

BIRR PARISH

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Mission Sunday we acknowledge and thank all who contributed to the recent Mission Sunday appeal. To date a €1,000.00 has been received.

Padre Pio Mass Thursday 20th October @ 7.30pm

Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Drama: We are back on stage in the Carrig/Riverstown Community Hall on Fri 2nd Dec, Sat 3rd Dec and Sun 4th Dec., with a two comedy - It Runs in the Family by Ray Cooney. The show is produced by Tony Dargan and Directed by Brendan Hanamy. Tickets: €10. Tickets form the Carrig Village Store or by ringing either of the following numbers: 0892120646 / 0872069342.

Earth meets Sky - Art exhibition by Kathleen Gormley will be showing at Birr Library from Thursday 10th - 30th November. 50% of the proceeds will go to the Charity UNHCR to Ukrainian families to survive the winter.

Pledge for November

Many people offer spiritual support to a relation who is struggling because of alcohol or an addiction problem. Parishioners who wish to take a short-term Pioneer pledge during the month of the Holy Souls are invited to visit www.pioneers.ie/pray.

Anam Cara Tipperary the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 21st November at 7:15pm in the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurlus. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online meeting. For more information please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 288 8888

Family and Friends of St. Dymnna Committee, Portumna Branch are organizing a Cash for Clobber collection of unwanted clothes, towels, curtains, bed linen (sheets, pillow cases, duvet covers only) hats, belts, handbags and shoes. Wednesday the 23rd of November from 4pm to 7.30pm outside St. Dymnna. Portumna (beside Marrison Park).

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 12th	10.00 a.m.	Fintan McManus John Murdon Rita Flynn
Sat 12th	11.00 a.m.	Annual Remembrance Mass for Parish Dead
Sat 12th	7.30 p.m.	Maura Girvin, Bulfin Park (MM) Tommy Doherty, Crinkill Anthony & Brigid McLoughlin McLoughlin family & grandson Peter Hynes Enda Cooke, her daughter Geraldine & granddaughter Natalie Paddy & Sheila Slattery, Newtown Nenagh
Sun 13th	10.30 a.m.	Gloria Hansbury, Syngefield Thomas & Mary Cox, Crinkill Liam & Joan McGlone Billy & Phyll Murphy Mary Loonam, Annagh, Sr. Roberta Delaney
Sun 13th	12 noon	Kathleen Dowd, Killeen Michael Quinn, Croghan Deceased members of the Gilmartin & Ryan families Margaret & John Smyth, Clonmona Sr. Roberta Delaney
Mon 14th	10.00am	Elamma Poulouse Pynadath Mathew Devassy Payyappilly Sr. Devasahayam Cherchi Varkey Reena Thomas and all the deceased members from Pynadath & Payyappilly families
Tues 15th	10.00am	Joe Williams & Williams Family Deceased Eucharistic Adorers
Wed 16th	10.00am	Maura & MaryAnn Mahon
Thurs 17th	10.00am	Winnifer Shiels & Paul Shiels Julia McDonagh & Lizzy McDonagh John McDonagh
Thurs 17th	7.30 p.m.	Padre Pio Mass
Fri 18th	10.00am	Patrick Hutchinson, Cappaneale
Sat 19th	10.00am	Matt Clifford Nancy Gaynor
Sat 19th	7.30pm	James Odlum, New Road (1st Ann) & his sisters Margaret & Lena and all the Odlum Family Willie & Mae Coughlan & Coughlan Family Kevin Abbott, Scurragh Denis Parkinson, Crinkill Bessie Loughnane, Tullamore Road Jim Fogarty, Roscrea Road Philomena Guinan, Crinkill Sean Carroll, Crinkill
Sun 20th	10.30am	Margaret Roe, Woodlands Park
Sun 20th	12 noon	Sheila Murdock, Presentation Place & her dad Bill Dwyer Eglis Michael Purcell, Roscrea Road John Gilmartin, John's Mall Frank, Josephine & Dolores Higgins, Seffin Lizzie Kelly, Presentation Place Catherine McGilton, Cappaneale

Sacramental Masses



We welcome the children from **St. Brendan's P.S** who will be participating in 7.30pm Mass, **Carrig N.S.** who will be participating in 9.30am Mass and **Killeen N.S & Parish Preparation Programme** who will be participating in 10.30am Mass

Patrick Feeney & His Band



Live at St. Brendan's Church, Birr @ 8pm Friday 9th December. Tickets available Parish office €25p.p.

Proceeds to Offaly Hospice & St. Brendan's Church

For those who walked with us

For those who walked with us, this is a prayer, For those who have gone ahead this is a Blessing, For those who touched and tendered us, who lingered with us while they lived, this is a thanksgiving, For those who journey still with us, in the shadows of awareness, in the crevices of memory, in the landscape of our dreams, this is a benediction. (Ian Richardson)

Ní imithe uainn atà said, ach imithe romhainn! (They don't go from us, they go before us)

To Celebrate the Eucharist is to remember, to keep memory. We come to Eucharist to keep the memory of Jesus, but also to remember loved ones who have died in him, to hold them in the light of God's love, to grieve for our own losses and to take hold of God's promise of resurrection for our beloved dead and for ourselves.

STONES AND PEARLS: The Rosary in the Holy Land; Take a unique pilgrimage through the Holy Land, exploring the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. Aired on Sundays, 3pm & Thur, 10 pm on EWTN

Please Pray for the Souls of

Ena Loughnane, Whiteford, Birr
 Brendan Sheil, Castlefin, Donegal formerly of Burke's Hill, brother of the late Dora Powell



Sr. Eileen's Cúinne Lá Domhanda na mBocht.

Inniu Lá Domhanda na mBocht. D'fhógair an Pápa Proinsias an Domhnach áirithe seo tiomanta do na boicht sa bhliain 2016, ag deir-eadh Bliain na Trócaire. I mbliana is é an téama atá tugtha dúinn ag an bPápa ná "Roghnaigh Dia an bhochtaineacht ar bhur son". Laghdaíonn trócaire an bhochtaineacht agus méadaíonn sí an dóchas sa duine. Is é Íosa Críost féin atá linn sa duine bocht. "Bhí ocras orm agus thug sibh rud le hithe dom" (Matha 25: 35). Dúirt Naomh Uinsíonn de Pól "is iad na boicht ár máistrí. Is iad Críost féin inár measc". Ar an Domhnach seo b'fhiú dúinn machnamh ar Phríomhoibreacha na Trócaire seo a leanas.

Bia a thabhairt don ocrach.
 Deoch a thabhairt don tartmhar.
 Éadach a thabhairt don nocht.
 Dul ag fiosrú na ndaoine atá i mbraighdeanas.
 Óstaíocht a thabhairt don deoraí.
 Dul ag fiosrú na n-easlán.
 Adhlacadh na marbh.

World Day of the Poor

Today is World Day of the Poor. Pope Francis announced at the end of the Year of Mercy 2016 that this particular Sunday be devoted to the Poor. The theme given to us by the Pope this year is "For your sakes Christ became poor" Mercy reduces poverty and increases hope. Saint Vincent de Paul said "The poor are our masters. Christ himself is among us". On this Sunday we can reflect on the Corporal Works of Mercy:

**To feed the hungry.
 To give water to the thirsty.
 To clothe the naked.
 To shelter the homeless.
 To visit the sick.
 To visit the imprisoned.
 To bury the dead.**

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