

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter Week 3

Celebrating Age and Creativity, Bealtaine at Birr Theatre hosts special events, **Memories and Melodies** by Jean Farrell will take you back to days gone by with stories and giggles - Thurs 4 May 2.30pm. A Play - **Country & Irish**, is hilarious and boldly claims to be like nothing else! Sun 7 May 8pm and our Bealtaine film **LIVING** stars Bill Nighy, Thurs 11 May 3pm (Free Event- just book your seat) www.birrtheatre.com

Carrig Tidy Towns Group is delighted with the support received from the community over the past year. Again this year the group plans to host a 'Breakfast Morning' on Sunday April 23rd in Carrig and Riverstown Hall at 10.a.m. Breakfast will be provided to anyone attending that morning and donations to help fund the coming years activities would be greatly appreciated'

BIRR FESTIVAL OF MUSIC 2023

On May Bank Holiday Weekend, Friday 28th April - Monday 1st May, Birr Festival of Music once again presents a range of concerts, recitals, master-classes, by national and international singers, musicians, and Birr Young Voices. In Theatre, Church, Courtyards, Castle, Birr Nursing Unit, Schools and Shops. See birrfestivalofmusic.com for full details.

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 15/16th April was **€2,595.00** to the Parish.

Busy Bodies Summer Camp 2023 - Takes place in Killeen National School, Killeen dates are as follows Week 1- 3rd July Week 2 - 10th July age 3 years to 10 years from 9.30 to 3 (school opens at 8am) bring lunch for more info please contact Ann 087-9625218

Public Information Day - Atlantic Infrastructure Renewables & Carrig Renewable Energy Limited will host a public information day on Thursday 27th April to provide updates on and answer queries about the proposed Carrig Renewables Wind Farm in the townlands of Arraghmore, Cloncorrig, Lissernane, Coolderry, Faddan More, Clohaskin & Sharragh in Co. Tipperary. All are welcome, Thursday April 27th from 3pm-8pm in Carrig & Riverstown Community Centre see carrigrenewables.com for more information.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 22nd	10.00am	Patricia Fitzpatrick, High Street (MM)
Sat 22nd	12noon	Funeral Mass of Michael Joseph McCormack
Sat 22nd	7.30pm	Barry Kelly, The Oaks, Woodlane (MM) Tony Fahey, Burkes Hill (1st Ann) Annieo Coughlan, Glebe Street Peter Judge, Fairview James (Jim Bob) Donoghue, Bulfin Park Jane Dwyer, Eglishe & her daughter Catherine Margaret Lawlor, New Road
Sun 23rd	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 23rd	9.30am	Brendan & Sarah O' Brien Carrig
Sun 23rd	10.30am	Michael Quealy, Hillside (MM) John Kennedy Senior & Junior Mary Kennedy, Cornmarket Street
Sun 23rd	12noon	James Martin, Cappaneale
Mon 24th	10.00am	Dilly McAteer, New Road
Tues 25th	10.00am	John Doyle John McCarthy
Wed 26th	10.00am	Hellena Cleary, London
Thurs 27th	10.00am	Eileen McCarthy & all the McCarthy Family
Fri 28th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 29th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 29th	7.30pm	John Patrick (Sean) Flanagan, (1st Ann) Anthony Nevin & Anthony Nevin Jnr Derek Maher, Cappaneale
Sun 30th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 30th	9.30am	Martin Carney, Carrig (1st Ann) Mark Smyth, Tinlough (1st Ann) Christina Cleary, Australia and all deceased members of the Cleary Family
Sun 30th	10.30am	Stan Hayes, High Street
Sun 30th	12noon	Mick & Mary Hogan, Crinkill

Please Pray for the Souls of

Brendan Murphy, Syngfield
John O'Brien, The Heritage, Main Street
Marie Dooley, Roscrea sister in law of Eddie Doorley, Loughkeen
Patricia O'Donoghue, California, wife of Noel O'Donoghue, Moorpark street
Mary Corcoran, Annagh, Birr

"I lit a candle for a friend today. The light from it to guide is way in to your arms sweet Jesus"



Three Rusty Nails

Mother, there's a strange man
Waiting at the door
With a familiar sort of face
You feel you've seen before.

Says his name is Jesus
Can we spare a couple of bob
Says he's been made redundant
And now can't find a job.

Yes I think he is a foreigner
Egyptian or a Jew
Oh aye, and that reminds me
He'd like some water too.

Well shall I give him what he wants
Or send him on his way?
O.K. I'll give him 50p
Say that's all we've got today.

And I'll forget about the water
I suppose it's a bit unfair
But honest, he's filthy dirty
All beard and straggly hair.

Mother, he asked about the water
I said the tank had burst
Anyway I gave him the coppers
That seemed to quench his thirst.

He said it was little things like that
That kept him on the rails
Then he gave me his autographed picture
And these three rusty nails.

By Rodger McGough

Pilgrimages

3 day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg, July 24/25/26th
bus from Emmett Square, Birr. Enquiries to Parish Office

Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimages to Lourdes 2023 -
27th June to 2nd July and 2nd Oct to 7th Oct from
Shannon Airport. Information and bookings contact
Joe Walsh Tours - 01 2410800

Communion Mementos

Gift Sets, Boxed Cards & Wooden Crosses for
Communion Boy & Girls ideal gifts for
Communion Day on sale in the Parish office.

Sponsored by Birr Town Soccer Club

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Triu Domhnach den Chaisc

Inniu an tríú Domhnach den Cháisc.
'Síocháin daoibh' sin í an bheannacht a d'úsáid Íosa go minic i ndiaidh an Aiséirí.
Bhí Íosa tar éis maithiúnais ar a bpeacaí a shaothrú don chine daonna agus athmhuintearas a dhéanamh le Dia ar a son agus iad a thabhairt ar ais i ngrásta Dé. Is trí aithrí agus an athnuachan chroí is mó a airimid an tsíocháin. Is bronntanas luachmhar í an tsíocháin anama, bronntanas flaitiúil ó Dhia agus ba cheart dúinn í a chaomhnú le cúram agus le freagracht. Guímis go díograiseach ar son na síochána i bhfocail San Proinsias:

"A Thiarna, déan díom cuisle do shíochána. San áit a bhfuil fuath, go gcuire mé grá; áit a bhfuil éagóir, pardún; áit a bhfuil amhras, creideamh. áit a bhfuil éadóchas, dóchas; áit a bhfuil dorchadas, solas; agus áit a bhfuil brón, lúcháir." Áiméan.

Third Sunday of Easter

Today is the third Sunday of Easter. 'Peace be with you' was the blessing Jesus used very often after the Resurrection. Jesus has achieved redemption for humankind and we are reconciled with God's grace. It is through repentance and renewal we experience peace. Peace is a precious gift from a generous God. We ought to cherish it carefully and responsibly. Let us pray fervently for peace in the words of St Francis:

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injustice, pardon; where doubt, faith. where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy." Amen

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Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that have received only what you have given."

Francis of Assisi