

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter Week 2

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 26/27th August was **€2,097.10**

Crochet class returning on Tuesday 12th September. Conference Room 7 pm to 9pm for 7 weeks. For further information or to book a place please contact Jacintha on 087 6480987.

Birr Flower & Garden Club meeting Tuesday 5th September @ 8pm Doolys Hotel. We welcome Fionnuala Fallon, flower farmer and florist, columnist with the Irish Times. All welcome

Midland Living Links supporting those bereaved by suicide. Coffee Morning 5th September, Conference room in St. Brendan's Church after 10.00 a.m. mass. All welcome.

Carrig Cemetery Committee - Our annual Cemetery Mass was celebrated recently. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Fr. Tom, Fr. Antony and Fr. Michael for making it a very special occasion for all. The committee would also like to thank everyone for their continued support and for all donations towards the upkeep of the church grounds. Your support is very much appreciated.

Food & Mood Online Talk

Birr Library is delighted to host a Food & Mood webinar with Dietitian Aoife McDonald on Wednesday, September 6th at 7pm as part of Healthy Ireland. . Aoife will give you practical tips on how you can eat to better support your mood and wellbeing. This is a free online Zoom event. For bookings, please contact Birr Library on 05791 24950 or at birrlibrary@offalycoco.ie.

Comhgairdeas - Congratulations

Congratulations to all Leaving Cert students on receiving excellent results during the week. We wish you every blessing and best wishes for the next stage of your life

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 2nd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 2nd	7.30pm	Nigel Wrafter, New Road (1st Ann) Michael & Teresa Milne & sons Michael & Raymond, Crinkill Eamon & Rose Gunning, Green Street
Sun 3rd	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 3rd Carrig	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 3rd	10.30am	Eileen & Mick O' Regan, Moorpark Street & deceased members of the Shortt Family Dettie Hayes, High Street
Sun 3rd	12noon	Eamon Hensey Mary Morris, Newbridge Street
Mon 4th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 5th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Wed 6th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thur 7th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Fri 8th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 9th	10.00am	Patsy Gleeson, Moorpark Street
Sat 9th	7.30pm	Mick Roche, Ashbrook Drive Alice Higgins, High Street Brendan & Bernadette Corboy, Boherdeel Martin Rice, Newbridge Street Margaret & William Murdock, High Street Vincent & Hughie Tuohy
Sun 10th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 10th Carrig	9.30am	Peter & his son Charles & nephew Aidan King, Riverstown
Sun 10th	10.30am	Dan Coolahan, Cornmarket Street (MM) Kathleen Carry, Compton Row Bessie & Charlie Fleury, Castletown
Sun 10th	12noon	Margo Regan, Elm Park (MM) Ned Jennings, Dublin & Birr (MM) Ned King, Frank McGregor & Tom King Ray Nolan, Ely Place

Please pray for the souls of

Kathleen (Kay) Donoghue, McAuley Drive
Michael Carroll, Sandycove Dublin & Birr,
brother of John Carroll Hillside

Joey Sullivan, Derry Rathcabbin & Lincolnshire,
England, cousin of Michael Sullivan, Riverstown

"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"



Walk The Cross 2023

The 4 Provinces of Ireland will walk 33 miles over 3 days. Each Province will carry a piece of the Cross and meet in the centre of Ireland in Clonmacnoise where the cross will be Assembled and exalted.

Day 1 - 14th September - Munster will start their pilgrimage walk at **St. Cronans Church Roscrea** after 10am Mass and Benediction at approx. 11.15am and walk the first stage to Birr. We understand the walk to Birr wont be possible for everyone but please come and walk with us any distance that suits you.

Day 2 - 15th September - Walk from Birr to near Clonmacnoise after Mass in **St. Brendan's Church**

Day 3 - 16th September walk final 3 miles to Clonmacnoise where the 4 provinces will meet and assemble the Cross. Followed by Holy Mass, Benediction and Confessions.

Buses will be organized from Roscrea on the 16th of September for the Mass in Clonmacnoise.

Register your interest in the walk by
e-mailing walkthecross33@gmail.com

'Facing Up To Suicide' Midlands Living Links

A Fundraising Musical Evening
Admission: Free

Donations much appreciated
Sunday, 3rd. September 2023 at 8pm
Church of Ireland, Oxmantown Mall

featuring
Irish Musicians
including
Sean Ryan, Leap Castle
The Kinsella Family, Kinnitty
The Gill Family, Portarlinton
Birr Choral Society
All Welcome.

New School Year Blessing

Young People and Parents are invited to bring their school bags to Mass next weekend and place the bags on the Altar rails or sanctuary area where a prayer of blessing will be imparted on them for the success of the year ahead.

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne Ár bPaidreacha Dúchais

Rinne an tAthair Diarmuid Ó Laoghaire S J cnuasach de chúpla míle paidir a bhí ag dul ó bhéal go béal ag ár sinsir ina leabhar *Ár bPaidreacha Dúchais*. Foilsíodh é sa bhliain 1975. Tá na paidreacha bainteach le gach gné de shaol an duine ó éirí ar maidin go dul a chodladh istoíche, ina measc, an t-altú roimh agus tar éis bia, ag dul chuig an Aifreann, ag lasadh agus ag múchadh an tsolais, ag cur an linbh a chodladh, ag lasadh na tine, ag déanamh aráin, paidreacha ar son athar agus máthar ,an paidrín páirteach agus a lán eile nach iad. Tá an-saibhreas urnaí ag baint leis na paidreacha seo a chothaíonn gaol an duine le Dia. Léiríonn siad go héifeachtach chomh tugtha do Dhia a bhí ár sinsir. Seo samplaí ón *Ár bPaidreacha Dúchais*.

Father Diarmuid Ó Laoghaire SJ made a collection of more than two thousand prayers which were passed down orally by our ancestors in his book it was published in 1975. The prayers are associated with every aspect of human life from rising in the morning to going to bed at night, among them, grace before and after meals, going to Mass, lighting and quenching the light, putting the child to sleep, lighting the fire, making bread, prayers for father and mother, the rosary and many others. These prayers are very rich and foster a relationship with God. They show effectively how our ancestors lived in the presence of God. Above are some examples.

Beannacht ar thí nua.

Dia, beannaigh an teach seo, Ó shuíomh go stagh,
Ó chrann go balla, Ó cheann go ceann,
Ó bhuac go híoslach, Ó bhalc go díon,
Ó bhonn go barr. Áiméan.

Blessing of New Home

God bless this house from Site to stay
From beam to wall, from end to end
From riddle to basement, from baulk to roof
From foundation to rooftop

Nuair a bhíonn briseadh ar d'fhoighne.

Solas na soilse, ,
Agus radharc na Tríonóide,
Agus grásta na foighne,
In aghaidh na héagóra. Áiméan.

For Patience

Enlightenment of God
Eyes of the Trinity,
Grace of patience,
Against injustice. Amen.

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