

BIRR PARISH

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Parish Finances
We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 13/14th January was **€3,131.50**

Tax Back Scheme
All who donate €250 or above and pay tax can avail of a tax back refund for the parish by signing the CHY3 form available from the Parish office you may signed up previously and it may need to be updated

Envelope Collections
This year's boxes containing the envelopes for the **Parish Development Fund, Priests' Collection** and other annual collections are now available for distribution. Distributors are asked to collect their boxes from the Conference Room after Mass. It must be noted that not every area has a distributor and some boxes will remain undistributed. If you do not receive a box and would like one, please contact the Parish Office.


Parishioners who wish to use the weekly envelopes. Packets will be available on weekend of 20/21st January

OFFALY VOLUNTEER CENTRE – if you are interested in registering your voluntary organisation with us or becoming a volunteer for the many organisations in our community please contact us on : 083 0154669 anytime – if we can't answer your call, just leave a message and we will contact you or Look us up on www.volunteeroffaly.ie

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE- Fully escorted trip. Flights direct from Dublin. 28th August-4th September 2024. €785.00 (€835 after 2nd Feb24) More information, contact: **Marie Fogarty 087)2826088**
Spiritual Director: Fr. Tom Hannon.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage - Fully escorted trip
Direct return flights from Dublin
17th - 24th July 2024 €745.00
Price increase to €795 after 2nd February
7 night pilgrimage with Phil Robinson
Contact - 086 3956299

Please pray for the souls of
Bernadette Turner, Carrig & Courtown Wexford
Betty O' Brien, Rathdowney, mother of Jacintha O' Brien, Rathbeg, Ballyeighan



Remembered in Mass this Week			
Sat 20th	10.00am	Phil McDermott, Walcot John Smyth, Connaught Street	
Sat 20th	7.30pm	Liam Martin, Cappaneale Evelyn Bell, Townsend Street & her parents Michael & Margaret Pardy Jack Ryan, The Terrace Crinkle Kathleen Loughnane, Tullamore Rd	
Sun 21st	8.30am	Private Intentions	
Sun 21st Carrig	9.30am	Eleanor & Patrick O' Neill, Kinnitty Thomas, Mary T & Maretta White, Carrig Pascal & Noreen Coolahan & Son Fred	
Sun 21st	10.30am	Rita Scully, Fortal Alice & Philip Brady, Riverstown & Seffin Joseph Flynn, Tullamore Road	
Sun 21st	12noon	Kitty Whelan (1st Ann) & husband Kevin, mother of Patricia Ryan, Golfinks Tom Curran, Balleighan Lodge (1st Ann) Geraldine Bergin, Emmett Street James McCarthy, Drumbane Michael & Sheila Carter, Bulfin Park John Claffey, Moorpark Street & the Claffey Family Lucy & Edward Hogan, Townsend St Daughters Sheila Hogan & Ciss Cashen, Ciss Hogan Florence & Jim Guilfoyle, Townsend St	
Mon 22nd	10.00am	Private Intentions	
Tues 23rd	10.00am	Private Intentions	
Wed 24th	10.00am	Margaret Mongan	
Thurs 25th	10.00am	Private Intentions	
Fri 26th	10.00am	Private Intentions	
Sat 27th	10.00am	Tom Cooke, Birr Community Nursing Unit & Crinkle (MM) Helen Coughlan, Crinkle	
Sat 27th	7.30pm	Michael Mulrooney, John's Place (1st Ann) Michael & Patricia Fallon, John's Place Carmel Moore, Meadowville Leon Maloney Coughlan Elizabeth & Michael Lally, Presentation Place & all deceased members of the Lally Family	
Sun 28th	8.30am	Private Intentions	
Sun 28th Carrig	9.30am	Michael Maher, Clonfinane	
Sun 28th	10.30am	Hogan Family, Newbridge Street Paddy Hamilton, Westgate Daniel & Bridget Hogan, Mount Palmer	
Sun 28th	12 noon	Gerry Dolan, Wilmer Road (MM) Concepta Cooke & her husband Sean, Grove Street Thomas (Tucker) Pardy, Chapel Lane	



Catholic Schools Week will take place from Sunday 21st January to Saturday 27th January on the theme of Catholic schools as communities of Service.

Thursday January 25th St. Brendan's Boy's school will participate in the 10am Mass

Friday 26th Mercy P.S will participate in the 10am Mass as part of Catholic schools week.

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**Sacramental Masses**

We welcome the children from **St Brendan's PS** who will be participating in 7.30pm Mass, and **Carrig N.S.** who will be participating in 9.30am & **Killeen N.S & Parish Preparation Programme** who will be participating in the 10.30am Mass

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Pastoral Council Meeting will take place Monday 29th January @ 7.30pm in the conference room to the rear of the church

Home Respite Care Worker/Community Employment Scheme 19.5 Hours per week based in Birr. To qualify for CE participant must be over 21 and be in receipt of social welfare payment for one year or more. Ref: Caring in Offaly CE Scheme 2316251. Contact Alison Hackett at 086 0213711 for further information.

'Borrisokane Players are delighted to announce their 2024 production of Padraic McIntyre's 'The Lost Weekend'. This 2-act Irish comedy-drama, built around an all female cast, tells the story of a work team building weekend away and the laughs and stories that ensue. Directed by Tom Hayes, this production runs at The Clarke Memorial Hall, Borrisokane from Friday January 26th to Sunday January 28th 2024. Curtains up at 8.30pm sharp. Booking advised on 086 067 8124'.

OFFALY PRO LIFE
On Monday January 29th at 7pm in Doolys Hotel Offaly Pro Life Campaign are hosting a meeting to examine how abortion is impacting on peoples lives especially the lives of women. Senator Ronan Mullen B.L. , Vicky Wall from 'Every Life Counts' & other Pro Life Speakers will address the meeting .Please come along, there's no charge.

The acclaimed chamber group **Ficino Ensemble** presents a musical odyssey, performing rarely heard music by Mozart, McKay and Penderecki. The ensemble will also be joined by pianist Finghin Collins. **Birr Theatre & Arts Centre, Saturday 27th January 8pm** www.birrtheatre.com for the ensembles programme.



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### Ainm Naofa Íosa

Tá mí Eanáir gach bliain ó dheireadh an 15ú haois leagtha amach ag an Eaglais ar fud an domhain chun onóir a thabhairt d'Ainm Naofa Íosa. Is é an dara haithne a thug Dia do Mhaois sa Sean-Tiomna ná : **Ná luaigh ainm an Tiarna, do Dhia, le mí-úsáid /gan ábhar.** De réir na haithne seo ní foláir dúinn ainm Dé a rá le hómós amháin. Sa Tiomna Nua deir Naomh Pól linn, **“i dtreo nuair a luafai ainm Íosa go gcromfadh glúin gach neach dá bhfuil ar neamh agus ar talamh agus in ifreann agus go ndearbhódh gach teanga, in ómós do Dhia an tAthair, gurb é Íosa Críost an Tiarna”** (Filipigh 2:10-11). Ó thús na Críostaíochta, b'eol do Chríostaithe cumhacht mhór ainm Íosa.Tar éis báis agus aiséirí Íosa, bhain na hAspail úsáid as ainm Íosa chun daoine a leigheas agus míorúiltí a oibriú. Dúirt Peadar le mairtíneach a bhí ag iarraidh déirce taobh amuigh den Teampall, **“Níl ór ná airgead agam, ach an ní atá agam bronnaim ort é: in ainm Íosa Críost an Nasaireit, siúil”** (Gníomhartha 3:6) agus d'éirigh an mairtíneach agus shiúil sé. Bhí ionadh ar gach duine a chonaic an mhíorúilt. Is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá gach lá i rith na bliana seo. **A Íosa, is beannaithe d'ainm thar aon ainmneacha eile . Molaimid tú agus gabhaimid buíochas ó chroí leat as ucht do mhaitheasa.**

### Holy Name of Jesus

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus since the end of the fifteenth century. The second commandment given to Moses is “Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.” According to this commandment we must respect God's name. In the New Testament St. Paul tells us, “...so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth” (Phil 2:10-11). From the beginning of Christianity, Christians were aware of the power of the name of Jesus. After His death and resurrection the Apostles used the name of Jesus to cure the sick and work miracles. Peter said to the cripple begging at the temple “I have no silver or gold but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk” (Acts 3:6). The cripple got up and walked. Everybody was surprised by this miracle. We can say this prayer during this year: **Jesus, yours is the name above all names. We praise you and give heartfelt thanks for your goodness. May we always have an abiding reverence for your Holy. Amen**