

## BIRR PARISH

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### Parish Envelopes

This year's boxes containing the envelopes for the Parish Development Fund, Priests' Collection and other annual collections are now available for distribution. Distributors are asked to collect their boxes from the Conference Room after Mass. It must be noted that not every area has a distributor and some boxes will remain undistributed. If you do not receive a box and would like one, please contact the Parish Office.

**Midland Living Links** supporting those bereaved by suicide. Coffee Morning 10th January, Conference room in St. Brendan's Church after 10.00 a.m. mass. **All welcome.**

**CRK Drama** are back on stage, for one night only, on Friday 20th January with their production of Ray Cooney's two act farce in Carrig/Riverstown Community Hall at 8 p.m. Proceeds go to CRC Gaels, St. Cillian's Camogie Club, Carrig/Riverstown Hall and CRK Drama. Call 089 2120646 to book your seat.

**Anam Cara Tipperary** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 16th January at 7:15pm in the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles. 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](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or **085 288 8888**

Our monthly **Dementia Cafe** which is being held on **January 9th 2023 at 10:30am in the Bridge House Hotel in Tullamore** with a guest speaker Beth Wogan from the Tullamore branch of Family Carers Ireland. She will speak about the amazing services which they offer and how to avail of them.

### Please Pray for the Souls of

Joseph Hanlon, Presentation Place & Ballindarra  
John Taaffe, Rathcabbin & Blackpool  
Seán Sullivan, Buckinghamshire, England,  
brother of Dermot Sullivan, Ballagh  
Carmel Mahon, Coolderry & Birr Community  
Nursing unit, sister of Bernard Ward, Crinkill  
Esther Duffy, Clonmona, Rathcabbin  
Eileen Doyle, Dublin, mother of Evelyn Lynch,  
Westgate & sister of the Late Mona Collins



## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 7th	11.00am	<b>Noel Cordial, South Carolina &amp; High Street (Memorial Mass)</b>
Sat 7th	7.30pm	Myra & Tommy Wrafter, New Road Agnes Pardy, Bridget Fogarty & Evan Hogan Mary & Tommy Brummell & Son Tony
Sun 8th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 8th	9.30am	<b>Ger O'Brien (1st Ann)</b>
Sun 8th	10.30	Michael & Nora Grennan, Crinkill Denis Guinan, Lisheen Danny Byrne, Killyon
Sun 8th	12 noon	<b>James Lally, Culdara, Dovegrove (1st Ann)</b> Geoff Liffey, Hillside Sean, John & Bridget Horan Anthony & Catherine Lawlor Mary & Frank Dunne Deceased members of the Heffernan & Lawlor families
Mon 9th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 10th	10.00am	Winnie Mongan
Wed 11th	10.00am	Sean White, Arraghmore, Carrig
Thurs 12th	10.00am	<b>Mary Connors, Cornmarket Street (MM)</b> Margaret Doyle Croghan Rd & deceased members of Doyle Family
Fri 13th	10.00am	Margaret & Michael Quinn Bill Quinn Noel Quinn Pat Quinn Peg Hayes, brother in law Jimmy Hayes & Michael Clear
Sat 14th	10.00am	Peter McGrath, Presentation Place
Sat 14th	7.30pm	Anne & John Sherlock, Killeen Jim & Molly Brien Myra & Tommy Wrafter, sons Colin & Nigel and deceased family members Catherine Jones (nee) Delaney, Mile Tree
Sun 15th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 15th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 15th	10.30am	Elizabeth O'Meara
Sun 15th	12 noon	<b>Virginia Duffy, Woodland Drive (MM)</b> <b>Donal Ryan, Dublin (1st Ann)</b> James & Ellen Feehily & daughter Ann Edward Hogan, Lucy Hogan & Ciss Hogan, Sheila Hogan & Ciss Cashen, Townsend Street

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## Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord

### A Question to be Asked

Have you ever asked your parents why they had you baptised? Their answer might run something like this:

We were over the moon when you were born. You were our first/third/fifth child, and we loved you as much as any of our other children.

We were so happy that you had arrived into the world safely and we wanted to do the best thing for you. So we brought you to the church, thanked God, and poured water over you in his name. Mam held you, well wrapped up. Dad was very proud and wore his best clothes.

Before you were born we had spent some time discussing what Christian names we would give you. Once we held you we decided, and gave you the names by which you would forever be known to us, to the world and to God.

We wanted you to be part and parcel of God's family and to have the strengths of Mass and the Sacraments. We wanted you to have the support of our families, of the neighbours and of the parish.

That day we gave you what was most precious to us, our love and faith. You were our son/daughter. Our 'favour' was on you. It still is. Remember that.

### THE EIGHT BEATITUDES OF JESUS

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they who hunger  
And thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure of heart,  
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted  
for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the  
kingdom of heaven.

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### Féile Bhaiste ár dTiarna

Ceiliúrfar Baiste ár dTiarna Íosa Críost ag Naomh Eoin Baiste in abhainn na lordáinne inniu. Ócáid mhór i stair an tslánaithe ab ea é. Chuir Íosa tús lena bheatha phoiblí. Leagann na Soiscéil uile béim ar unghadh Íosa leis an Spiorad Naomh ag a bhaisteadh. Nochtadh an Spioraid Naomh i bhfoirm choilm os a chionn agus chualathas guth an Athar a rá "Is é seo mo mhac muirneach. Éistigí leis." (Matha 3:16-17) Tá tagairt do na flathis ag oscailt ag baisteadh Íosa i ngach ceann de na Soiscéil. Le cumhacht an Spioraid sin chuaigh sé thart ag déanamh na maithe agus ag cur as do chumhacht an pheaca. Ó thús na hEaglaise tuigtear go bhfuil dlúthbhaint idir ár mbaiste agus baiste an Tiarna. Baisteadh sinn in ainm na Tríonóide Rónaofa. Is féidir linn machnamh ar ár mbaiste agus ar ár mbeatha inniu. Is féidir linn ár móideanna baiste a athnuachan freisin. Feidhmíonn an Spiorad go ciúin san anam ag cabhrú leis an duine maireachtáil de réir an tsoiscéil. Mar sin:

**Tar chugainn, a Naomhsioraid Bheanaithe;  
Comhairligh sinn in am is i dtráth;  
Treoraigh sinn ar ród na beatha seo,  
Is stiúir sinn go ríocht na ngrást. Áiméan**

### Feast of the Baptism of Jesus

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the river Jordan. It was an important event in the history of redemption. Jesus began his public life. Each gospel lays emphasis on the anointing of Jesus with the Holy Spirit at his baptism. The heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descend like a dove and alight on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with him I am well pleased. Listen to him.' (Matthew 3:16-17) All the gospels refer to the heavens opening. With the power of the Holy Spirit Jesus went around doing good and thwarting the power of sin. From the beginning of Christianity there is a close connection between the baptism of Christ and our baptism. We were baptised in the name of the Blessed Trinity. We can reflect on this and on our lives today. We can also renew our baptismal vows. The Holy Spirit works quietly helping us to live according to the gospel.

**Come O Holy Spirit.  
Enlighten us in everything we do,  
Guide us on our way through life,  
And direct us to everlasting life. Amen**