

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter Week 1

Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 17/18th August was **€2,563.00** & Feast of the Assumption Collection **€415.00**.

Black Bull Threshing Festival Sharavogue, Sunday 25th August @ 1pm.
Great Community & Family Day out.
All welcome.

Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Active Retirement group are organising a trip to the Radisson Hotel Sligo from 22nd - 25th September 2024. Bed & Breakfast & dinner each day. Tour each day and entertainment each night. Luxury coach provided from Birr. Price €385.00 per person sharing. If interested please contact Mary 087-1264925 ASAP.

Lough Derg Pilgrimage - Cashel & Emly One Day Retreat Wed 4th Sept includes Holy Mass and Confessions in Knock on Tuesday 3rd, overnight stay in Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran with evening meal & B&B included. On Wednesday 4th travel to Lough Derg for one day retreat 10am - 4pm. Returning home directly with a meal in Roscommon on Wed evening. To book your place please contact the Parish Office, Birr 05791-22028.

S.V.P Birr is in urgent need of bed linen, towels, men's clothes (large & x-large) and local school uniforms. We are very grateful to all those who in any way support the work of the conference. Míle Buíochas

Mary Meals - Thanks for all those who came out to show support, donated, helped with collections, walked, offered accommodation or provided food and refreshments and prayed for us and the children we feed. Your kindness and generosity have touched our hearts and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. May God continue to bless you in all that you do.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 24th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 24th	7.30pm	Patrick Donoghue, Bulfin Park & Ballymun Rose Gunning and her husband Eamonn, Green Street John & Bridget Delaney, Castleiney John & Kathleen Walsh, Sligo
Sun 25th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 25th	9.30am	Dermot Sullivan, Ballagh Riverstown (MM) Noel Houlihan, Faddenmore
Sun 25th	10.30am	Jacqueline Quealy, Hillside Noel & Maureen Reedy, John's Mall
Sun 25th	12noon	Sally Nugent, Green Street (MM)
Mon 26th	10am	Austin Byrne, Roscrea Road Michael Carroll, Portugal & formerly Birr
Tues 27th	10am	Private Intentions
Wed 28th	10am	Private Intentions
Thurs 29th	10am	Private Intentions
Friday 30th	10am	Private Intentions
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 Kit Molloy and family members, Clonaslee
Sun 1st	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 1st	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 1st	10.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 1st	12noon	Ger Pardy, Killaun (MM) Nigel Wrafter, Pound Street

Please pray for the souls of

Stephen (Curly) Hayes, Scurragh
John McDonnell, Woodlands Drive



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"

First Day of School

I wonder what you're doing now
And if everyone is treating you kind,
I hope there is a special person,
A nice friend that you can find.
I wonder if the teacher knows
How special you are to me
And if the brightness of your heart
Is something the teacher can see?
I wonder if you think of me
And if you need a hug.
I already miss the sound of your voice
And when you give my leg a tug.
I wonder if you understand
My joy at seeing you grow,
And on this day, know my heart breaks. As out in
the world, I'm letting you go!



Schools re-open this week. Good luck to all students in our parish schools as they return this week! We wish every blessing on children beginning school for the very first time.

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
Thurs, 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/>

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Machnamh

Leagann an Eaglais an-bhéim ar, go bhfuil Críost i láthair ina bhriathar, mar is é Críost a labhraíonn gach uair a léitear an scríoptúr sa liotúirge. Tugann léacht an Bhíobla an sean agus an nua le chéile dúinn, an bhrí ba chiall leis céaduair agus faoi mar is féidir sin a chur in oiriúint do thoscaí an lae inniu, nó fiú do cheisteanna fós le teacht. Ní teagmháil aigne, intleachtach lom amháin atá anseo, mar tá Críost i láthair lena Spiorad, lena ghrásta. Agus, ar ndóigh, tá sé i láthair i modh faoi leith san Eocairist, i mbriseadh an aráin, gníomh a thugann chun cuimhne dúinn na bríonna iomadúla a bhí le briseadh an aráin d' íosa féin lena bheatha agus tar éis aiséirí dó.

Reflection

The Church places great emphasis on the presence of Christ in his word, as it is Christ who speaks every time scripture is read in the liturgy. The Bible reading brings us together the old and the new, the meaning it meant for the first time and how this can be adapted to today's circumstances, or even your questions are still to come. This is not just a touch of mind, a bare intellectual, because Christ is present with his Spirit, with his grace. And, of course, it is present in a particular method in the Eucharist, in the breaking of the bread, an act that reminds us of the many meanings of break the bread for Jesus himself with his life and after your resurrection.



We wish all Leaving Certificate students every best wish as the results are made known this week. We wish them every blessing as they embark on the next stage of their lives.

"Remember your exam results do not define you as a person and/or predict your future.

Laura Henr

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