

BIRR PARISH

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Parking on the Road for Mass - We received the following e-mail which is self explanatory: Car owners are parking up on footpaths making it impossible for vulnerable road users to walk on the path. Some people are pushing a buggy, or trying to get past in a wheelchair.

Ministers of the Eucharist - The Eucharistic Minister is essential for the celebration of our liturgies. We are in urgent need of new people to volunteer for this role due to the retirement of some of our existing ministers. Please contact the Parish Office or Elaine Eastwood or Rena Haverty if you are interested. **New Rotas are now available behind the altar.**

Carrig Tidy Towns are holding their AGM on Thursday 26th January @ 8pm in Carrig Hall. **All Welcome.**

AGM Carrig Cemetery Committee will be held in Carrig Community Hall Friday 27th January @ 8pm. **All Welcome.**

Mercy Primary School is now accepting enrolment applications for September 2023. Parents can access our Enrolment Application Form on our school website www.mercyprimarieschool.ie under **Forms and Policies** or by phoning the school on 057 9120259 between 9.30am and 2.30pm.

Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Active Retirement Group next meeting in Carrig community hall on Monday 23rd January @ 7.30pm. Our annual yearly fees are due on the night. We meet every Wednesday from 2.30-4.30pm. New members welcome.

Mary's Meals Monthly Online Quiz

Mary's Meals is a global movement that sets up school feeding programmes. Our Monthly Online Quiz is just €5 to enter and you can participate from the comfort of your sitting room! The next quiz will take place on Friday 27th January 8-9pm. Info from: Martin Colfer - 087 2596159. To join, simply follow the link <https://bit.ly/MonthlyQuizforMM>

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Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 21st	10.00am	James McCarthy, Drumbane
Sat 21st	7.30pm	Liam Martin, Cappaneale (1st Ann) Jack Ryan, The Terrace, Crinkill Evelyn Bell, Townsend Street & her father Michael Pardy & her mother Margaret George Boyd, Woodlands Drive Lena, Peter & Denis Murphy, High Street
Sun 22nd	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 22nd	9.30am	Vincent O' Brien, Tinnakelly (MM) Patricia Harding Thomas, Mary T & Maretta White Pascal & Noreen & Son Fred Coolahan
Sun 22nd	10.30	Rita Scully, Fortal Kitty & Joe Dooley, Lisheen Philip & Alice Brady, Seffin & Riverstown
Sun 22nd	12 noon	Catherine Kelly (1st Ann) & Desmond Kelly Sheila Carter, Bulfin Park (1st Ann) Geraldine Bergin, Emmet Street John Claffey, Moorpark Street & deceased members of the Claffey Family Joseph Flynn, Tullamore Road
Mon 23rd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 24th	10.00am	Margaret Mongan
Wed 25th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thurs 26th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Fri 27th	10.00am	Helen Coughlan, Main Street Crinkill
Sat 28th	10.00am	Phil McDermott, Walcot (1st Ann)
Sat 28th	7.30pm	Tom Duffy, Syngesfield (MM) Paddy Hamilton, Westgate (1st Ann) Carmel Moore, Meadowville Thomas (Tucker) Pardy
Sun 29th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 29th	9.30am	Eleanor & Patrick O'Neill, Kinnitty Carrig
Sun 29th	10.30am	Doreen Smith (nee Parkinson), Hertfordshire & Roscrea Road (1st Ann) Patrick & Margaret O' Meara Daniel & Bridget Hogan, Mount Palmer
Sun 29th	12 noon	Frances Hogan Green St (MM) & her husband Jimmy Hogan John Gleeson, Green Street (MM) Mary Concepta Cooke, Grove Street (1st Ann) Hogan Family, Newbridge Street Elizabeth Lally, Presentation Place & her great grandson Leon Maloney Coughlan Maureen & Patrick Maher, Crinkill Joe & Teresa Sharkey & Dan Meleady



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.



Let us thank all those who teach in **Catholic schools**.
Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life.
Pope Francis.

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.

Tax Back - Birr Parish can claim tax back that you have paid on your earnings. This applies to PAYE Income and Self Employed Income, including Farmers. You must have paid €250 or more in a year - this includes all contributions to priests collections and parish fund. This is of great benefit to the Parish finances and it does not affect the tax payer in anyway except that it is great if some of your tax goes towards a good cause. The parish is now looking for people to complete forms for 2022. All you have to do is, please, sign a CHY 3 enduring cert and put in your Name and PPS No and return to the Parish office. Forms are available in the church porches - if you feel that you have donated over €250 to the Church in 2022 and a taxpayer please complete and return the form as soon as possible to that the Parish can submit a claim for 2022. Thank you very much.

Please Pray for the Souls of

Elizabeth (Liz) Guinan, Springfield, Fivealley, Mother of Pat Guinan, Westgate & Betty Spain, Syngesfield
Seán Sullivan, Buckinghamshire, England, brother of Dermot & Tadhg Sullivan, Ballagh



Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Seachtain na Scoileanna Caitliceacha

Ceiliúrfar Seachtain na Scoileanna Caitliceacha ó 22 Eanáir go 29 Eanáir 2023. Is é téama na seachtaine i mbliana ná Ag Saothrú le Chéile i gCreideamh agus i nGrá. Táthar ag díriú ar thrí ghné faoi leith: Comhpháirteachas, Rannpháirtíocht, Misean. Tugtar cuireadh do gach duine bainteach le hOideachas Caitliceach – teaghlach, paróistí agus scoileanna-machnamh a dhéanamh ar: ról na hEaglaise, ceiliúradh tíolacadh Oideachas Caitliceach agus aitheantas a thabhairt do ghrá agus do fhlaithiúlacht phobal uile na scoile.

Sa scoil Chaitliceach leagtar béim ar mhisean Chríost. D'fhreastal Críost ar gach duine ar bhuaile Sé leo. Cuirtear clár theagasc creidimh ar fáil sna scoileanna a dhearbhaíonn agus a dhoimhníonn an tuisceant a bhíonn ag na daltaí maidir leis an gcreideamh Caitliceach. Cuirfear imeachtaí spioradálta ar siúl i mórán scoileanna.

Guímid ar son ár múinteoirí, gur oidí ar nós Íosa a bheidh iontu agus go ndéanfimid saothrú le chéile chun scoil Chaitliceach den scoth a chur ar fáil agus go raibh rath Dé orthu agus ar na daltaí faoina gcúram. Áiméan

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated from 22 January to 29 January 2023. The theme this year is Walking Together in Faith and Love. This year's celebration will emphasise three features:

Communion, Participation, Mission. All associated with Catholic education – families, parishes, schools - are invited to participate and reflect on: the role of the Catholic Church, celebrating the gift of Catholic Education and recognising the love generosity of the entire school community.

The Catholic school emphasises the mission of Christ and the religious programme taught affirms and deepens the understanding the students have of the Catholic religion. Religious activities will be taking place during the week.

Let us pray for teachers, that they may be faithful to the teachings of Jesus and that we may work together to create first class Catholic schools. May God bless them and the students in their care. Amen