

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter Week 3

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 8/9th July was **€2,087.00**.

3 day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg, July 24/25/26th bus from Emmett Square, Roscrea Via Birr Enquiries to Parish Office. Bus will depart from Dooly's Hotel @ 7.30am on Monday 24th July

Padre Pio Mass Thursday 20th July @ 7.30pm. All Welcome.

We are holding a **Mass celebrated in the Polish Language Saturday 19th August @ 6pm** in St. Brendan's Church, Birr. All Welcome

Carrig Riverstown and Killeen Local History Group are currently editing their latest publication titled Smáointe. The book of black and white images from the local area is due to be published in the autumn. We would like to ask anyone who would have not yet submitted photos for the book to do so by contacting Tony Dargon before the 31st of July at 0872069342."

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

Lourdes Pilgrimage 19th - 24th August - last few remaining seats please contact Phil if you wish to book 086-3956299

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

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

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 15th	10.00am	Patrick & Michael Hutchinson & grandchildren Lucy Stokes
Sat 15th	7.30pm	Paddy Kane, The Terrace, Crinkill (MM) Raphael & Catherine Reynolds, Grove Street Thomas Hynes, New Road
Sun 16th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 16th	9.30am	Pat Cleary, Clonfinane (1st Ann) Carrig
Sun 16th	10.30am	Eileen King, Woodlands Thomas Sheeran & the Sheeran family, William Street Johnny Cleary, Presentation Place Thomas & Mary Kate Cox
Sun 16th	12noon	Tony Butler, Moorpark Street (1st Ann) Michael & Margaret Kearns, Townsend House, Birr Cora Kenny, Brendan Street
Mon 17th	10.00am	James & Frances Hayes, Crinkill Margaret O'Meara., Shinrone Jim Pardy, The Terrace, Crinkill
Tues 18th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Wed 19th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thur 20th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thur 20th	7.30pm	Padre Pio Mass
Fri 21st	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 22nd	10.00am	Annie Noonan, Rosse Row
Sat 22nd	7.30pm	Christy (Pops) Kelly & his wife Kathleen Martin Guilfoyle and his parents Margaret & William
Sun 23rd	8.30am	William & Florence Cooke and their daughter Margaret & son Teddy, High Street
Sun 23rd	9.30am	Nora Marie Whelan (nee Trowell), Carrig & England (1st Ann) Tom & Sheila Delahunty & all deceased Family members
Sun 23rd	10.30am	Nancy Tierney, Johns Place (MM) Abbie & Tom Loughnane, Ballywilliam Deceased Members of the Cox, Carter & O'Connor Families
Sun 23rd	12noon	Philomena & Michael Clavin

Please pray for the souls of

Jean Donoghue, Bulfín Park



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"

World Youth Day 2023

Loving God, We thank you for the gift of youth, filled with energy, passion, and desire to serve. We bring to you all young people around the world, who are the future of our Church and society. Lord, we ask for your blessings upon the young hearts and minds going to Lisbon from the Brendan cluster, May they be filled with your Spirit, empowered to be bringers of change, while spreading of your love and mercy. Amen

World Youth Day Prayer

Our Lady of the Visitation, you who left in haste towards the mountain to meet Elizabeth, Lead us also to meet all those who await us to deliver them the living Gospel: Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord! We will go in a hurry, with no distraction or delay, but with readiness and joy. We will go peacefully, because those who take Christ take peace.

Our Lady of the Visitation, with your inspiration, this World Youth Day will be the great celebration of the Christ we take, as You once did. Make it a time of testimony, sharing, and giving thanks, each of us looking for the others who always wait. With you, we will continue on this path of gathering, so that our world will gather as well, in love, justice and peace.

Help us, Our Lady of the Visitation, to bring Christ to everyone, obeying the Father, in the love of the Spirit!

The Annual Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock will take place next Sunday 16 July. Mass at 3pm with Anointing of the Sick beforehand at 2:30pm. Newsletters & Emblems available at PTAA stand in St John's Rest & Care Centre or via www.pioneers.ie

Annual Concelebrated Mass of St. Feichin. Mass will be concelebrated in St. Feichin's Cemetery, Lackan in Abbey parish on Sunday July 16th at 7pm. Covered seating is available. A cup of tea for all after Mass. Everybody is welcome. Those attending the Mass should go to Portumna and then on to the village of Abbey and follow the direction signs.

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Smaoineamh na Seachtaine

Tá 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 taise 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

Schools are 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

Cemetery Mass

Will Take place in Clonoghill on
 Wednesday 26th July.
 Mass will begin at 7.30pm.

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