

## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 4th	10am	Morning Prayer & Blessing of Food
Sat 4th	9.00pm	Easter Vigil
Sun 5th	8.30am	Easter Bouquet Intentions
Sun 5th	9.30am	Easter Bouquet Intentions
Sun 5th	10.30am	Easter Bouquet Intentions
Sun 5th	12noon	Easter Bouquet Intentions
Mon 6th	10am	Joe Kennedy, Tullamore Road
Tues 7th	10am	Private Intentions
Wed 8th	10am	Mary Kennedy & her husband James & son Neilus
Thurs 9th	10am	Private Intentions
Fri 10th	10am	Private Intentions
Fri 10th	7.30pm	Margaret White, Carrig (1st Ann)
Sat 11th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 11th	7.30pm	Mary McDermott, Brendan Villas & Newbridge Street (MM) Emlyn Gallagher, Seffin Avenue (MM) Jack & Bina Walsh & Grandson Eoin Eastwood Jim & Lily Reid, Athy Mary & Christy Hough & Son Michael Bengal Lodge & his son Noel Hough, UK & Newbridge Street Christy Loughnane, Woodlands Margaret, Michael & John Molloy, Shinrone Patricia O'Donoghue, Moorpark Street & California
Sun 12th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 12th	9.30am	Mamie Gleeson, Lacka, Carrig Carrig
Sun 12th	10.30am	Mary Sheils, Whiteford Celia Hart, Compton Row
Sun 12th	12noon	Elsie & Paddy Gillen Betty & Lawrence Nee Jim Normile Phyl McDowell, Mellisop Street William, Teresa & Donie Hanley & Anna Pey & deceased members of the Hanley & Pey Families Bridie Smyth, Killeen Sean Kinirons, High Street Brendan Nolan & Joe Colgan Tom McLnerney, Killeen

**Please pray for the souls of**  
**Pearl Parsons**, Bulfin Park, Birr  
**Mona Glynn**, Gort, Co. Galway sister of Máire Purcell, Croghan House, Birr



### Easter Priests Collection

We acknowledge and thank people for their generosity to the Easter Parish Collection last weekend. If you were away or forgot you can place your envelope in the green box near the altar in St. Brendan's

## BIRR PARISH

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*Parish Office Opening Hours*  
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**Fr. Michael O'Meara**, Kinnitty - 057-9137021

### Psalter week 1

#### Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 28/29th March was **€2,228.00**

**Adoration will finish on Wednesday 1st April and resume on Tuesday 7th April.**

**Trocaire Boxes** people are asked to leave their Trocaire Boxes to the Parish Office or to the Sacristy before or after Mass or alternatively there is an option to donate through the Tap & Donate. Thank you for your generosity.

**Legion of Mary in the Parochial Basement every Wednesday @ 7.30pm.**

**Shinrone Lunch Club**, in conjunction with Offaly Local Development, is hosting a Lunch Club on **Tuesday, 7th April at 12:30pm in Shinrone Community Centre**. For just €10 per person, you can enjoy: a delicious Dinner, Dessert, Tea/Coffee, Great entertainment. Lovely company with friends and neighbours. Booking is essential. To reserve your place, please contact: Sinead: 087 2175998 or Declan: 087 9799663. If you are interested in attending, Please text before Mon, 6th April.

**Luke Thomas & The Swing Cats**, Saturday, 11 April 8pm LUKE THOMAS is bringing the THE SWING CATS back to Birr Theatre for a brand-new show : The KINGS OF SWING (ROCK SWINGS EDITION)!!!!

**National Learning Network Athlone** is offering places on the Landscape Maintenance\ Horticulture and Gardening course for our centre in Blyry. Potential students who need an occupational intervention in their lives from mental wellbeing or learning support point of view can Contact 0860114368 (Martin) ASAP, Martin will explore with you the possibilities for your future. 16 to 65 years of age qualify, QQI level 4 Qualification if desired. This is a **Free** course and all your payments and entitlements will be protected.

**Sponsored by Anonymous**

# Easter Blessings To All



## Easter Reflection

Breaking through the powers of darkness  
 Bursting from the stifling tomb  
 He slipped into the graveyard garden  
 To smell the blossom air.

Tell them Mary, Jesus said,  
 That I have journeyed far  
 Into the darkest deeps I've seen  
 In nights without a star.

Tell them Mary, Jesus said,  
 That fear will flee my light  
 That through the ground will tremble  
 And despair will stalk the earth  
 I hold them firmly in my hand  
 Through terror, to new birth.

Tell them Mary, Jesus said,  
 The globe and all that's made  
 Is clasped to God's great bosom  
 They must not be afraid.  
 For though they fall and die, He said  
 And the black earth wrapped them tight  
 They will know the warmth  
 Of God's healing hands  
 In the early morning light.

Tell them Mary, Jesus said,  
 Smelling the blossomed air  
 Tell my people to rise with me  
 To heal the earth's despair.

*Edwina Gate*

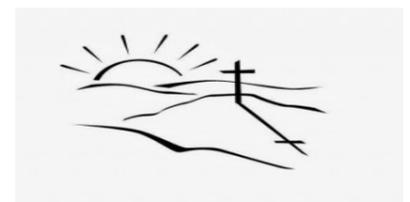


## Divine Mercy Sunday April 12th

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 2.45pm followed by Mass at 3.00pm. Novena of the Divine Mercy beginning on Good Friday and finishes on April 12th

## Sr. Eileen - Cúinne The Resurrection

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the greatest feast in the Liturgical Calendar. So let us rejoice. We have spent forty days during Lent praying, making sacrifices and spiritual exercises in preparation to celebrate Easter with dedication and the meaning of the Resurrection of Jesus. Christ is in glory now. In the Resurrection Jesus showed his victory over death, sin and the power of evil. He proved he was God. The tomb was empty and his friends were surprised when he appeared to them. They recognised him. They believed he had risen from the dead and they were filled with joy. In Ireland there is much folklore surrounding the Resurrection of Jesus. Our ancestors believed that the sun danced, and that nature celebrated on Easter Sunday because Jesus had risen from the dead. They used to go to the top of the hills to see this spectacle. We can say this prayer.  
***I arise with God, May God rise with me, God's hand about me as I sit, as I lie and as I rise. Amen***



## Buíochas

We acknowledge the involvement of so many people with this years Easter Liturgies - we are especially grateful to the choirs & folk group. To Enda, Tommy, Catriona, Carmel and the other musicians who enhanced our gatherings. To our Readers, Eucharistic ministers, Liturgy group, Sacristans. Alter Servers and the young people and all who in any way have helped with the Ceremonies.

**Mile Buíochas**