

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter Week 2

Baptism Candles now available from the Parish office

Padre Pio Vigil Mass Thursday 15th June @ 7.30pm

Readers are requested to collect their new rota behind the altar. A warm welcome to our new readers. Their help is greatly appreciated.

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 3/4th June was **€1,942.00** to the Parish.

Hosting superb reviews, **Mojo Mickybo**, a play about a couple of boys growing up in Belfast from opposing sides of the sectarian divide are "as thick as two small thieves" **Birr Theatre & Arts Centre Saturday 10 June, 8pm more details and to book, www.birrtheatre.com**

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

Bus to Knock Shrine

The National Mary's Meals Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Saturday 1st July. Bus will leave Roscrea at 9am. To book a seat (€20), please contact Angela at 089-4339592.

Cruinniu na nOg Day 2023, Saturday, 10th June 2023 - Birr Library

"Buzzy Bees" Story Time and Craft Session
Singing Workshop with Gregory Ward of Music Generation - Ideal for children aged 5-9
The Art of Poetry - Rhyming & Rapping Creative Writing with Maeve Devoy.

These events are free but places are limited so booking is essential. Contact Birr Library on 0579124950 or email birrlibrary@offalycoco.ie.

Regular Events at Birr Library

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 10th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 10th	7.30pm	Con Phelan, Townsend Street Eamon O'Meara, Ballindarra & his infant grandchildren Adam & Grace O'Meara
Sun 11th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 11th	9.30am	Mary & Brendan Keeshan Des Reddan & Kevin Reddan, Fadden Carrig Sheila & Ann Lenihan
Sun 11th	10.30am	Paddy Grealy, Oxmantown Mall
Sun 11th	12noon	Emiley Thekkan, Devassy Thekkan, Thomas Francis & O.A Devassy
Mon 12th	10.00am	Andrew Ward
Tues 13th	10.00am	Deceased Eucharistic Adorers Patrick & Marian McCarthy and all members of the McCarthy & Doyle families
Wed 14th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thurs 15th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thurs 15th	7.30pm	Padre Pio Mass
Fri 16th	10.00am	Pioneers, past & present members
Sat 17th	10.00am	Paddy & Adrian Buckley Bridget Delaney
Sat 17th	7.30pm	Gemma Ely Sean & Frances Hogan, Burkes Hill
Sun 18th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 18th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 18th	10.30am	Willie & Patricia Power, Oxmantown Mall & Fr. Jim Power Tom McInerney, Killeen Patrick & Marian McCarthy
Sun 18th	12noon	Gaetano (Nuchie) Lally, Fairview (MM)

Remembering all our Parish Dead & the tragedies from the week.

*"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"*

The Feast of the Sacred Heart /Pioneer Members

On the Feast of the Sacred Heart **June 16th**, we are honouring members of the Pioneer total abstinence association with Silver presentation pins and certificates. We invite any members who are eligible for Silver or Gold pins to contact the Parish office or Helen Keogh 087-9950492.



Sacred Heart of Jesus

Lord Jesus Christ your heart was moved with love for those who came for help in their need. You healed the sick, you fed the hungry, you forgave sinners, above all you showed to those who were prepared to listen the way to true life, for you are the way the truth and the life.

Lord, your heart is still moved today by your people and their many needs. Open my heart to hear your word, to accept your love and respond to your call in particular I ask you to grant me the favour I need (make your request silently), provided it will contribute to my eternal good and to the building up of your Kingdom of love, peace and justice. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus I place all my trust in you.

Reflection - Breaking Bread

They are broken, bruised by the wounds of life, tainted by the miseries, wearied by the burdens of life.

They are at the peripheries, and away from all the colours of life.

Their eyes are filled with anxieties, and their skin burned with harsh realities.

But they find comfort in Him.

Their eyes are slowly filled with new hope and courage.

In Him they see their liberation.

He is one among them, broken and wounded like them.

He is the wounded healer, He breaks the bread of life with them.

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Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Féile Chorp Chríost

Déanamid ceiliúradh inniu ar Fhéile Chorp Chríost. Ag Séire an Tiarna an oíche sula bhfuair Sé bás, thug Íosa a Chorp Féin do na deisceabail agus dúinne á rá 'togaigí, ithigí agus ólaigí iad seo, Mo Chorp agus m'Fhuil'. (Matha 26:28). Ba é seo an chéad Aifreann. Ó shin i leith tá sé de phribhléid againn freastal ar an Aifreann agus Co-maoin Naofa a ghlacadh. Léirigh muintir na hÉireann ómós agus grá don Aifreann i gcónaí fiú le linn na bPéin Dlíthe (1695-1746) nuair a bhí cosc ar dhaoine freastal ar an Aifreann. Deirtí an tAifreann ag Carraig an Aifrinn in áiteanna iargúlta agus bhí ár sinsear sásta a mbeatha a chur i mbaol le grá do Dhia. Is mó Carraig an Aifrinn atá le fáil ar fud na hÉireann. D'fhág Íosa an tAifreann againn lena chuimhne a choimeád beo agus buan dúinn. Paidir tar éis na Comaoine:

Go raibh ainm milis Íosa go taitneamhach scríofa, ar lár mo chroíse.

A Mhuire, a Mháthair Íosa, go raibh Íosa agamsa agus mise ag Íosa. Ceangal grá bheith eadrainn go bráth, gan scaoileadh. Áiméan a Íosa, go bráth 's choíche.

Corpus Christi

We celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi today. At the Last Supper, the night before He died, Jesus gave His Body and Blood to His disciples and to us saying "take this and eat it, this is my body, take and drink, this is my blood". ((Matthew, 26:28). This was the first Mass. Since then it is our privilege to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion. The people of Ireland always had a great love and reverence for the Mass. During the Penal Laws (1695-1746) attendance at Mass was prohibited so the Eucharist was celebrated in isolated places using a boulder as the altar. These are now known as Mass Rocks. Jesus left us the Mass so that we keep his memory alive forever. Prayer after Holy Communion:

That the sweet name of Jesus be written in my heart, Mary mother of Jesus, may I be united with Jesus.