

BIRR PARISH

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Birr's S.V.P Annual Collection takes place on the 3/4th December. Your support is greatly appreciated especially in these difficult times.

Christmas Market in Memory Lane Courtyard beginning Saturday 26th November from 5-8pm and continuing every Saturday & Sunday 11am - 4pm until 18th December.

Christmas Market in Carrig Hall Carrig and Riverstown Development Association are holding their first ever Christmas Market in the Community Hall in Carrig on Saturday 26th November 2022 from 12 noon to 4pm. There will be a wide variety of hand made crafts, foods, chocolates, etc. With 27 stalls there will be something for everybody! A great chance to grab some early Christmas presents.

First Aid Course on Wednesday 30th November @10.00am. Booking essential as places are limited. This is a free event. To book a space call Birr Library on 057 9124950.

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.

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. Dymnas 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. Dymnas. Portumna (beside Marrison Park).

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 19th	10.00 a.m.	Matt Clifford Nancy Gaynor Patrick Hutchinson, Cappaneale
Sat 19th	7.30 p.m.	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, Garnavilla, Jim Fogarty, Roscrea Road Philomena Guinan, Crinkill Sean Carroll, Kildare
Sun 20th	10.30 a.m.	Margaret Roe, Woodlands Park Lucy Gormley, Woodlands
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
Mon 21st	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 22nd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Wed 23rd	10.00am	Joseph Daly, Clonkelly
Thurs 24th	10.00am	The Austin, O'Reilly & Minnock Families
Fri 25th	10.00am	Patrick & Louie Horan, Miletree
Sat 26th	10.00am	Ben Mellisop, Meadowville (1st Ann) Paddy, Ellen & Pauline Mellisop & Hazel Eades Mellisop
Sat 26th	7.30pm	Raymond Hoare, Crinkill (MM) Tom Murray, Lisheen (MM) Anne O'Donnell, Middlesex, London Eddie Coughlan, Fairview Mary Fox & James Fox, Hillside Joseph Daly, Clonkelly O'Meara Family Clonkelly, Mahon Family, Grove Street Seamus Davis, Hillside
Sun 27th	8.30am	Willie & Kathlyn Kinsella, Beech Villa
Sun 27th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 27th	10.30am	Michael & Agnes Parkinson & Son Cronan, The Crescent Annie & Paddy Mannion, Clonoghill John & Bea Irwin, Syngefield Bobby Sheils, Whiteford Bernie Sheeran, William Street
Sun 27th	12 noon	Mary Smith, Bulfin Park (MM) Joe & Delia Barry and sons Gerry, Des & David John & Mary Kearns, Oxmantown Mall Oliver Craughwell, Woodlands & his parents & sisters Sean Cooke, Crinkill

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

Sacramental Masses



We welcome the children from **Crinkill N.S** who will be participating in 7.30pm Mass, and **Mercy P.S** who will be participating in 10.30am Mass

IRISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA IN BIRR

Fabulous Christmas Concert with Irish Chamber Orchestra & Muireann Nic Amhlaoibh.
THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER 7.30 pm
 St. Brendan's Church, Wilmer Road, Birr.
 Tickets €22/20
 Booking see: birrfestivalofmusic.com or irishchamberorchestra.com

Lost in thick layers of gloominess

I call out, "Where are you?"

"I'm here," you whisper back

As I strain to hear your voice.

"Are you really here?" I echo.

"Trust me" comes the response

"But I can't see" I complain.

"Why do you need to see?"

You reply through the heavy fog.

"Is it not enough that I am here?" *Joyce Rupp*

The "Reformation" which chronicles the tumultuous religious upheaval begun in the 16th century by Martin Luther, following its course to modern times will be aired on EWTN Catholic TV (Sky 586) on Sun 20th Nov. at 9pm (1.5 hrs)

Please Pray for the Souls of

Mary Camon, Bulfin Park, Birr
 Thomas Nevin, Mullingar father of Geraldine Kemmy, Market Square, Birr
 Brendan Pey, Kent, England and formerly Townsend Street
 Richard Barry, Dublin, formerly John's Place & Elm Grove



Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Sollúntacht Chríost Rí na nUile 2022

Tá Sollúntacht Chríost Rí na nUile á chomóradh inniu. Is é seo an Domhnach deireanach de bhliain na hEaglaise. Ná bímis gan dóchas ná gan mhisneach mar is é Íosa an ceannródaí atá orainn. Is é an fhoirse is fearr na maitheasa, an tsolais agus an dóchais i ndomhan dorcha. Táimid lúcháireach ar an bhféile seo ag tabhairt Rí ar Íosa. Tá dílseacht againn dó nach bhfuil do dhuine ná deoraí eile. Tháinig Críost ar an saol chun an fhírinne a nochtadh agus eolas na slí chun a ríochta a léiriú dúinn. Tá saol síoraí agus glóir Dé ag fanacht do lucht creidimh agus lucht dóchais atá dílis d'Íosa. Tá sé de dhualgas orainn bheith inár bhfianaisí ar Ríocht Dé. Is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá inniu. **Is é Íosa mo Rí-se, mo chara is mo ghrá; Is é Íosa mo dhídean ar pheaca is ar bhás. A chroí Naofa Íosa go dtaga do ríocht. Áiméan** Leanimis ag guí ar son síocháin ar fud an domhain ionas go mbeidh deis ag gach duine maireachtáil mar is cóir, bia a sholáthair dóibh féin agus dá gclann agus moladh a thabhairt do Dhia gan dua. **Guímis ár Slánaitheoir, ár dTiarna Íosa Críost agus iarraimis air a bheith dár dteagasc agus dár seoladh gach bóthar chun ár leasa, inniu agus i gcónaí. Áiméan**

The Feast of Christ the King

It is the final Sunday of the Liturgical Year. Let us not be without hope and courage as Jesus is our leader. He is the source of goodness, light and hope in a dark world. We are joyous on this feast and honour Jesus as our King. We have allegiance to Him that we do not have for anybody else. Christ came among us to reveal the truth and to lead us to heaven. Everlasting life and glory await those who follow Christ in hope and are faithful to Him. We have a duty to be witnesses to the Kingdom of God. We can say the following prayer today. **Jesus is my friend and my beloved; Jesus is my protector against sin and death. Sacred Heart of Jesus may your Kingdom come. Amen** Let us continue to pray for peace throughout the world so that all people can live with equity, provide for their families and praise God without fear. **Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we ask you to teach us and guide us to do what is best, today and always. Amen**

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