

BIRR PARISH

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Marys Meals are walking to Knock. We begin on 7th August from Tipperary (Thurs) Thurles - (Fri) Templemore - (Sat) Roscrea - (Sun) Birr - (Mon) Ferbane - (Tues) Athlone - (Wed) Roscommon - (Thurs) Ballymoe - (Fri) Ballyhaunis - Knock. If anyone would like to walk all, a day, 5k or 1k or if anyone would assist in collections, please contact Josephine 0872037173 or Fr Eamonn 0879077985. **Marys Meals would like to thank all who donated to their Church gate collection on the 19/20th July they made a total of €4,280.12. Thank you most sincerely for your generosity.**

Sat 2nd	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 2nd	7.30pm	Kevin Hayes, Ballinree, Crinkill (MM) Margo Regan, Elm Park Raphael & Catherine Reynolds, Crinkill Patricia Parsons, Presentation Place
Sun 3rd	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 3rd Carrig	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 3rd	10.30am	Frank Doorley, Hillside James, Bridget & Aidan Rosney, Presentation Place Tony Devine, Donaghmeade
Sun 3rd	12noon	Funeral Mass of Michael Delaney Birr Vintage Week Festival Mass Denis Doran, Grove Street Dolly & Ned King, Killeen Tom King, Australia Frank McGreggor & Extended family
Mon 4th	10am	Deceased members of the Sherlock & Cleary families
Tues 5th	10am	Private Intentions
Wed 6th	10am	Private Intentions
Thurs 7th	10am	Jimmy & Maura Hayes & deceased family members
Fri 8th	10am	Annie Smyth, Connaught St.
Sat 9th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 9th	7.30pm	Christina (Golly) O'Brien, Pound Street, Birr (MM) Mary & Christy Hough, Bengal Lodge Lill Roe, her granddaughter Rosaleen Waters, Clonoghill & Donna O'Meara, Chicago & Ballindarra William O'Donoghue, Moorpark St
Sun 10th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 10th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 10th	10.30am	Kathleen & Sally Scully, Newbridge Street
Sun 10th	12noon	Daniel O'Connell

Eamon McNamara, Shinrone brother of Kevin McNamara, Parkrise, Bernie Cahill, Parkrise & Ann Spain, Scurragh, & Nephew of Phyllis Delima, Hollypark



Leinster Regiment Annual Lecture,
Birr Civic Offices From 10.30am
Crinkill Barracks @ 12.30pm for
Wreath-Laying Ceremony

In August, we celebrate the harvest. Lugh was one of the most important gods in the Celtic culture. People in Ireland often performed dances and bonfires to celebrate the August Feast. Some of these customs were still there today. According to folklore Lugh was a warrior, a hero, a poet, a harpist, a diplomat, a statesman and a craftsman. August is named after him; the first month of Autumn. We thank God for everything that grows. In Celtic times it was thought that all the crops came from the sun and without it there would be no food and they would die. St. Patrick came and taught that God created the heat of the sun and the rain to help the growth of plants.

In the Bible we read that there is: A time to be born, a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.... (Ecclesiastes 3:2—3) Lord be with us during the month of August, month of the wheat, month of the harvest, month of the corn.

***To Christ the seed, to Christ the crop,
in barn of Christ may we be brought.
To Christ the sea, to Christ the fish,
in nets of Christ may we be caught.
From growth to age, from age to death,
Thy two arms here, O Christ, about us.
From death to end, not end but growth,
in blessed Paradise may we be. Amen***

The Gathering of the Youth of the Catholic World is the central event of the Jubilee Year of Hope. With over 1 million young people expected in Rome for the week. Our Diocese of Killaloe is represented by 20 young people from various parishes across our Diocese. The Brendan Cluster of parishes is represented by Claire Flannery, a Leaving Cert Student from the Parish of Shinrone and Mary Mc Cartain, a Student of Trinity College from the Parish of Kinnitty. We keep our young people in our prayers and may the gathering of the youth of our world be for all a witness to the enduring spirit of Hope.

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