

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 2/3rd August was €2,516.50.

Fund Raiser for Parish
Fridge Magnets of Pope Leo XIV, Pope Francis God's influencer - Carlo Acutis €3.00 each or 2 for €5.00 available in the Parish office.

The Legion of Mary invites new members: Can you spare one hour a week? To meet and pray the Rosary, to participate in Apostolic work, doing voluntary work for those in need, visit the sick. If interested please contact 086-3490833.

All-Ireland Intermediate Final
Best wishes to the Offaly Camogie team who are playing in the All-Ireland Intermediate final this Sunday August 10th @ 3pm in Croke Park. Best of luck girls, acknowledging our local representation from Birr Camogie Club & St. Cillians. Kate Pilkington, Roisin Kinsella, Ellen Regan, Hannah Feenane, Faye Mulrooney, Aoife Hctor, Aoife & Caoimhe O'Donovan, Megan King & Cathy Fogarty.

Midland Living Links supporting those bereaved by suicide. Coffee Morning August 12th, Conference room in St. Brendan's Church after 10.00 a.m. mass. All welcome

Making a return to Birr Theatre & Arts Centre
is Birr Stage Guilds - The Singing River. Fri 29
and Sat 30 Aug , 8pm. www.birrtheatre.com

Pilgrimage to Lourdes
Bishop Fintan will lead our Diocesan Autumn Jubilee Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Monday 29th September to Saturday 4th October, direct from Shannon Airport. The remaining seats can be booked with joewalshtours.ie or
Tel: 01 2410800

Remembered in Mass this Week		
Sat 9th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 9th	7.30pm	Christina (Golly) O’Brien, Pound Street, (MM) Mary & Christy Hough, Bengal Lodge Lill Roe, her granddaughter Rosaleen Waters, Clonoghill & Donna O’Meara, Chicago & Ballindarra William O’Donoghue, Moorpark St William & Florence Cooke, Son Teddy & daughters Margaret & Florence
Sun 10th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 10th Carrig	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 10th	10.30am	Kathleen & Sally Scully, Newbridge Street
Sun 10th	12noon	John Kennedy, Bridge Street, Birr Commemoration of 250th Anniversary of the birth of Daniel O’Connell
Mon 11th	10am	Private Intentions
Tues 12th	10am	Private Intentions
Wed 13th	10am	Gerry & Nellie Daly, Fairview
Thurs14th	10am	Mary Kennedy, Gerry Burns & parents Tom & Pansey Burns, John’s Mall
Fri 15th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 16th	10am	Hugh Doyle, Croghan Road
Sat 16th	7.30pm	Frank Watkins, Meadowbrook, (MM) Liam Hayes, Ballinree, Crinkill (MM) James & Frances Hayes, Crinkill Bina & Jack Walsh & grandson Eoin Eastwood Bridget Parkinson, The Terrace, Crinkill Kevin Pardy, High Street
Sun 17th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 17th	9.30am	Sean Oakley, Ballagh, Carrig (1st Ann)
Sun 17th	10.30am	Fiona Guinan, Whiteford and her parents Michael & Mary Hogan Thomas & Maureen Loonam, Annagh, Birr
Sun 17th	12noon	Mary McCarthy, England (1st Ann) Joe Conroy, Woodfield, Birr Bernadette Lally, McAuley Drive,

Please pray for the souls of
Natalia Koziej, Ballybritt, Roscrea, former pupil of
Oxmantown N.S.



Feast of the Assumption
Friday 15th August

The Feast of the Assumption invites all of us to reflect on Mary as the radical woman. Read prayerfully the **Magnificat** (see below). Here we see this woman who hungers for a new justice on earth, one that reflects the justice of God. The God who did not overlook her is the God who dethrones the mighty and exalts the lowly. Mary voices a radical protest against what we all take for granted; that the mighty will always prevail over the weak, that the well fed nations will thrive while others starve to death, that the politically strong will always occupy the thrones of power. The Assumption of Mary is a celebration of **hope**. To that **hope** we cling. In that **hope** we rejoice!

Oh Mary assumed into heaven
- inspire us as we journey
to our true homeland. Amen.

Masses August 14th & 15th

Vigil Thursday 14th August
St. Flannan Kinnitty @ 7pm

Friday 15th August
St. Brendan's @ 10am
St. Mary's Shinrone @ 11am
Ballybritt @ 8pm

The Magnificat

My soul glorifies the Lord,
My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
Henceforth all generations will call me
blessed.
The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.
He puts forth his arm in strength
And scatters the proud hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
And raises the lowly.
He fills the starving with good things,
Sends the rich away empty.
He protects the lowly his servant

He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons for ever. Amen

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

**Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

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