Lord,
My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
Henceforth all generations will call me blessed.
The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.
He puts forth his arm in strength
And scatters the proud hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
And raises the lowly.
He fills the starving with good things,
Sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons for ever. Amen

Be not the slave of your own past.
Plunge into the sublime seas, dive
deep and swim far, so you shall come
back with self-respect, with new power,
with an advanced experience that
shall explain and overlook the old.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Deastógáil na Maighdine Muire/Lá Fhéile Muire san Fhómhar

An Luan seo chugainn Féile na Deastógála. Ar lá fhéile na Naomh Uile sa bhliain 1950 d'fhógair an Pápa Pius X11 gur deastógáladh an Mhaighdean Mhuire idir chorp agus anam chun na bhFlaitheas. Ag deireadh Chomhairle na Vatacáine 1965, d'fhógair an Pápa Pól V1 an teideal Muire Máthair na hEaglaise ar Mhuire. Sa Leabhar Breac, lámhscríbhinn an cúigiú haois déag, tugadh an teideal Muire, Máthair na hEaglaise, Neamhaí agus Talúnda di. Is iad seo a leanas liosta de na teidil ar Mhuire a scríobh an file Piaras Mac Gearailt san 18ú haois. Crann Soilse is Criostal na Críostaíochta. Farraiige na Daonnachta. Grianán na Glóire. Réaltán Eolais gach Seachránaigh. Bean Réitigh na Feirge. Seomra Séad na Suáilce. Tuile na nGrásta; Tonn Chlíodhna na Trócaire. Guímis rath Dé ar gach duine atá ag glacadh páirte in imeachtaí cultúrtha ar fud na tíre faoi láthair agus amach anseo. I ngaol Dé, i ngrá Dé, i dtoil Dé, i súil Dé, i rún Dé, i gcúram Dé go gcónaímid. Áiméan.

Feast of the Assumption

Next Monday we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. Pope Pius X11 declared on the feast of All Saints 1950, that Our Lady was taken body and soul into heaven. Pope Paul V1 declared Our Lady Mother of the Church at the close of the Vatican Council 1965. In the 15th century manuscript Leabhar Breac Mary is given the title Mother of the Church, Heaven and Earth. The following is a list of Marian titles written by the poet Piaras Mac Gearailt in the 18th century:
Crystal tree lights of Christianity;
Sea of humanity; Bower of glory;
Guiding star of those who stray ;
Dispeller of anger; Path of virtue;
The flood of grace which never ebbs;
The Clíodhna wave of Mercy. We pray God's blessing on everyone taking part in cultural activities throughout the country at present and in the coming weeks. May we live in the kinship of God, in the love of God, in the will of God, in the sight of God, in the mystery of God, in the care of God. Amen.