

## BIRR PARISH

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### Psalter Week 3

**Lunch Clubs** - Offaly Healthy Homes in conjunction with Dooly's Hotel Birr are launching a social outing called the Lunch Club. This club is open to over 55s and provides you with a safe place for some good food and enjoy the company of friends. We are offering 3 free events which will include dinner, tea or coffee and biscuits with entertainment provided from 12-3pm on the following dates - **Tuesday 21st March, Tuesday 11th April & Tuesday 2nd May**. For more information please contact Shirley on 087-2175998.

**An Cailín Ciúin** needs no intro and will be played at Birr Theatre & Arts Centre Thursday 02 March 8pm. Tickets are selling fast. Frankie Gavin, the legendary fiddler will be joined by pianist Catherine McHugh, 04 March 8pm. [www.birrtheatre.com](http://www.birrtheatre.com)

**"Smaointe"**, a book of photographs( mostly black and white but with a colour section) will be published later this year. 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.

**Lenten Reflections on First Sunday in Lent:** aired from the **Slipper Chapel at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham**, and presented by **Fr. Paul Burch**, Tues 28th, 5: 30pm.  
**Rome's Hidden Churches: A Lenten Pilgrimage.** Visit the Lenten Stational churches of Rome with **Dr. Timothy McDonnell of Christendom College - Santa Sabina**, Wed 22nd, 12:05pm  
**St. John Latern**, Sun 26th, 12:05pm  
**St. Peter- in- Chains**, Mon 27th, 12:05pm. (EWTN Sky 586)

## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 25th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 25th	7.30pm	Lisa Guilfoyle, Riverstown Joe Long, Cornmarket Street Mary Guinan, Newbridge Street Carmel & Joe O' Hare Paddy & Mary Flynn
Sun 26th	8.30am	Elizabeth Maher, Crinkill
Sun 26th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 26th	10.30am	<b>Veronica Catrinescu, Moldova (MM)</b> Michael & Nellie Whelan & Son Michael John J Pilkington, High Street
Sun 26th	12 noon	<b>Kitty Whelan (nee Frawley), Rossewood (MM)</b> Brendan O 'Dwyer & his parents Betty & Tom O 'Dwyer, Cappaneale John Murdock, Presentation Place Ann & William Hough, Townsend Street John Kinsella, Northampton & High Street his parents Thomas & Winifred Kinsella
Mon 27th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 28th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Wed 1st	10.00am	John Fallon
Thurs 2nd	10.00am	Lorraine, Celine & Dad John McCarthy and all members of the McCarthy Family
Fri 3rd	10.00am	Paddy Guinan & Terry Masterson
Sat 4th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 4th	7.30pm	<b>Mick Mulrooney, John's Place (MM)</b> <b>Tony Kelly, Cappaneale (1st Ann)</b> & deceased members of the Kelly family <b>Monica Haines, Green Street (1st Ann)</b> Mossie Kelly McMahon, New Road Michael & Kathleen Regan & sons Alan & David Martin McCarthy, Clonoghill Lower Tom O'Meara & James & Margaret Horan, Beech Avenue Tommy & Marcella Errity & deceased members of the Mahon & Errity families
Sun 5th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 5th	9.30am	Dick, Jimmy & Paddy Quinn, Lacka Carrig
Sun 5th	10.30am	Agnes Pearson, The Rocks
Sun 5th	12 noon	Jackie Burke, Burkes Hill Paddy & Annie Kennedy, Fortal William, Teresa & Donie Hanley & Anna Pey and all deceased members of the Hanley & Pey families Jimmy & Annie King, Glebe Street

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## Special Collection

**This weekend for relief effort of the recent Earthquakes in Syria & Turkey. This collection is being channelled through Trocaire and into sister organisation on the ground.**

### 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.

### 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. Spiritual Director Fr. Tom Hannon.

**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

### Please Pray for the Souls of

Treasa Bracken, Clonoghill Lower & Ealga Lodge Nursing Home, Shinrone  
 Vlastimil Pešek Emel West & Cappaneale  
 Mary O' Dwyer, Rosemount Roscrea sister of  
 Teresa McGuinness, Roscrea Road



## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### An Chéad Domhnach den Charghas

Sa tráth seo bliana, bímid ag smaoineamh ar bhás agus ar aiséirí Chríost. Bíonn páirt againn ina bhás agus ina aiséirí nuair a dhéanaimid dearmad orainn féin chun toil Dé a dhéanamh agus chun cabhrú lenár gcomharsana. "Tá a fhios againn go bhfuil an bás scoite againn agus an bheatha shroichte againn, ó ghrá a bheith againn do na bráithre. An té nach mbíonn grá aige fanann sé sa bhás" (1 Eoin 3:14)

An áit a bhfuil carthanacht agus grá, tá Dia ann. Tugaimis grá dá chéile ó chroí dílis. Áiméan. Déanaimis machnamh ar phaidir Naomh Proinsias: Déan gléas síochána díom i do láimh, a Thiar-na, San áit ina bhfuil fuath go gcuire mé an grá, San áit ina bhfuil ciontacht go gcuire mé pardún, San áit ina bhfuil amhras go gcuire mé creideamh, San áit a bhfuil éadóchas go gcuire mé dóchas. San áit a bhfuil dorchadas go gcuire mé solas, San áit a bhfuil brón go gcuire mé lúcháir, A Thiarna, Deonaigh a spreagadh dom, Sólás a thabhairt seachas sólás a fháil. Áiméan.

### First Sunday of Lent.

At this time of year, we think about the death and resurrection of Christ. We share in his death and resurrection when we forget ourselves to do God's will and help our Neighbors. "We know that we have separated death and attained life, from having love for the brothers. He who does not love remains in death" (1 John 3:14)

Where there is charity and love, there is God. Let us love one another from a true heart. Let us consider the prayer of Saint Francis: Make me a channel of your peace, Where there is hatred let me bring your love, Where there is injury, your pardon Lord, And where there is doubt true faith in You, Make me a channel of your peace, Where there is despair in life let me bring hope, Where there is darkness only light, And where there's sadness ever joy, Oh, Master grant that I may never seek, So much to be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand, To be loved as to love with all my soul, Make me a channel of your peace, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, It is in giving to all men that we receive, And in dying that we are born to eternal life, Oh, Master grant that I may never seek, So much to be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand, To be loved as to love with all my soul, Make me a channel of your peace, Where there's despair in life let me bring hope, Where there is darkness only light, And where there's sadness ever joy.