

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 15/16 June was **€2,263.90**

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Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine- Sunday 7th July - Bus departing from Roscrea 8.30am and Birr at 8.45am. Booking Mary 086 4055570 or Margaret 087150 9522

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje July 17th - 24th. Fully escorted Trip €745 inclusive of breakfast and dinner. Deposit of €200 spiritual Director Fr. Tom Hannon. To reserve please contact Phil Robinson 086-3956299

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Are you a childminder or thinking about becoming a childminder in Offaly? Contact Offaly County childcare Committee darina@offalychildcare.com/ 0851703772 to find out more information about; The new childminding regulations that are coming into effect in Autumn 2024 Setting up and operating a childminding business Training relevant to childminders and Grants/ funding available to childminders

Family and Friends of St. Dymnna's Committee, Portumna Branch are organizing a collection of unwanted clothes, towels, curtains, bed linen (sheets, pillow cases, duvet covers only) hats, belts, hand bags, boots, runners and shoes. This will take place only on **Wed 26th of June 2024 from 4p.m to 7p.m** outside St. Dymnna's A.D.S. Portumna (besides Marrion Park). All money raised will ONLY benefit St. Dymnna's Portumna A.D.S. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 22nd	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 22nd	7.30pm	Alf Regan, Burkes Hill Eamon Sambo Kelly, Scurragh Dom Egan, Glebe Street Paul & Molly Kennedy, Moorpark Street Sharon Guinan, Clonbrone
Sun 23rd	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 23rd	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 23rd	10.30am	Nancy Tierney, John's Place (1st Ann) Joe Scully, Fortal
Sun 23rd	12 noon	Frank Gallagher, High Street (MM) Kathleen Dowd, John King & PJ King and extended members of the King & Dowd Families Marina Delaney, Limerick
Mon 24th	10am	Private Intentions
Tues 25th	10am	Private Intentions
Wed 26th	10am	Private Intentions
Thurs 27th	10am	Daphne Birmingham, Westgate Gail Kelly, Meadowbrook & The Green
Fri 28th	10am	Deceased members of the O'Meara & Nolan Families
Sat 29th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 29th	7.30pm	Kathleen Bass, Newbridge Street (MM) Patrick & Anna Corboy, Birr View, Crinkle
Sun 30th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 30th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 30th	10.30am	Stephen Tierney, Burkes Hill
Sun 30th	12noon	Frank McGilton, Cappaneale

Prayer for the Dead

Chrissie Hogan, Ballindarra
Kathleen Kennedy, Adare, Limerick, sister of the late Jack Cashen, Ballykinash Carrig
Mary McCarthy, Ballinvredig, Ballinspittle, Cork, mother of Michael McCarthy, Ballygar, Carrig
Maureen Guinan (nee) Mulrooney, The Village, Ballycumber & formerly Clonoghill Lower sister of Tess Hogan, Clonoghill Lower

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"

The Sun

Have you ever seen anything in your life more wonderful

than the way the sun, every evening, relaxed and easy, floats toward the horizon

and into the clouds or the hills, or the rumpled sea, and is gone-- and how it slides again

out of the blackness, every morning, on the other side of the world, like a red flower

streaming upward on its heavenly oils, say, on a morning in early summer, at its perfect imperial distance-- and have you ever felt for anything such wild love-- do you think there is anywhere, in any language, a word billowing enough for the pleasure

that fills you, as the sun reaches out, as it warms you

as you stand there, empty-handed-- or have you too turned from this world--

or have you too gone crazy for power, for things?

Mary Oliver

Cemetery Masses



Will Take place in **Clonoghill** on Friday 28th June and in **Carrig** on Friday 5th July. Masses on both evenings will begin at 7.30pm.

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Saint John the Baptist

Naomh Eoin Baiste (Lá Fhéile, 24 Meitheamh) Ceiliúrtar Féile Eoin Baiste ar an Luan an 24 Meitheamh.. Tá sé luaite sa Scriptorúir toisc gur réamhtheachtaire ab ea é do Chríost. Bhí sé de dhualgas air an tslí a ullmhú don Tiarna. Bhí a fhios ag gach duine go raibh míorúilt ag baint lena bhreith agus cheap mórán sa phobal gurbh é Mac Dé é. Chuaigh sé amach san fhásach agus ní fada go raibh na sluaite timpeall air. Labhair sé leo agus spreag sé iad chun a meon a athrú agus aithrí a dhéanamh chun go mbeidís réidh chun glacadh le Críost nuair a thiocfadh sé ar an saol seo. Nuair a tháinig Íosa bhí Sé sásta baiste a ghlacadh ó Eoin ach dúirt Eoin nárbh fhiú é a dhéanamh ach i ndeireadh na dála rinne sé rud ar Íosa. Ba í an umhlaíocht an tréith ba mhó a bhí aige. Thagair sé do Chríost agus dúirt sé "Ní fiú mé oiread agus iallacha a bhróg a scaoileadh"(Lúc.3:16) agus arís "Tá air dul i dtreise, ach, tá ormsa ísliú"(Eoin 3:30).Ba chóir bheith umhail inár saol laethúil cosúil le Naomh Eoin Baiste agus aithrí a dhéanamh mar is ceart. Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá:

Go mbeannaí Dia duit, a Eoin Baiste Naofa, Go mbeannaí Muire duit, agus beannaím féin duit. Is chugat a tháinig mé ag gearrán mo phéin' duit, Is ag iarraidh carthanachta as ucht Dé ort. Áiméan (Ar bPaidreacha Dúchais – D Ó Laoghaire S.J)

Saint John the Baptist

The Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist will be celebrated Monday next 24 June. He is mentioned in the Scriptures as the precursor of Christ. He had the duty of preparing the way of the Lord. Everybody knew that his birth was a miracle and many thought he was the Son of God. He went into the wilderness and soon the crowds surrounded him. He addressed them and encouraged them to change their ways, to repent and to be ready to accept Christ when he came on earth. When Jesus came, he asked to be baptised by John the Baptist. John was unwilling to do so but eventually did. Humility was his greatest characteristic. He referred to Christ and said "I, and I am not worthy to untie the strap of His sandals. (Luke 3:16) and again he said "He must increase, I must decrease" (John 3 :30). We ought to be humble in our daily lives like Saint John the Baptist and repent as is right. This prayer can be recited:

God's blessings on you, St. John the Baptist, The Virgin Mary's blessings on you and my blessing on you
To you I came with my complaints
Seeking friendship on account of God's love. Amen

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