

BIRR PARISH

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Padre Pio Mass Thursday 16th February @ 7.30pm

I Spy with My Little Eye, is a magical interactive musical, based on the picture book By Steven Lee and designed by education specialists supporting the teaching of the alphabet and early years phonics. This live theatre event happens during midterm break, Thursday 16 Feb, 2.30pm. Suitable for our younger audience from 2 – 5 years. All details www.birrtheatre.com

World Youth Day takes place in Lisbon in August 2023. The cost is €750 and could be raised through Fundraising/Parish Sponsoring/Part Sponsoring. The young person travelling **must be 18 years old at time of departure**. Please contact Deirdre Convey - 065 6834461 or deirdreconvey@gmail.com or Donagh O'Meara 087 2322140 or the Parish Office.

AFCM Lenten English Retreat - Led by Xavier Khan Vallayil, Mr. Saju Vargheese & Mr. Jose Kuriakose at St Flannan's College Ennis Co. Clare From February 16th @ 9am to February 18th @ 4pm. Please contact 087-9316316 or 087-7740812 www.afcmireland.ie.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes for 5 nights departing from Dublin from 19th - 24th August 2023 €715pps,
€100 deposit to be paid by March 6th for more information please contact Phil 086 3956299 or Marian Pilgrimages 01-8788159.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 20th March 2023. €599.00 per person sharing. Price includes return bus to Knock, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single Supplement €100.00. Contact Patricia on 087 1890 236 or ail knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 11th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 11th	7.30pm	Mary Morris, Johns Place (1st Ann) Patrick Dwane, Eden Road Bridget Reynolds, Grove Street, Crinkill
Sun 12th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 12th	9.30am	Michael Maher, Clonfinane Michael White, Carrig
Sun 12th	10.30	Gerry Hart, Compton Row
Sun 12th	12 noon	Mary Mann, New Road Patrick, Josephine & Gail Kelly & Sr. Josephine & Pat O' Malley Dinny Kelly, Ballindown Tim Bergin, Woodlands Park
Mon 13th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 14th	10.00am	Deceased Eucharistic Adorers Paul O'Dwyer & Daughter in Law Margaret, Kilkenny
Wed 15th	10.00am	Patrick Connors, Cornmarket Street
Thurs 16th	10.00am	Mary & Kieran Pilkington, Syngefield
Thurs 16th	7.30pm	Padre Pio Mass
Fri 17th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 18th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 18th	7.30pm	Louise O' Halloran (nee Dwyer), Fairview & England Michael Halvey & deceased members of the Halvey & Leonard Families Eoin Eastwood & grandparents Jack & Bina Walsh Lily & Ranger Kelly, Pound Street Moira Ryan, Johnny, Harry & Larry Ryan
Sun 19th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 19th	9.30am	Mary King, Killeen
Sun 19th	10.30am	Maura & Jimmy Hayes, Townsend Street Mary Harty Michael Parnell & his parents Edward & Mary, Killeen
Sun 19th	12 noon	Bill Carroll, Whiteford, Crinkill (1st Ann) & his wife Helen Michael de Forge & all deceased members of the de Forge Family

Please Pray for the Souls of

Anna Brooks, London & formerly Main Street Birr
 Bill Taylor, Clohaskin, Carrig
 Michael Butler, Thurles, brother of John O' Keefe,
 New Road
 Peter Dunican, Kent, England & formerly
 Lemonaghan, brother of the late Tommy Dunican,
 Castletown, Birr



Sacramental Masses

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

February Priests Collection will be taken up at all masses this weekend 11/12th February. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity to this collection.

St Valentine

Next Tuesday we celebrate the feast of St. Valentine, well known as the patron saint of lovers. He was reputed to have been a priest and physician who was martyred in or near Rome in the year 269 A.D.



One of the most important gift we can give to anyone is the gift of appreciation. Saying Thank You is really easy and everyone loves to feel appreciated.

Eight Gifts that don't cost a cent.

The Gift of Listening: But you really must listen. Don't interrupt, don't plan your response. Just Listen.

The Gift of Affection: Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds.

The Gift of Laughter: Share jokes and funny stories. You are saying "I love to laugh with you".

The Gift of Solitude: There are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of peace to each other.

The Gift of Favour: Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.

The Gift of a Written Note: This can be a simple "Thanks for the help." A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime.

The Gift of a Compliment: A simple and sincere "you look great in red", "you did a super job" or "that was a great meal" can make someone's day.

The Gift of a Cheerful Disposition: The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone, or even just a smile.

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Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Naomh Vailintín

Beifear ag comóradh Naomh Vailintín ar an Mháirt seo chugainn 14 Feabhra. Seolfar go leor cártaí Vailintín agus pléifear cúrsaí grá sa phobal agus sna meáin chumarsáide ach cérbh é Naomh Vailintín? Mairtíreach agus sagart ab ea é a cuireadh chun báis sa Róimh breis is 1,800 bliain ó shin toisc gur bheannaigh sé lánúineacha a bhí i ngrá. Ní raibh fonn ar na fir óga ag an am troid in Arm an Impire Rómhánaigh Claudius. Chuir Claudius an milleán ar na mná agus d'ordaigh sé gach pósadh agus gealltanas pósadh a chur ar ceal. Bhí an bás i ndán d' aon duine a chuirfeadh ina choinne. Níor aontaigh Vailintín le seo. Cuireadh i bpríosún é agus dícheannadh é sa Róimh 14 Feabhra 270 A.D. Sa bhliain 1835 thug John Spratt, sagart Chairmilíteach cuairt ar an Róimh agus tháinig na sluaite amach chun é a chloisteáil ag soiscéalú. Mar chomhartha buíochais bhronn an Pápa Gréagóir XV1 taisí Naomh Vailintín air agus tá siad in Eaglais na gCairmilíteach i Sráid na mBráithre Bána i mBaile Átha Cliath ó shin. Tugann lánúineacha cuairt ar an scrín chun a bheannacht a iarraidh ar a bpóstaí. Is é seo a leanas a deir Naomh Pól faoi ghrá: Bíonn an grá foighneach agus bíonn sé lách; ní bhíonn éad air; ní dhéanann sé maíomh ná mórtas; ní bhíonn sé mímhúinte ná leithleach, míchéadfach ná agrach. (1 Cor. 13: 4-5)
A Thiarna, líon sinn le do ghrá agus le do mhaithas. Áiméan

St. Valentines

The Feast of St Valentine will be celebrated on Tuesday 14 February. Valentine cards will be sent and love matters discussed on the media. But who was St. Valentine? He was a priest martyred in Rome approximately 1,800 years ago because he blessed couples who were in love. Young men were reluctant to join the Roman Empire Army of Claudius. Claudius placed the blame for this on women. He forbade marriages and marriage engagements. Anybody who opposed him was put to death. Valentine did not agree with this. He was imprisoned and beheaded in Rome in February 270A.D. In 1835 an Irish Carmelite priest Fr. John Spratt visited Rome. Many came to hear him preaching. As a reward he received the relics of St. Valentine from Pope Gregory XVI and they are said to be in the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Whitefriar Street, Dublin ever since. Many couples visit his shrine to ask for a blessing on their marriage. St. Paul says: Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others; it is not self-seeking. (1 Cor. 13: 4-5)
**Lord, fill us with your love and your goodness.
Amen**