

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 17/18th February was **€2466.70**

Birr Historical Society - County Arms Hotel Monday 11th March @ 8pm. Illustrated talk by Christy Cunniffe retired Community Archaeologist "would you recognise a Saint if you met one? An examination of Saintry attributes as depicted in Medieval and Early Modern Art

Stations of the Cross every Wednesday after 10am Mass

The Rosary will be recited on Sunday mornings in the **Church of the Annunciation Carrig** during lent @ 9am.

Temporary Pledge for Lent - People interested in taking the temporary pledge for Lent please contact the Parish Office

Last night of cookery course in Carrig Hall Wednesday 28th February from 7-9pm. All welcome

Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Active Retirement are holding their next meeting on Monday 26th February @7.30pm in Carrig community Hall. We meet weekly on Wednesdays from 2.30-4.30pm for dancing, darts, bowling, board games, tea & lots of chat. **New members always welcome**

CRK Local History Group: We will hold a meeting of the this group in the Carrig/Riverstown Community Hall on next Tuesday, 27th January, at 7:30. We will outline our plan to publish, "A History of the Parish of Loughreen", in 2026. All are welcome to attend.

Nurture Africa Church Gate Collection Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd March. Donations support the volunteer programme. All donations greatly appreciated.

Banagher Drama Group presents - "Don't Dress for Dinner" by Marc Camoletti and Robin Hawdon and directed by Brendan Hanamy in St. Rynagh's College of Further Education @8pm on Thursday 7th, Friday 8th, Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th March 2024. Booking essential phone or text the booking line : (087) 477 8492 open 5-7pm daily.'

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 24th	10.00am	Bridget & James Flynn George Flynn & Family Carroll Family, Seffin
Sat 24th	7.30pm	Tom Nestor, River Oaks, Riverstown (MM) Joe Long, Cornmarket Street Lisa Guilfoyle, Riverstown Michael Molloy, Meadowcourt Brian Molloy, Bolivea, Meath
Sun 25th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 25th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 25th	10.30am	Michael & Nellie Whelan & Son Michael Mary Guinan, Newbridge Street Margaret & Johnny Guinan, Clonbrone Guinan & Mitchell Families
Sun 25th	12noon	Brendan O' Dwyer, Cappaneale & his parents Betty & Tom O' Dwyer John Murdock, Presentation Place & his sister in law Catherine Campbell John Pilkington, Syngefield
Mon 26th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 27th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Wed 28th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thurs 29th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Fri 1st	10.00am	John Fallon
Sat 2nd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 2nd	7.30pm	Elizabeth Maher, Crinkle Martin McCarthy, Clonoghill Lower Mossie Kelly, New Road Tony Kelly, Cappaneale Tom O' Meara, Beech Avenue James & Margaret Horan, Beech Avenue
Sun 3rd	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 3rd	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 3rd	10.30am	Agnes Pearson, The Rocks
Sun 3rd	12 noon	Sophia Scully, Meadowbrook (1st Ann) Paddy & Annie Kennedy, Fortal Patrick & Josephine Kelly Gail Kelly, Sr. Josephine Kelly Pat O' Malley James Flynn, Chapel Lane

Please pray for the souls of



Bridie Corcoran, Banagher, Birr Hospital, Ely
place & Birr Community Nursing unit
Willie Molloy, Cloncarbon father of Marie Errity,
Lisheen

Daily Lenten messages from Bishop Fintan

Brief daily reflections from Bishop Fintan will be available on social media platforms for Lent, Holy Week & Easter <https://www.youtube.com/@BishopFintanMonahan>

Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2024

This year Trócaire celebrates 50 years of reaching out to the poor and working for social justice in parts of the world where poverty and injustice exist.

Through the generosity of Irish people over the past 50 years, the quality of life has improved for so many people.

Still more than a billion people survive on less than €1 per day.

One day this week skip a meal or give up something and put the money in your Trócaire box.

Why not do this through Lent as an act of solidarity with the poor?

Trócaire boxes are available in our churches

Doing our little bit for Lent

Pray a bit every day
Read a bit of the Gospel every day,

Do something good for another every day -
This is the way to share in the saving love of God.

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free, you are the Saviour of the World.

CARRIG AND RIVERSTOWN DEVELOPMENT

ASSOCIATION are holding their AGM in the Community Hall in **Carrig on Friday 1st March 2024 at 8pm.** Our guest speaker will be Tony Dargan who will give a presentation on 3 topics:- 1. Interesting local photos which did not make it into the 'Smaointe' book. 2. A project he is working on at the moment - The Story of Erin. 3. The History of the Parish of Loughreen - For publication in 2026. All are welcome to attend or to consider joining our active committee.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS; Second Sunday of Lent-Sun 25th, 5 30 am; Tues 27th, 5 30pm
Jordan's Christians: People of the Holy Land- This documentary traces the history of the Catholic Church in Jordan, visiting holy sites and examining the impact of modern day refugees from war-torn areas. Sun 25th, 4pm; Thurs 29th, 9pm, (EWTN , Sky 586)

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

An Dara Domhnach den Charghas

Ar an dara Domhnach den Charghas, feicimid Íosa ag cur an bháis ar ceal agus an bheatha shiorraí chun solais. Cuirtear dhá mhór eachtra i scéal Íosa os ár gcomhair sna léachtaí inniu. Chuir Dia in iúl d' Abrahám go mbeadh beannacht ar a shliocht. Aithníonn formhór na gCríostaithe, Abrahám mar a nathair. Bhí Dia dílis do gach ar gheall Sé agus sheol Sé an pobal tofa go talamh Íosrael. Feicimid fíís eile chomh hé-achtach céanna. Bhí dóchas ag teastáil ó na deis-ceabail sular thosaigh Íosa Turas na Croise agus a Pháis. Sheol Sé Peadar, Séamas agus Eoin suas Cnoc Tabor. Chonaic siad Íosa agus é faoi chló nua Ionrach agus Maois agus Éilias in éineacht leis. Tar éis Claochlaithe ar an sliabh thuig na deisceabail nár ghnáthdhuine a bhí in Íosa. Labhair Peadar: "A Thiarna," ar seisean le hÍosa, "is maith mar tharla anseo sinn: más maith leat é, déanfaidh mé trí bhoth san áit seo, ceann duit féin, ceann do Mhaois agus ceann d'Éilias." Ní raibh siad ag súil le seo. Chuala siad glór as na scamail "Is é seo mo Mhac mhuirneach dár thug mé gnaoi : éistigí leis. (Matha 17:1- 5) Bhí eagla an domhain ar na deisceabail ach labhair Íosa leo. "Éirígí," ar seisean; "ná bíodh eagla oraibh." Ar dhearcadh suas dóibh, ní raibh neach ar bith le feiceáil acu ach Íosa féin amháin. Go raibh an creideamh ina údar dóchais agus síochána dúinn. A Thiarna éist linn. Áiméan.

Second Sunday of Lent

Second Sunday of Lent On the second Sunday of Lent we see Jesus triumph over death and promising eternal life. In the readings today, we see two major events in the life of Jesus. God makes known to Abraham that his descendants will be blessed. Most Christians recognise recognised Abraham as father. God was faithful to all he promised and he sent the chosen people into the land of Israel. We see another vision. The disciples needed hope from Jesus before his Passion and Death. He took Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor. He was transfigured before them in the presence of Moses and Elijah. After the Transfiguration the disciples realised that Jesus was not an ordinary person .Peter said "Lord it is good for us to be here .let us make three tabernacles ,one for you ,one for Moses and one for Elijah.' suddenly they heard a voice "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, listen to him', (Matthew 17:1- 5).The disciples were afraid and Jesus spoke to them "Arise" he said "and do not be afraid" On looking up they saw nobody only Jesus. May our faith be a source of hope and peace in our lives. Lord hear us. Amen.

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