

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 15/16th February was **€2,534.50.**

Readers are requested to collect their new rota behind the altar. Thank you for your continued ministry.

Failte Isteach - Conversational English club : Volunteers/participants invited Thursdays 2pm to 3.30 pm Birr Rugby Club R45 XW64 Contact Anna at 087 7422953; anna@offalyldc.ie

Lourdes Jubilee Pilgrimages 2025

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Fintan will depart Shannon Airport on Wed 25th June for 5 days. €955pps includes full board. Our Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage is from 29th Sept to 4th Oct €935pps includes full board. To reserve a seat please contact JOE Walsh Tours Tel:01 2410800 or joewalstours.ie for more details.

Carrig & Riverstown Development

Association AGM are holding their AGM in the Community Hall in Carrig on Thur 6th March 2025 at 8pm. Our guest speaker will be celebrated archaeologist and historian, Caimin O'Brien, who will give a presentation on 'The Castles of Loughreen'. All are welcome to attend and to consider joining our active committee which manages the community services provided from the Carrig and Riverstown Community Hall.

'Banagher Drama Group presents - "the Kings of the Kilburn High Road" written by Jimmy Murphy directed by Brendan Hanamy in LOETB Banagher @8pm on Thur 6th, Friday 7th and Sat 8th March 2025. *contains adult themes and explicit language. To book call, text or watts app (087) 477 8492 open 5-7pm daily.'

Invitation for Expressions of Interest After School Service Provider Carrig NS, Carrig, Birr

If you are interested in running an After School Service in Carrig NS, please e-mail your expression of interest with all relevant information to afterschoolcarrigns@gmail.com This is an opportunity for AN INDEPENDENT PROVIDER Closing Date March 14th

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 22nd	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 22nd	7.30pm	Jack, May & Patrick O' Keeffe Michael Halvey & deceased members of the Leonard & Halvey families Lisa Guilfoyle, Riverstown Carmel & Joseph O' Hare, Birr Patrick & Mary P Flynn, Strokestown Joe Long, Cornmarket Street Brian Molloy, Boliver, Meath Michael Molloy, Meadowcourt
Sun 23rd	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 23rd	9.30am	Private Intentions Carrig
Sun 23rd	10.30am	Nellie & Michael Whelan and their son Michael, Moorpark Street Michael Parnell and his parents Edward & Mary, Killeen John Pilkington, Syngfield & High Street
Sun 23rd	12noon	Jimmy Hogan, The Green
Mon 24th	10am	Private Intentions
Tues 25th	10am	Mary Guinan, Newbridge Street
Wed 26th	10am	Private Intentions
Thurs 27th	10am	Private Intentions
Fri 28th	10am	Lucy Antony, India
Sat 1st	10am	Kieran O' Donoghue, The Terrace Crinkill (MM)
Sat 1st	7.30pm	Moira & Johnny Ryan & sons Larry & Harry Tommy Errity, Clonkelly & deceased members of the Errity families
Sun 2nd	8.30am	Elizabeth Maher, Crinkill
Sun 2nd	9.30am	Private Intentions Carrig
Sun 2nd	10.30am	Anne Dwyer, Hollypark (1st Ann) Martin McCarthy, Clonoghill Lower
Sun 2nd	12noon	Ivor Corboy Banks, School Street, Crinkill (1st Ann) Paddy & Annie Kennedy, Fortal Eamon, Maura & John Garahy, Woodlands

Please pray for the souls of

Nancy Buckley, Military Road, Crinkill
Bishop Willie Walsh, Retired Bishop of Killaloe Ennis, Co. Clare

Teresa Brewer Malone (nee) Corrigan, Shinrone, mother of Jason Brewer, Scurragh, sisters of Linda Corrigan, Ashbrook Drive & Tricia Sullivan McCauley Drive, Kathleen Russell, Bulfin Park & Beryl Bennett, Presentation Place

Michael Conroy, Ballyfin, Laois father of Marie Bonner, Farmleigh, Riverstown

Mary Nea, Sunnyside, Mullingar sister of the late Dettie Hayes, High Street



Bishop Willie Walsh

Bishop Emeritus Willie Walsh died suddenly and peacefully at his home in Ennis on Wednesday evening last. He had celebrated his 90th birthday on January 16th and would have marked his 66th Anniversary of his ordination on Friday 21st February. A native of Roscrea he spent his entire priesthood ministering in Ennis Co. Clare, in St. Flannan's college, in the Cathedral parish, as Bishop of Killaloe and in retirement for the past 15 years. He has had a life long passion for sport and in particular hurling and has been involved in coaching hurling teams, club, college and County grades. On his appointment as Bishop in 1994 he choose as his motto "**Cinealtas Chríost**" the gentle kindness of Christ which was not just an idea but a description of who and what he was. He was a voice for so many people on the margins of society. During his time as Bishop he shepherded our Diocese at a period of unparalleled crisis for the Catholic Church in Ireland. During the millennium year he walked across the Diocese from Loop head in west Clare to Kinnitty in the East to meet people listen to stories of brokenness and hurt and in an tangible way make repentance for the institutional churches failures. He has been a remarkable, humble inspiring Priest who walked the talk and we are all the better for his life and times. Rest in peace good and faithful servant

Go raibh leaba I masc na Naomh aige

Lourdes Pilgrimage 5-9th August from €765 per person sharing. Price includes 4-night stay at the 4* Hotel Roissy; return direct flights Dublin/Lourdes; Breakfast and Dinner each day; A limited number of single rooms are available for a €160 supplement. Spiritual director is Fr. Tom Hannon. Contact Phil Robinson 086-3956299. €200 deposit on booking.

Birr Historical Society - The Changing face of Offaly Towns in the early 1900s. Talk will focus on Birr, speaker Michael Byrne. Monday March 10th @ 8pm County Arms Hotel. All welcome.

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Paidreacha ne nGael

Seo paidir a deirtí ar dhul isteach i dteach nua.

Go mbeannaí Dia an teach seo óna bhun go dtí a bharr,

Go mbeannaí Sé gach fardoras, gach cloch is gach clár;

Go mbeannaí Sé an teaghlach, is an bord ar a leagtar bia,

Go mbeannaí Sé gach seomra i gcomhair sámh-chodladh na hoíche.

Go mbeannaí Sé an doras a osclóimid go fial don stróinséir is don bhochtán

Chomh maith is dár ngaol,

Go mbeannaí Sé na fuinneoga a ligeann dúinn an léas ó sholas geal na gréine, na gealaí is na na réaltaí;

Go bhfana síocháin dá réir sin don ár gcomharsan cion is grá

Go mbeannaí Dia an muirear seo againn agus a choimeád ó bhaol,

Is go stiúra Sé sinn uile go dtí a Rí Bhrú féin. Áiméan

Gaelic Prayer

God bless this house, from foundation to roof, every stone and board.

God bless the household and the table laden with food.

Bless each room with peaceful sleep.

Bless the door that opens generously to stranger and kin. Bless the windows letting God's light in. May peace always reign between neighbours and friends.

May God bless us all and lead us to His Kingdom above. Amen

**Prayer for
Christian Unity
Friday March 7th in
St. Brendan's, Wilmer
Road at 7.30pm.
All welcome**

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