

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter Week 2

Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 24/25th August was **€2,917.00**

Congratulations to all Leaving Cert students on receiving excellent results during the week. We wish you every blessing and best wishes for the next stage of your life.

Relics of St Bernadette

The relics will be received into the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes Silvermines at 3pm on Tuesday 10th September followed by veneration with Rosary at 6pm and veneration continuing until concelebrated Mass at 8pm followed by a Marian Torchlight Procession in the grounds of the church. The Church will close at 10pm. On Wednesday 11th September veneration will continue until 12 noon with Mass of farewell at 10am www.stbernadette.ie

Birr Flower & Garden Club Meeting Tuesday 3rd September @ 8pm in the County Arms Hotel. Welcome Emma Hanley Florist & farmer from Ballingarry. All welcome. Non Members €10.00

Midland Living Links supporting those bereaved by suicide. Coffee Morning 3rd September, Conference room in St. Brendan's Church after 10.00 a.m. mass. All welcome

Music Night in Teach Lea, Broora, Cloghan - R35 DA50 on Wednesday Sept. 18th. Various Local musicians- Folk, Trad and a touch of Country in aid of Offaly Pro- Life in association with the Pro-life Campaign. Tickets 10 euro are available from John Egan, Shannon Harbour 086 8174524.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2024: 7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or website www.med-irishcentre.com MEDJUGORJE: 00387 36 651 518 IRELAND: 00353 1 443 4510mail: reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 31st	10am	Dan Bass & his wife Kathleen Bass, Newbridge Street
Sat 31st	7.30pm	Kay Donoghue, McAuley Drive (1st Ann) & Sons Jimmy & Brendan Cella Erritty, Clonkelly her husband Tommy and deceased members of the Mahon & McGuinness families Michael & Theresa Milne & sons Michael & Raymond Kit Molloy and family members, Clonaslee
Sun 1st	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 1st	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 1st	10.30am	The Hayden & Leake Families
Sun 1st	12noon	Ger Pardy, Killaun (MM) Nigel Wrafter, Pound Street Mary Morris & her husband John, Newbridge Street
Mon 2nd	10am	Private Intentions
Tues 3rd	10am	Private Intentions
Wed 4th	10am	Private Intentions
Thurs 5th	10am	Private Intentions
Friday 6th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 7th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 7th	7.30pm	Alice Higgins, High Street Margaret & William Hegarty and deceased members of the Hegarty & Connerton Families Martin Rice, Newbridge Street Ann & Paul Rickets Brendan & Bernadette Corboy, Boherdeel
Sun 8th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 8th	9.30am	Peter King, son Charles & brother Jimmy, Riverstown Tim Carey, Barroncourt
Sun 8th	10.30am	Dettie Hayes, High Street
Sun 8th	12noon	Ned King, Killeen, Frank McGregor & Tom King, Australia Carmel Danagher, Castletown Cross Eamon Hensey, Cappaneale

Please pray for the souls of

Denise Revill, Westgate & staff of Birr Community Nursing Unit
Jimmy Morris, Johns Place & Eliza Lodge
Bridget (Bridie) Maddox (nee) Kealy, Wisbech, Cambs, England, formerly Fairview
Jodie Coughlan, formerly Pound Street & Manchester
Patrick O'Brien, Birr Road, Shinrone father of Martina O'Brien, Ashbrook Drive
Jimmy Costin, An Rinn, Phort Láirge, brother of Rita Delaney, Burkes Hill



Volunteer Ministries in the Killaloe Diocese

Information evenings on the training programmes for the Ministry of Catechist and the Ministry of Pastoral Care will be held at three locations across the Diocese in early September. These are the venues, times and dates: Kilrush, Community Centre: **Wed, September 11th at 7.30 p.m.** Ennis, Pastoral Centre: **Thursday, September 12th at 7.30 p.m.** Nenagh: Pastoral Centre, **Monday 16th September at 7.30 p.m.**

At these meetings, Bishop Fintan will be present to formally launch this programme of training and formation. People currently involved in a myriad of volunteer ministries will also be present to answer any of your questions. Come along to see and hear how these lay ministries are developing across the diocese and how you might become part of this Good News story. For more information visit: <https://www.killaloe-diocese.ie/our-diocese/lay-ministries/>

New School Year Blessing

Young People and Parents are invited to bring their school bags to Mass next weekend and place the bags on the Altar rails or sanctuary area where a prayer of blessing will be imparted on them for the success of the year ahead.

CELTIC BROTHERS IN CONCERT

Following a brilliant concert in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Thurles two years ago, the very popular Celtic Brothers are making a return trip and are set to light up the aisles with their unique take on many contemporary classics. Come along and enjoy an evening of great music with the Celtic Brothers starring The Willoughby's in the Cathedral, Thurles – Friday, September 27th, 2024. All proceeds to Cathedral Reroofing Project. Tickets now on sale in Thurles Parish Centre (0504 22229), Bookworm (0504 22257) and Holycross Abbey Shop (0504 43124). Book early to avoid disappointment.

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne Meán Fómhair

Cuirimis fáilte roimh mhí Mheán Fómhair, mí na torthúlachta, mí bhainte an arbhair, mí filte ar scoileanna agus coláistí. I mí Mheán Fómhair, bí linn a Thiarna. De réir an tseanfhocail, dá fhad é an lá tagann an oíche. Tá deireadh le laethanta saoire an tSamhraidh. Tá múinteoirí, daltaí agus mic léinn dírithe ar an bhfoghlaim arís. Tús maith leath na hoibre. Guímis ar son ár múinteoirí agus ár lucht teagaisc a thugann aire do spiorad an aosa óig agus a thugann chun foirfeachta é. Beannaigh iad ina gcuid oibre, a Íosa. Molaimid don aos óg aird a dhíriú ag tús na scoil bhliana ar an gcomhairle seo a leanas ón mbéaloideas. Na trí nithe nach féidir leo casadh go brách: lá ó scoil, Domhnach ón Aifreann, lá ó cheird. Ní ualach do dhuine an léann agus seo an-chomhairle ó fhile anaithnid: I d'óige oscail do mheabhair, Is bailigh an fhoghlaim leat; Óir an glór nach dtuigeann an ceann Is cuma é ann nó as. Is í seo paidir an mhúinteora Cuir ar mo chumas múineadh le heagna, mar cabhraim i múnlú na haigne. Ullmhaigh mé chun múineadh le fírinne, mar cabhraimse i múnlú coinsiasa. Spreag mé chun múineadh le fíis mar cabhraimse i múnlú na todhchaí. Áiméan.

September

We welcome September, month of fruitfulness, month of harvesting, month of returning to school and college. Be with us Lord during the month of September. According to the proverb, however long the day, night comes. Summer holidays are over. Teachers, pupils and students have again focused on learning. A good start is half the work. Let us pray for our teachers and educators who help young people achieve their full potential. Jesus, bless them in their work. We advise students to remember the following from Irish lore: Three things you can never get back: a day absent from school, a Sunday away from Mass and a day away from one's trade. Learning is no burden and it is worth listening to this anonymous poet's advice: In your youth open your mind and acquire an education, for knowledge your intellect does not understand is useless. This is a teacher's prayer: Enable me to teach with wisdom as I shape minds. Prepare me to teach with truth as I shape consciences. Encourage me to teach with vision as I help shape the future. Enable me to teach with love as I help shape the world. Amen.

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