

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter Week 4

Pastoral Council Meeting Wed March 22nd @ 8pm in the conference room.

Stations of the Cross every Wednesday after 10am Mass

Temporary Pledge for Lent - People interested in taking the temporary pledge for Lent please contact the Parish Office

The rosary will be recited during lent before Sunday Mass in **Carrig Church** starting @ 9am approx. all are welcome to participate

Preparation for Easter a tridium (3 nights) of reflection and prayer in preparation for Easter will take place in St. Brendan's, Wilmer Road on Monday March 27th, Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th @ 7.30pm led by Br. Brian Johnson.
(Please note no 10am mass these days)

Daffodil Day:

Friday 24th March collection points all around Birr town. Proceeds to the Irish Cancer Society please support this worthy cause



Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Active

Retirement Group next meeting in Carrig Community Hall on Tuesday 21st March @7.30pm. New members welcome.

Birr Neighbourhood Watch - meeting taking place in Dooly's Hotel on Monday 27th March @ 8pm. All are welcome. For more information please contact Helena Kennedy 086-8957536

Progressive 25, in Carrig Hall 28th March @ 8.30pm, fundraiser for Carrig, Riverstown GAA club in conjunction with Offaly GAA "Grand Canal Walk" Our two representatives will be David Egan & Mark O'Brien. Refreshments on the night.

Memory Lane Marketers - Art & Craft Market on Saturday 25th March 9am - 4pm, continuing the last Saturday of every month.

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 11/12th March was **€2,431** to the Development Fund.

Sponsored by Anonymous

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 18th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 18th	7.30pm	Dessie Kirwan, (MM)
Sun 19th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 19th	9.30am	Private Intentions Carrig
Sun 19th	10.30am	Helen Hogan, Killeen Martin & Teresa Freeman & Daughter Lorraine Byrne Mary Tuohey, Drumbane, Joanne Tuohey, Bridget Doyle & Marian McCarthy
Sun 19th	12 noon	Mary Ellen Feenane, Fortal
Mon 20th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tue 21st	10.00am	Margaret Rose Hayes Carney (1st Ann)
Wed 22nd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thurs 23rd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Fri 24th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 25th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 25th	7.30pm	Margaret, Michael & Edward Grogan, Killyon
Sun 26th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 26th	9.30am	Remembrance Mass for Tom Larkin, Ivy Hall, Carrig, late of Malahide, Dublin
Sun 26th	10.30am	Tommy & Doreen Rigney, Moorpark Street Middleton & Kennedy Families, Crinkill
Sun 26th	12noon	Elsie & Paddy Gillen Betty & Laurence Nee Jim Normile Terry Hctor, Hilltop, Crinkill Michael & Mary Carroll, Benamore, Roscrea Eugene Garvey, Tullynisk

Br. Brian Johnson, Thank you so very much for the tremendous welcome you gave me when I visited. We are most grateful to you for your tremendous kindness and generosity. The brothers in Kenya & Uganda and the people among whom we work, will be thrilled to know of your great concern for them and your tremendous generosity. It will be a great boost to them in these hard times of drought, food shortage and of Covid. We will be good guardians of the huge trust you have placed in us. We will use the resources you gave us wisely and efficiently. Every penny of your contribution €3,856.00 will go directly to our missions. I know too that you will continue to remember all of us in your prayer. As I mentioned to you, prayer is the backbone of our work and central to our lives. There are times and situations when only a loving and caring God can help us and the people with whom we work. Again, to all of you, mile, mile Buíochas, a million thanks for your kindness and generosity.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

The fourth Sunday in Lent is known as Laetare Sunday or Joyful Sunday. Or more popularly known as Mothering Sunday. On this day we salute all mothers - life givers, nurturers, carers, educators, healers - parents of adoptive children, aunts, sisters and grandmothers.

Her Hands

Her hands held me gently
from the day I took my first breath.
Her hands helped to guide me
as I took my first step.

Her hands held me close
when the tears would start to fall.
Her hands were quick to show me
that she would take care of it all.

Her hands were there to brush my hair,
or straighten a wayward bow.
Her hands were often there to comfort
the hurts that didn't always show.
Her hands helped hold the stars in place,
and encouraged me to reach.
Her hands would clap and cheer
and praise when I captured them at length.

Her hands would also push me,
though not down or in harm's way.
Her hands would punctuate the words,
just do what I say.
Her hands sometimes had to discipline,
to help bend this young tree.
Her hands would shape and mould me
into all she knew I could be.

Her hands are now twisting with age
and years of work,
Her hand now needs my gentle touch
to rub away the hurt.
Her hands are more beautiful
than anything can be.
Her hands are the reason I am me.

Maggie Pittman

Planning for the Future - The diocese of Killaloe is undertaking a series of conversations about the future. We are facing a different reality. Trends indicate that the numbers attending are fewer, the age profile of clergy and active laity in getting older, costs are increasing and contributions are falling. We need to look at our structures and determine if we are still fit for purpose or if we can organise ourselves more effectively to have more viable communities and proclaim the gospel into the future. For more information, go to www.killaloe-diocese.ie/conversations-about-the-future-killaloe-diocese/

Please Pray for the Souls of

Fr. Brian Geoghegan, Mountshannon, Co. Clare,
retired Parish Priest of Tubber, Co. Clare
Sara Leskiewicz, Castlecoote, Co. Roscommon &
Gurteen College



Sr. Eileen's Cúinne Beannachtaí

Tá go leor beannachtaí le fáil sa Ghaeilge. Sa traidisiún bhí paidir ann do gach ócáid agus do gach gné den saol. Seo paidir le rá agus tú ag dul amach ag taistil.

Gur ar choimrí Dé agus na Maighdine Muire tú. Naomh Iósaef, Mac Duach agus Mac Dara agus Naomh Peadar do do thabhairt abhaile slán. Áiméan.

In the Irish language there were prayers for every occasion and for all aspects of life. This is a prayer for a safe journey.

May God and the Virgin Mary protect you. Saint Joseph, Macduach, Macdara and Saint Peter bring you home safely. Amen

Beannú na gCéadfaithe, Naomh Fursa atá againn ón seachtú haois déag.

Go raibh cuing reachta Dé ar an ngualainn seo, Go raibh fiosrú an Spioraid Naoimh ar an gceann seo,

Go raibh comhartha Chríost san éadan seo, Go raibh éisteacht an Spioraid Naoimh sna clua-sa seo,

Go raibh boltanú an Spioraid Naoimh sa tsrón seo,

Go raibh amharc mhuintir neimhe sa bhéal seo, Go raibh obair eaglais Dé sna lámha seo,

Go raibh leas Dé agus na gcomharsan sna cosa seo,

Agus gura le Dia, Athair uile, an duine seo. Áiméan

Greetings

Blessing for Understanding and Perception of Saint Fursey

*The arms of God around my shoulders,
The touch of the Holy Spirit upon my head,
The sign of Christ's cross upon my forehead,
The sound of the Holy Spirit in my ears,
The fragrance of the Holy Spirit in my nostrils,
The vision of heaven's company in my eyes,
The conversation of heaven's company on my lips,
The work of God's Church in my hands,
The service of God and neighbour in my feet,
A home for God in my heart,
And to God, the Father of all, my entire being,
Amen*

Tá an bheannacht againn ó aimsir na réamh-Chríostaíochta. (A pre-Christian blessing as there is no mention of God)

Síocháin dhiamhair na toinne reatha chugat
Síocháin dhiamhair na leoithne boige chugat
Síocháin dhiamhair na cré socra chugat
Síocháin dhiamhair na réiltíní gliosca chugat
Síocháin dhiamhair mac na síthe chugat.

Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the infinite peace to you.