

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter week 3

Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 5/6th July was **€2535.00**

The July Priests Collection will be taken up at all masses this weekend 12/13th July. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity to this collection.

Padre Pio Mass Thursday July 17th @ 7.30pm. All welcome

Fund Raiser for Parish

Fridge Magnets of Pope Leo XIV, Pope Francis God's influencer - Carlo Acutis €3.00 each or 2 for €5.00 available in the Parish office.

Ballinagarry Summer Market takes place on Sunday 27th July, 11am - 2pm at the Picnic Area, Ballinagarry, Eircode E53 W597. We have over 35 stalls with what promises to be our biggest and best market to date. Explore a variety of producers on the day with home baking, crepes, hot food, sweet treats, fresh local produce, preserves, confectionary, a caricature artist, arts and crafts, ice cream and lots more. We will also have face painting and family entertainment on the day. Looking forward to seeing everybody at the Picnic Area in Ballinagarry on July 27th.

MARY'S MEALS OFFALY are holding a Church Gate collection on **19/20th July**. Mary's Meals is a charity that educates and feeds the poorest of children in third world countries, especially in Africa, and they are currently feeding almost 3 million children. MARY'S MEALS, with just €22 feeds a child for 1 school year. (11cent per meal). Any support you can give would be greatly appreciated.

The annual Pioneer pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on Sunday 20 July. Prayers will be offered at Our Lady's Shrine for all who work in alcohol and drug treatment centres around Ireland. Contact Fr Robert McCabe prayer@pioneers.ie for further details.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 12th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 12th	7.30pm	James Ryan, Newbridge Street Johnny Cleary & his wife Geraldine, Presentation Place John & Christina Pidgen, Ballydaly Tullamore
Sun 13th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 13th	9.30am	Jack & Ciss Cashen, Ballykinash Carrig
Sun 13th	10.30am	William Egan, Cree
Sun 13th	12noon	Mary O' Connor, Hillside (1st Ann) Tony Butler, Moorpark Street Christina Lally, Fairview and her daughter Sophia Scully & her son Nuchie Lally
Mon 14th	10 am	Michael McDonagh
Tue 15th	10 am	Patrick & Michael Hutchinson & Grandchildren
Wed 16th	10 am	Tom & May Smyth, Mill Street
Thur 17th	10 am	Private Intentions
Thur 17th	7.30pm	Padre Pio Mass
Fri 18th	10 am	Private Intentions
Sat 19th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 19th	7.30pm	Martin Guilfoyle and his parents Margaret & William, Killeen
Sun 20th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 20th	9.30am	Tom and Sheila Delahunty and deceased family members
Sun 20th	10.30am	Tom O' Meara, Fortal Thomas Sheeran and the Sheeran Family, William Street
Sun 20th	12noon	Phil Murphy and her husband Cyril, Station House & Cumberland Gardens, Birr Cora Kenny, Brendan Street

Please pray for the souls of

Christina (Golly) O' Brien (née Coughlan), Pound
Street, Birr

Margo Cleary (née Coolahan), Cloughjordan mother of
Sarah Bright Macregol Pairc, Birr and sister of the late
Dan Coolahan, Cornmarket Street Apartments, Jimmy
Coolahan, Carrig & Sister Catherine Finnane, New Road
East, Birr

Billy Delaney, Summerhill, Ballybritt & Birr Community
Nursing Unit

Seamus Cordial, Gloster, Brosna, brother of Louie
Hassett, Military Road, Crinkill



The Pope's Monthly Intention for July

For formation in discernment: Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to chose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Prayer for Going on Holiday

Heavenly Father,
Please bless our holiday time.
Help our family to have patience
and understanding
Guide us to be mindful of this gift of time
together. Help us to make compromises when
necessary and handle any chaos that comes
our way with your love and grace.
Open our eyes to truly see the beauty
of the memories we are creating.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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Prayer for Good Humour

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also  
something to digest. Grant me a healthy body,  
and the necessary good humour to maintain it.  
Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure  
all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at  
the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to  
put things back in their place. Give me a soul  
that knows not boredom, grumbling, sighs and  
laments, nor excess of stress, because of that  
obstructing thing called 'I'. Grant me, O Lord, a  
good sense of humour. Allow me the grace to  
be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of  
joy, and be able to share it with others. Amen

St. Thomas More

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Annual Concelebrated Mass of
St. Feichin Mass

Will be concelebrated in St. Feichin's Cemetery,
Lackan in Abbey parish on Sunday July 20th at
7pm to honour the Patron Saint of Abbey parish.
Confessions will be heard before Mass.
Covered seating is available. A cup of tea for all
after Mass. Everybody is welcome. Those
attending the Mass should go to Portumna and
then go to the village of Abbey and follow the
direction signs for the Mass.

Sponsored by Padre
Pio Prayer Group

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Smaoineamh na Seachtaine

Sa spioradáltacht Cheilteach bhí ár sinsear an-tugtha do Dhia. Bhí paidir ar leith acu do gach ócáid. Is iad seo a leanas dhá cheann a bhíodh i mbéal an phobail ar son na sábháilteachta.

Dia idir mé agus uisce mo bháite,
Dia idir mé agus tine mo dhóite,
Dia idir mé agus bás gan chairde,
Dia idir mé agus taisme bhóthar. Áiméan.
Crios Chorp Chríost is Muire,
Ár dtionlacan fan bóthar,
Nára turas é in aistear,
Gura leas dúinn gach orlach. Áiméan.

Thought of the Week

According to Celtic Spirituality our ancestors were devoted to God. They had a prayer for every occasion. The following are two of their prayers for safety:

God between me and the water that may drown me,
God between me and the fire that may burn me,
God between me and death in debt,
God between me and a road accident.
Amen
May the girdle of Jesus and Mary
Be around us on our journey
May we have a safe trip
And benefit from every inch. Amen

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Reflection

To love ourselves means to live a life of this deep gratitude for our being, and it gives sense to the idea of praising God. I don't think we can praise God unless we have learnt to love ourselves.

To hate ourselves, on the other hand, is to hate God. Whatever pious image we may have of God, if we are not capable of loving ourselves, we really hate God; and we will express it usually by the way we treat each other.

The reality that we face, as we learn to love ourselves, the reality that we face in stillness, can be hard, but seeing it heals us.

Lawence Freeman