

## BIRR PARISH

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*Parish Office Opening Hours*  
Monday - Friday 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

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### Psalter Week 3

The July Priests Collection will be taken up at all masses next weekend 1/2nd July. 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 17/18th June was **€2,383.00** to the Parish.

### 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.

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

### Summer Stars Reading Adventure at Birr Library

When 4 books are read- children are presented with two small prizes (a pencil and a pencil case)  
When 8 books are read- are presented with another prize and their certificate (a bag or a medal).  
Join the fun and sign up to the Summer Stars Reading Adventure at Birr Library today.

**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 14<sup>th</sup>

**Lego Free Play** will take place on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup> 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 24th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 24th	7.30pm	<b>Brendan Currivan, Roscrea Road (1st Ann)</b> Elizabeth & James Martin Alf Regan, Burkes Hill Sharon Guinan, Clonbrone Tom & Betty Lally, New Road
Sun 25th	8.30am	Sean Mulholland, Seffin Avenue
Sun 25th	9.30am	<b>Margaret (Dolly) White (1st Ann)</b> & deceased family members
Sun 25th	10.30am	Sambo (Eamon) Kelly Mick (Dom) Egan Stephen Tierney, Burkes Hill Albert & Mary Kate Watkins Oisin Watkins Carroll Patrick Nevin Richard & Kathleen Grant Joe Scully, Fortal
Sun 25th	12noon	Kathleen Dowd, John King & PJ King & extended members of the King & O'Dowd family Mollie & Paul Kennedy, Moorpark Street Irena Budreviciene, Macregol Pairc
Mon 26th	10.00am	James Cleary
Tues 27th	10.00am	<b>Daphne Bermingham, Westgate (1st Ann)</b>
Wed 28th	10.00am	Ollie, Eithne, Ciaran & Martin McCarthy
Thur 29th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Fri 30th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 1st	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 1st	7.30pm	Private Intentions
Sun 2nd	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 2nd	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 2nd	10.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 2nd	12noon	<b>Martin (Carlo) Carroll, Bulfin Park (MM)</b> <b>Fred Hollywood, The Terrace, Crinkill (MM)</b>

### Please pray for the souls of

Ann Ward, Woodfield  
Emma Reidy, Ballywilliam, Nenagh, mother of Una Maher, Ballagh, Carrig  
Andrea, Daria & Nazar, Ukraine, son & nephews of Swinlana, Emmett Street  
Esther Feeney, Knocknacarra, Galway sister of Majella Duffy & Frank McNamara, Syngefield



## Sr. Anne Hannon

(1941-2023)

### Riverside Mercy Convent

Anne, the oldest of seven children, was born to Lawrence and Susan Hannon of Rineanna, Co. Clare on 19th February 1941. She lived in Co. Clare until eight years old and then moved with her family to Ballintore, Co Kildare Anne attended Primary school in Newmarket on Fergus, Co.Clare and in Ballintore, Co. Kildare. Her secondary education was in Glebe secondary school, Athy and as a boarder in St. Mary's Secondary School, Nenagh. She entered the Sisters of Mercy in Nenagh on 7th September 1958 and made her First Profession on the 22nd August 1961 taking the religious name of Sr. Mary del Rey. Her motto was: 'I do always the things that please Him'.

Anne trained as a Primary Teacher in Mary Immaculate Training College, Limerick and she began her teaching career in Birr. This was followed by teaching assignments in Mississippi USA, in St. Xavier's Ennis and in Nenagh. In the intervening years between teaching sessions Anne was elected to the Provincial Leadership Team. She also acted as Local Superior in Mississippi and Ennis while she continued to teach. In 2002 she found time to act as Vice Postulator for the Cause of Catherine McAuley's canonisation, an appointment which was very close to her heart. In 1979 Anne studied in Milltown Park, Dublin.

Later she also studied at Jesuit University in Seattle and in Lampeter in Wales. Wherever Anne ministered she is remembered for her deep spirituality, her devotion to her Mercy vocation and, above all, for her kindness and courteous respect for everyone she met. Her memory is a beautiful one and her passing is regretted deeply by all who knew her, especially her family, her Mercy Sisters, her Community in Riverside and her many friends and colleagues.

I measc na naomh go raibh si.

**Sponsored by Carrig Cemetery Committee**

## Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

### Smaoineamh na Seachtaine

Ní fada go mbeidh na scoileanna go léir dúnta agus teaghlaigh ag dul ar saoire. Go raibh gach duine slán sábháilte ar na bóithre agus cois farraige i rith an tSamhraidh. Aon duine a thug aird ar na meáin chumarsáide le gairid, tá scéalta truamhéalacha cloiste faoi thubaistí uafásacha agus bás ar na bóithre. Dia idir sinn agus an t-olc. Go raibh saoire gan bhrón, gan sceon ag cách. Sa spioradáltacht Cheilteach bhí ár sinsear an-tugtha do Dhia. Bhí paidir ar leith acu do gach ócáid. Is iad seo a leanas dhá cheann a bhíodh i mbéal an phobail ar son na sábháilteachta.

Dia idir mé agus uisce mo bháite,  
Dia idir mé agus tine mo dhóite,  
Dia idir mé agus bás gan chairde,  
Dia idir mé agus taisme bhóthar. Áiméan.  
Crios Chorp Chríost is Muire,  
Ár dtionlacan fan bóthar,  
Nára turas é in aistear,  
Gura leas dúinn gach orlach. Áiméan.

### Thought of the Week

Soon schools will be closed and families will be going on holidays. May everybody be safe on the roads and at the seaside during the Summer. We have heard sad reports recently in the media of disasters and deaths on the roads. God between us and all harm. May everybody have a holiday free from sadness and fear. According to Celtic Spirituality our ancestors were devoted to God. They had a prayer for every occasion. The following are two of their prayers for safety:

God between me and the water that may drown me,  
God between me and the fire that may burn me,  
God between me and death in debt,  
God between me and a road accident.  
Amen  
May the girdle of Jesus and Mary  
Be around us on our journey  
May we have a safe trip  
And benefit from every inch. Amen