

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter Week 4

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 7/8 October was **€1,902.00**

The October Priests Collection will be taken up at all masses this weekend 14/15th October. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity to this collection

Daily Adoration In Adoration Chapel Tuesday to Friday from 10.30-12noon.

Padre Pio Mass Thursday 19th @ 7.30pm

The Rosary will be recited in the Church of Annunciation, Carrig before 9.30am Mass for the Month of October.

Legion of Mary invites new members can you spare one hour a week to meet and pray the Rosary & Legion prayers please contact 086-3490833 meet every Tuesday evening @ 5.30 in the sacristy Kinnitty church

Birr Arts Theatre Presents - Saturday 21st October Emer Dunne Trio 'Folk Threads' 'An entertainer through and through' Hot Press Irish, Scottish and American folk songs & music 'Grace', 'Sweet Sixteen' and contemporary Surprises Show at 8.00pm. Tickets €18 (plus booking fee) Special Discount for groups of ten Contact 057 9122911 or book online www.birrtheatre.com www.emerdunne.com

Carrig/Riverstown/Killeen Local History Group will launch their book **SMAOINTE** – 466 pages of photographs from the communities of Carrig/Riverstown/Killeen - on Thursday 19th October at 8 p.m. in the Carrig/Riverstown Community Hall. You are all welcome to attend.

Birr Brew Buddies takes place every Friday morning, 10.30am in St. Brendan's Hall, Birr. Join staff of Offaly Local Development Company for a chat and cup of tea, while meeting new people and learning about the locality. For more info, contact Claire on 087 7799 853 or Louise on 087 6925 276.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 14th	10.00am	Patricia O'Callaghan, Moorpark Street Molly & Billy O'Callaghan, High Street
Sat 14th	3pm	Joseph Billane Memorial in Clonoghill Cemetery
Sat 14th	7.30pm	Raymond Hoare, The View Crinkill (1st Ann) Tom & Christine Brereton, Clonoghill Maura Kane, The Terrace Madeline Ryan, The Terrace
Sun 15th Oct	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 15th	9.30am	Ita Clarke, Ballygar, Carrig
Sun 15th	10.30am	Terence Guinan, Grove Street (MM) John Curley, Burkes Hill (MM) Michael Kirwan, Bulfín Park
Sun 15th	12noon	Tom Murray, Lisheen (1st Ann) Dan & Masie Finnerty
Mon 16th	10.00am	No Mass - Lay Led Liturgy
Tues 17th	11.00am	No Mass - Lay Led Liturgy
Wed 18th	10.00am	No Mass - Lay Led Liturgy
Thurs 19th	10.00am	Sean & Bridget Kelly, Dunkerrin
Thurs 19th	7.30pm	Padre Pio Mass
Fri 20th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 21st	10.00am	Jim Flynn, Chapel Lane, Mill Street (MM) & his daughter Caroline
Sat 21st	7.30pm	Susan Whelahan, Parkrise (MM) Ann O'Meara, Wilmer Road (MM) Elsie Pardy, High Street Michael, Margaret & John Molloy, Shinrone Gertie Spain & husband Matt Sally Kennedy & Joe Kennedy, Elm Park
Sun 22nd	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 22nd	9.30am	Private Intentions Carrig
Sun 22nd	10.30am	Imelda King, Clonbrone Pauline Wilson, Newbridge Street
Sun 22nd	12noon	Private Intentions

Please pray for the souls of

Joe Hartnett, Cemetery Road, Crinkle
Margaret Connolly, Hillside, Seffin

I lit a candle for a friend today. The light from it to guide is way in to your arms sweet Jesus



Sponsored by Townsend House, Guesthouse & Restaurant

Sacramental Dates

The following dates have been earmarked for our parish celebrations of First Holy Communion and Confirmation Please keep all the children in your prayers as they prepare for the next milestone in their faith journey.

Date and times for Holy Communion

Saturday 11th May, 2024 @ 11am
Crinkill & Killeen

Saturday 18th May, 2024 @ 11am -
Mercy /St. Brendan's & Parish Preparation

Sunday 19th May, 2024 @ 9.30am -
Carrig N.S.

Date and times for Confirmation

Saturday 13th April, 2024 @ 11am -
Crinkle, Parish Preparation & Carrig

13th April, 2023 @ 3pm -
Mercy/St. Brendan's & Killeen

The Bishop and Priest of the Diocese are meeting for 3 days of prayer & reflection Sunday October 15th to Wednesday October 18th - so for the 3 days Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday there will be lay led liturgies each morning with readings of the word, prayers of intercession and distribution of the Eucharist.

Comhghairdeas-Congratulations

Congratulations to **Birr Camogie club** on their great win over St. Cillians in the Senior A Camogie final on Sunday last. Commiserations to St. Cillians for a terrific game of camogie. We are delighted for the parents and families of these young people

Good Wishes

Best of luck to **Birr GAA Junior Bs** in the County Final as they take on Gracefield in Rath on Saturday 14th October @ 3pm.

Birr Historical Society - AGM/Public Meeting Monday 16th October @ 8pm in the County Arms Hotel. Relaunch of society, to promote Birr Heritage, Culture and local history.

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Deireadh Fómhair

Tá Mí Dheireadh Fómhair, mí lár an Fhómhair, buailte linn. Mí Dheireadh Fómhair, Mí na Corónach Muire, Mí na meala, tús na bliana acadúla. I Mí Dheireadh Fómhair bí linn a Íosa.. Is féidir linn iarracht a dhéanamh ár ngrá don Mhaighdean Mhuire a léiriú i rith na míosa seo tríd an Choróin Mhuire a rá go rialta agus sinn ag machnamh ar bheatha an tSlánaitheora, ar a bhás agus a aiséirí glórmhar. Leanaimis ag guí ar son na síochána ar fud an domhain. A Dhia na Trócaire éist lenár nguí. Tabhair sólas do dhaoine dobrónacha. Go dtuga tíortha eile dídean dóibh agus go gcuirfear fáilte rompu. Go dtiontaí lucht armáilte ón gcogadh. Go gcumhdaí Dia iad siúd atá tugtha don tsíocháin. Áiméan.

October

October is here. October, Month of the Rosary, Month of abundance, beginning of the academic year. Be with us Lord during the month of October. We ought to try to display our love for Our Lady during the month by saying the rosary and meditating on the life of Our Saviour, on His death and glorious resurrection. We pray for peace in the world. Lord of Mercy listen to our prayer. Comfort the sorrowful. May other countries welcome them. Transform the hearts of those who have taken up arms. May God bless the peace makers. Amen

Coffee Morning

Riya Rose is a member of our parish and works as an optician in Specsavers Ennis. On November 5th she will be part of a group of 24 opticians going to the slums of Calcutta to provide essential eye care under the Hope Foundation an Irish charity working with Street & slum children in Calcutta. The week long charity work will involve setting up eye clinics and aiming to see up to 2,000 patients fundraising for optical instruments and supporting students graduate. Specsavers has made the Hope Foundation its charity partner. Riya is organising a coffee morning **Monday 23rd October @ 10.30am** in the conference room at the rear of St. Brendan's to raise funds. **Your support would be greatly appreciated.**