

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter Week 4

Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 13/14th April was **€2,607.50**

Communion Mementos

Gift Sets, Boxed Cards & Wooden Crosses for Communion Boy & Girls ideal gifts for Communion Day on sale in the Parish office

Fleadh Cheoil Uibh Fhailí 2024 as part of the Fleadh week in Birr the local Comhaltas group will provide the music & singing for the 7.30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 27th April in St. Brendan's Wilmer Road

Pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni & Montecassino Nov 6-10th €895 all in, afternoon flights with Aer Lingus excellent accommodation & dinners to reserve contact Kieran & Laura 05793-355050

Killaloe Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes Bishop Fintan will lead the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Shannon Airport on Friday 21st June to Wednesday 26th June, costing €899 pps including flight, airport transfers, airport and sanctuary taxes, full board with three meals each day. For more info please contact Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800 or email joewalstours.ie To reserve, please contact Fr Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director on 087 2349816

Carrig Tidy Towns Group This year the group plans to host a 'Breakfast Morning' on Sunday April 28th in Carrig and Riverstown Community Hall at 10.a.m. Breakfast will be provided to anyone attending that morning and donations to help fund the coming years activities would be greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you all.

Songs of Praise - The Church of St. Brendan, Oxmantown Mall **Sunday 28th April @ 3.30pm.** Hosted by Birr Branch Mothers Union. All welcome

Busy Bodies Summer camp - Busy Bodies Summer Camp takes place in Killeen National School starting July 1st for 3 weeks. Age 3 to 10 years from 9.30am till 3pm. For more information please contact Ann on 087-9625218

Remembered in Mass this Week

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| Sat 20th | 10.00am | Private Intentions |
| Sat 20th | 7.30pm | James Donoghue, Bulfin Park Michael Ryan, Burkes Hill |
| Sun 21st | 8.30am | Private Intentions |
| Sun 21st | 9.30am | Kevin Deane, Clohaskin (MM) Carrig |
| Sun 21st | 10.30am | John Kennedy, Cornmarket Street his son John & mother Mary Michael & Sadie Campbell & daughter Majella, Moorpark Street |
| Sun 21st | 12 noon | Brendan Murphy, Syngfield (1st Ann) James & Elizabeth Martin, Cappaneale Francis Kennedy, Newbridge Street Martin & Mary Hogan, High Street and deceased members of the Hogan Family |
| Mon 22nd | 10.00am | Private Intentions |
| Tues 23rd | 10.00am | Private Intentions |
| Wed 24th | 10.00am | Dilly McAteer, New Road |
| Thurs 25th | 10.00am | Tom, Eileen, Tommy, Joseph & Mary Boylan late of Croghan |
| Fri 26th | 10.00am | Hellena Cleary, London |
| Sat 27th | 10.00am | Private Intentions |
| Sat 27th | 7.30pm | Noel Watkins, Cayman Islands & Birr (MM) Michael Flanagan, Bulfin Park (MM) Derek Maher, Cappaneale Margaret Lawlor, New Road |
| Sun 28th | 8.30am | Private Intentions |
| Sun 28th | 9.30am | Private Intentions Carrig |
| Sun 28th | 10.30am | Private Intentions |
| Sun 28th | 12 noon | James Martin, Cappaneale Park |

Please pray for the souls of

Betty Poole, wife of John Joe Poole formerly St. Brendan's Community school & 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"

Sponsored by Birr Town F.C

This Sunday is Good Shepherd/ Vocation Sunday, prayer cards are available in Church porches

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**"The priest is not an angel sent from heaven. He is a man, a member of the Church, a Christian. Remaining man and Christian, he begins to speak to you the word of God. This word is not his own. No he comes to you because God has told him to proclaim God's word. Perhaps he has not entirely understood it himself. Perhaps he adulterates it. Perhaps he falters and stammers. How else could he speak God's Word, ordinary man that he is? But must not some one of us say something about God, about eternal life, about the majesty of grace in our sanctified being; must not some one of us speak of sin, the judgement and mercy of God?"**

*Karl Rahner*

## The Dog

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 When God had made the earth and sky, the flowers and the trees. He then made all the animals and all the birds and bees. And when His work was finished not one was quite the same. He said "I'll walk this earth of mine and give each one a name". And so He travelled land and sea and everywhere He went, a little creature followed Him until its strength was spent. When all were named upon the earth and in the sky and sea, the little creature said "Dear Lord, there's not one left for me". The Father smiled and softly said "I've left you to the end, I've turned my own name back to front and called you Dog, my friend
 (Anonymous)

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Lá na nGairmeacha/ An tAoire Fóna

Lá faoi leith san Eaglais is ea an Ceathrú Domhnach den Cháisc ina n-iarrtar orainn machnamh a dhéanamh ar an ngairm a thugann Dia do gach duine. Ag ár mBaisteadh glaonn Íosa ar gach duine againn é a leanúint. Is cuma an duine a bheith óg nó aosta, saibhir nó daibhir, tuath nó cléir, tá gairm tugtha ag Dia do gach uile dhuine nach féidir le haon duine eile a chomhlíonadh. Déanaimis gach iarracht bheith dílis dár ngairm go laethúil. Iarrtar orainn freisin guí go dtiocfaidh méadú ar ghairmeacha chun na Sagartachta agus an Bheatha Reiligiúnach. Is é Íosa féin a dúirt linn: "Tá an fómhar fairsing ach níl ann ach meitheal bheag. Dá bhrí sin guí Máistir an Fhómhair go gcuirfeadh sé meitheal uaidh isteach ina fhómhair" (Matha 9:37-38). Tá páirt lárnach ag saol na clainne chun gairmeacha a spreagadh agus a chothú. Is ann a chuirtear síol le haghaidh gairme saoil. Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá go rialta ar son gairmeacha chuig an saol sagartúil agus chuig an bheatha reiligiúnach. A Thiarna Íosa Críost, Slánaitheoir an domhain, go n-éirí linn ár mbeatha a chaitheamh de réir do dhílse. Go dtreoraí an Spiorad Naomh sagairt agus lucht craobhscaoilte an dea-scéil agus go gcuire Íosa meitheal uaidh isteach ina fhómhair. Áiméan.

Careers Day/The Sound Shepherd

Fourth Sunday of Easter On the fourth Sunday of Easter we are invited to reflect on the vocation given to each of us. In our Baptism each is called personally to follow Jesus whether we are young or old, a parent or individual, rich or poor, or in Religious Life, God has called each to fulfil a special role in life which cannot be done by any other. Let us make every effort to be faithful always to this calling. We are asked to pray for an increase of vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life today. Jesus said, "The harvest is great but the labourers are few. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send labourers into His harvest". (Matthew 9: 37-38) Family life plays a key role in motivating and nurturing careers It is where vocations and career choices are nurtured. We can say this prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, may we spend our lives faithful to You. May the Holy Spirit guide priests and all who preach the gospel and may the Lord of the harvest send labourers to work on His behalf Amen.