

## BIRR PARISH

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### Progressive 25 Card Game

Progressive 25 card game resumes in Carrig and Riverstown Community Hall on Tuesday 8th February at **8pm**

**Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Active Retirement Group** are back on Thursday's in Carrig community hall from 2.30-4.30pm. **New Members Welcome**

### Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes

The Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage Committee have organised a Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes live from the Cathedral in Ennis, starting Thursday 3rd and concluding on Friday 11th February, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

Each evening this coming week at 7.30pm on

[www.ennisparish.com](http://www.ennisparish.com)

It is hoped to have two pilgrimages to Lourdes from Shannon Airport on 28th June and 2nd October. The pilgrimages this year will not be able to accommodate sick or assisted pilgrims given the continued presence of the Covid 19 answer in accordance with best practice. More details later.

We wish to invite all 6th class parents who's children are receiving the sacrament of confirmation to a webinar next Monday February 7th

Details are as follows:

**Webinar 1: Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6.45pm**

**Webinar 2: Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 8.15pm.**

Webinar 1 link [https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN\\_pd2sB\\_NNRVULIx4JimQUcQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_pd2sB_NNRVULIx4JimQUcQ)

Webinar 2 link [https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN\\_pgHRw6M-R8aAMCxbV-H1Rq](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_pgHRw6M-R8aAMCxbV-H1Rq)

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## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 5th	7.30 p.m.	Cathy Curley (MM) Sheila & Paddy O'Callaghan Eileen Cahill, Bulfin Park. Susie Pardy, Seffin.
Sun 6th	10.30 a.m.	Jimmy Lally (MM) Hubert, Janie & Eileen Clements Gerry Harte
	12 noon	Tommy Dunican Castletown (MM) Martin Connolly (1st Ann) Mary Mann, New Road (1st Ann) Billy Kirwan, Newbridge Street
Tues 8th	10.00 a.m.	Deceased Eucharistic Adorers
Sat 12th	10.00 a.m.	Margaret Doyle
Sat 12th	7.30 p.m.	Donal Ryan (MM) Dinny Kelly
Sun 13th	10.30 a.m.	Jack Kennedy, Cornhill (MM) Michael Deforge & Deceased members of the Deforge families
	12 noon	Ann & William Hough, Townsend Street Maura & Eamon Garahy & Son John, Woodlands Park Tom & Betty O' Dwyer & Son Brendan, Cappaneale

### Please Pray for the Souls of

Paddy Hamilton, Westgate, Birr  
Richie Donoghue, Roscrea (late of Eden Road)  
Brother of Elizabeth Dwane Eden Road  
Brothers, Jimmy, McCauley Drive & Christy Drumban  
Tessie Creamer, Mill Street, Birr & Eliza Lodge, Banagher.  
Martin Carey,, Ballingarry father of Bernie  
O'Meara,  
Arraghbeg, Carrig.  
Doreen Smith (Nee Parkinson) Roscrea Road

Sister of Robert & Denise Died in England

Stephen Oakley, Ballywilliam, Shinrone  
Mary Jordan, Burkes Hill & Eliza lodge



### Newsletter Sponsorship

**If you would like to sponsor the Newsletter we would love to hear from you. The cost is €100 per month. Please contact one of the Priests or the Parish Office.**

**Medugorje Pilgrimage :** July 20th to July 27th 2022  
Deposit for same must be in by February 11th for more information please contact Phil Robinson (086) 3956299.

**L6 Regional Tour Guiding Course** starting on 14 February.  
Venue: Miltown Malbay FET Centre  
Days & Times: Monday & Wednesday 10am – 2pm  
For information ring  
Maire Dempsey on 0867807940.



## Sacraments 2022

The following dates have been earmarked for our parish celebrations of **First Reconciliation,**

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation.** Please keep all the children in your prayers as they prepare for the next milestone in their faith journey.

Congratulations to the children of Mercy P.S, Crinkill N.S, Carrig N.S and the Parish Preparation Programme who were successfully enrolled last week.

### Reconciliation Services for First Holy Communion Classes – 7.30pm

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Killeen N.S. and Mercy P.S.  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – St. Brendan's Boys P.S. and Parish Preparation Programme  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Crinkill N.S.  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Carrig N.S. **(In Carrig Church)**

### First Holy Communion Ceremonies – 11.00am

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Killeen N.S. and Mercy P.S.  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May – St. Brendan's Boys P.S. and Parish Preparation Programme  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Carrig N.S. – **(In Carrig Church at 9.30am)**  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Crinkill N.S.

### Confirmation Ceremonies – 7.30pm in St. Brendan's Church

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May - St. Brendan's P.S.  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Crinkill N.S.  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Mercy P.S.  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Carrig N.S. and Parish Preparation Programme  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Killeen N.S.

### St Blaise Feast day February 3rd

Saint Blaise lived in the 4th century at a very difficult time for Christians under the emperor Diocletian. Christians were persecuted resulting in thousands of executions. Blaise was a Bishop in present day Armenia and eventually was executed by the authorities. The tradition of having our throats blessed on his Feast day has continued because of his kindness to a child who was choking with a fish bone.

“Through the intercession of St Blaise Bishop and martyr may you be free of sickness of the throat and takeaway the evil through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This weekend - you will have the opportunity after Mass to have your throats blessed.



## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### Taibhsíú na Maighdine Muire i Lourdes.

Ar an Aoine seo chugainn 11 Feabhra. ceiliúrtar Tai-bhsíú na Maighdine Muire i Lourdes. Sa bhliain 1858 thaibhsigh An Mhaighdean Mhuire í féin don chéad uair don ghearrchaile bhocht Bernadette Soubirous. Téann na sluaite go dtí an Scrín Bheannaithe gach bliain ó gach ard den domhan ag iarraidh leighis dá ngalair agus grásta dá n-anamacha. Fógraíonn na mí-orúiltí sofheicthe a tharlaíonn i Lourdes gach bliain cumhacht na Maighdine Muire agus í ag idirghuí lena Mac Íosa ar son daoine breoite. Is fíor an seanfhocal a deir “Tá Dia láidir agus Máthair mhaith aige” Sa bhliain 1908 d'ordaigh an Pápa Pius X an fhéile seo a chomóradh ar fud an domhain ar an 11 Feabhra. A Mhaighdean Mhuire Lourdes guigh ar ár son .Áiméan .

Next Friday 11 February is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. In 1858 Our Lady appeared for the first time to Bernadette Soubirous a poor girl. Many come to the Sacred Shrine every year from all over the world seeking healing of their diseases and grace to their souls. The visible miracles here demonstrate the power of Our Lady as She intercedes with her Son on behalf of the sick. An Irish proverb says “God is strong and He a good Mother” In 1908 Pope Pius X declared that the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes would be celebrated all over the world on the 11 February. Our lady of Lourdes pray for us. Amen

### Prayer to St. Brigid



Bridget, you were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious. And may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world. Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

Bridget, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen.