

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter Week 2

Parish Pastoral Council meeting

Wednesday February 22nd @ 8.15pm in the Conference Room .

Carrig & Riverstown Development

Association AGM Carrig & Riverstown Development Association's Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th February 2023 at 8pm in the Community Hall in Carrig. All are welcome to attend or to consider joining our active committee. An informational talk will be given on the night by celebrated local historian John Flannery on aspects of the Civil War in Tipperary.

Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Active

Retirement Group meeting in Carrig Community Hall on Monday 20th February @ 7.30pm. We meet every Wednesday 2.30-4.30pm for activities. **New members welcome.**

Memory Lane Marketeers -Art & Crafts

Market on Saturday 25th February 9am - 4pm

"Smaointe", a book of photographs(mostly black and white but with a colour section) will be published later this week. Over the past four to six months we have been collecting photographs from the residents of Riverstown, Carrig and Killeen. We are coming to the conclusion of gathering photographs but if there are any people within or outside these areas , with whom we have not been in contact and that have photographs we could use please contact Tony Dargan at 0872069342. Míle Buíochas

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.

Remembered in Mass this Week

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 Austin Clifford
Sun 19th	12 noon	Bill Carroll, Whiteford, Crinkill (1st Ann) & his wife Helen Michael de Forge & all deceased members of the de Forge Family
Mon 20th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 21st	10.00am	Eamonn & Rose Bell, Ferbane Road
Wed 22nd	7.30am	Ash Wednesday
Wed 22nd	10.00am	Ash Wednesday
Wed 22nd	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Carrig
Thurs 23rd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Fri 24th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 25th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 25th	7.30pm	Lisa Guilfoyle, Riverstown Joe Long, Cornmarket Street Mary Guinan, Newbridge Street
Sun 26th	8.30am	Elizabeth Maher, Crinkill
Sun 26th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 26th	10.30am	Veronica Catrinescu, Moldova (MM) Michael & Nellie Whelan & Son Michael
Sun 26th	12 noon	Kitty Whelan (nee Frawley), Rossewood (MM) Brendan O 'Dwyer & his parents Betty & Tom O 'Dwyer, Cappaneale John Murdock, Presentation Place Ann & William Hough, Townsend Street

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Ash Wednesday - Lent

Wednesday next February 22nd is Ash Wednesday the start of the joyful season of Lent. Ashes are blessed and distributed on this day @ **7.30am & 10am Mass in St. Brendan's and at 7.30pm Mass in Carrig.**

Ashes will be available for people to take home and place on each other's foreheads reminding us of this special time (Lent) of blessing and renewal. Lent time is the 40 days before Easter, traditionally people have taken on a commitment or denied themselves of a luxury sweets/food/ alcohol etc. The prayer that accompanies the placing of the blessed ash "*turn away from sin and believe in the good news*"

Temperance Sunday

This Sunday Feb 19th the Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday is Temperance Sunday. We are invited to reflect on the gift of temperance and the struggle so many individuals and families have with alcohol and drugs. We remember the prayer of the fellowship "**Lord grant me the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, courage to change the things we can and wisdom to know the difference**"

Franciscan Brothers Appeal

On the weekend March 4/5th, Bro. Brian Johnson a member of the Franciscan Brothers will speak at the weekend Masses. They are a small congregation of brothers who are most dependent on the prayers and generosity of others to keep many of their works going in rural Kenya and Uganda. Their main work is in the area of education, sustainable agriculture and rural development. In the last two years because of Covid 19 much of their resources have gone into helping people just to stay alive. Really just providing food, medicines and dealing with other hardship cases. The Franciscan Brothers were founded in Co. Galway in the early 1800's to bring education to the rural areas of Ireland. We were noted in particular for our work with the poor especially during famine times. We also established the first agricultural college in Ireland in Mountbellew Co. Galway in 1904. We now have missions in rural Kenya and Uganda. We run an agricultural college in both countries. Education we feel is a vital key to progress. During times of drought, famine and conflict we help where we can. We are especially involved in reconciliation, the distribution of food, water and medicine during the difficult times.

Please Pray for the Souls of

Dessie Kirwan, McCauley Drive
 Josephine McCormack, Birr Community Nursing Unit
 Larry Carroll, Coolderry, brother of Johnny Carroll, Birr Community Nursing Unit
 Mary Rohan, Ferbane, Sister in law of Nancy Buckley, Crinkill
 Albie Purcell, formerly of Emmett Street, brother of Kevin Purcell, Croghan House, Croghan Road
 Baby Angel Kiely, Kildare
 Johnny O' Sullivan, Lyre, Banteer, Mallow uncle of Margaret Carney, Carrig



Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Inniu an Seachtú Domhnach Saor. An Chéadaoin seo chugainn, Céadaoin an Luath-righ, an chéad lá den Charghas. Is é tráth an Charghais tráth na haithrí, tréimhse dhaichead lá ullmhúcháin don Cháisc. Anois an t-am chun scaradh lenár bpeacaí agus iompú chun Dé. Cuireann Dia in iúl dúinn an grá atá aige don pheacach "Ach anois féin, a deir an Tiarna, filligí ormsa le lándúthracht bhur gcroí. Filligí chun an Tiarna, bhur nDia, mar tá sé truachroíoch agus trócaireach, mall chun feirge agus lán de bhuanghrá" (Ióeil 2:12-13)
A Íosa, glan mo chróise go gléghlan gach lá;
A Íosa, cuir m'intinn faoi léirsmacht do ghrá. Aiméan

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today is the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Lent is a period of forty days of repentance in preparation for Easter. This is an opportune time to turn away from sin and to turn back to God. God assures us of his love for sinners "Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love" (Joel 2:12-13)
Jesus, cleanse my heart and make it pure each day;
Jesus, let my mind be guided by your love.

Pilgrimages

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 knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Mary's Meals Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Saturday 1st July. Bus leaving Roscrea. Pick-up in Birr also. Times will follow. €20 per person. To book a seat, please contact Angela ASAP 089-4339592