

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter Week 1

The July Priests Collection will be taken up at all masses this weekend. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity to this collection

Baptism Candles now available from the Parish office

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 24/25th June was €2,205.00 to the Parish.

Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Active Retirement are organising a trip to Westport 10th September - 15th September 2023 for more details contact Mary 087-1264925

Songs of Praise - Birr Methodist Church Sunday 2nd July @ 7pm. All Welcome.

Midland Living Links supporting those bereaved by suicide. Coffee Morning 4th July, Conference room in St. Brendan's Church after 10.00 a.m. mass. All welcome.

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

Birr Library Events - Booking is Essential Please contact 05791-24950

Sensory Play Session

Sensory Play session with Eleanor Glennon, Play Therapist. Suitable for 3-4 Year olds. Time: 11.00am. Date: Saturday, 8th July.

Shannon Bergin Exhibition - Her work will be on display in the library for the month of July, with a launch on Wednesday, 5th July at 18:30.

Arts and Crafts sessions will take place every Wednesday during the Summer months at 3.00pm starting with the launch of Summer Stars on Wednesday, June 14th

Lego Free Play will take place on Saturday, July 15th and August 19th at Birr Library. All welcome.

Writing Group 10.45 - 12.45am every Wednesday.
 Knitters Group 17.30-19.30pm every Wednesday.
 Crafters Group 18.00-20.00pm every Wednesday.
 Adult Book Club 14.30-15.30pm last Thursday of the Month

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 1st	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 1st	7.30pm	Private Intentions
Sun 2nd	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 2nd Carrig	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 2nd	10.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 2nd	12noon	Martin (Carlo) Carroll, Bulfin Park (MM) Fred Hollywood, The Terrace, Crinkill (MM) Peter McEvoy
Mon 3rd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 4th	10.00am	Tom & May Smyth, Mill Street
Wed 5th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thur 6th	10.00am	Margaret McCarthy, Kilkenny & all the members of the McCarthy Family
Fri 7th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 8th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 8th	7.30pm	James Ryan, Newbridge Street Christina & Tom Brereton, Clonoghill Kathleen Lowry, Military Road William Dwyer, Fivealley Noel Cooney, Fairview & Birmingham
Sun 9th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 9th Carrig	9.30am	Ciss & Jack Cashen
Sun 9th	10.30am	Michael Tuohy, Woodfield & all members of Tuohy & McInerney families William Egan, Cree & all deceased members of the family
Sun 9th	12noon	Rev. Fr. Tony Cahir, Woodlands Park Christina (Diney) Lally, Fairview & her daughter Sophie Scully & Son Nuchie Lally

Please pray for the souls of

Sarah (Nancy) Tierney, John's Place
 Mary Frances Roe, School Street, Crinkill
 Noel Cooney, formerly Fairview, Birr & Birmingham,
 Cousin of the Coughlan Family Birr



"May you support us all the day long until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Christ Jesus, our Lord"

A Noble Boy

The woman was old and feeble and grey,
 And bent with the chill of the winter's day,
 The street was wet with the recent snow,
 And the woman's feet were weary and slow,
 She stood at the crossing and waited long,
 Alone, uncared for, amid the throng,
 Down the street with laughter and shout,
 Glad in the freedom of 'school let out'
 Came the boys, like a flock of sheep,
 Hailing the snow, piled white and deep.
 Past the woman, so old and grey,
 Hastened the children on their way,
 Nor offered a helping hand to her,
 So meek, so timid, afraid to stir.

At last came one of the merry troop
 The gayest boy of all the group;
 He paused beside her and whispered low,
 'I'll help you across if you wish to go'
 He guided the trembling feet along,
 Proud that his own were firm and strong,
 Then back again to his friends he went,
 His young heart happy and well content,
 'She is somebody's mother boys you know,
 Although she is old and poor and slow,
 And I hope some fellow will lend a hand,
 To help my mother - you understand
 If e'er she be poor and old and grey,
 When her own dear boy is far away.

And 'somebody's mother' bowed low her head,
 In her home that night and the prayer she said,
 Was 'God be kind to the noble boy,
 Who is somebody's son and pride and joy'

Mary Dow Brine

Cemetery Masses

Will Take place in Carrig on Friday 7th July and in Clonoghill on Wednesday 26th July. Masses on both evenings will begin at 7.30pm.

Sponsored by Anonymous

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Ainm Naofa Íosa

Tá mí Eanáir gach bliain ó dheireadh an 15ú haois leagtha amach ag an Eaglais ar fud an domhain chun onóir a thabhairt d'Ainm Naofa Íosa. Is é an dara haithne a thug Dia do Mhaois sa Sean-Tiomna ná : **Ná luaigh ainm an Tiarna, do Dhia, le mí-úsáid /gan ábhar.** De réir na haithne seo ní foláir dúinn ainm Dé a rá le hómós amháin. Sa Tiomna Nua deir Naomh Pól linn, **"i dtreo nuair a luafá ainm Íosa go gcromfadh glúin gach neach dá bhfuil ar neamh agus ar talamh agus in ifreann agus go ndearbhódh gach teanga, in ómós do Dhia an tAthair, gurb é Íosa Críost an Tiarna"** (Filipigh 2:10-11). Ó thús na Críostaíochta, b'eol do Chríostaithe cumhacht mhór ainm Íosa. Tar éis báis agus aiséirí Íosa, bhain na hAspail úsáid as ainm Íosa chun daoine a leigheas agus míorúiltí a oibriú. Dúirt Peadar le mairtíneach a bhí ag iarraidh déirce taobh amuigh den Teampall, **"Níl ór ná airgead agam, ach an ní atá agam bronnaim ort é: in ainm Íosa Críost an Nasaireit, siúil"** (Gníomhartha 3:6) agus d'éirigh an mairtíneach agus shiúil sé. Bhí ionadh ar gach duine a chonaic an mhíorúilt. Is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá gach lá i rith an lae. **A Íosa, is beannaithe d'ainm thar aon ainmneacha eile. Molaimid tú agus gabhaimid buíochas ó chroí leat as ucht do mhaitheasa. Go raibh ómós gan teorainn againn dod Ainm Naofa. Áiméan.**

Holy Name of Jesus

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus since the end of the fifteenth century. The second commandment given to Moses is "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain. "According to this commandment we must respect God's name. In the New Testament St. Paul tells us, "...so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10-11). From the beginning of Christianity, Christians were aware of the power of the name of Jesus. After His death and resurrection the Apostles used the name of Jesus to cure the sick and work miracles. Peter said to the cripple begging at the temple "I have no silver or gold but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk" (Acts 3:6). The cripple got up and walked. Everybody was surprised by this miracle. We can say this prayer daily. **Jesus, yours is the name above all names. We praise you and give heartfelt thanks for your goodness. May we always have an abiding reverence for your Holy Name. Amen**