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 7/8 November was **€2913.00**

Birr Neighbourhood Watch: Annual Church Gate Collection this weekend November 14th & 15th 2026. Please support your Neighbourhood Watch to make our community a safer place. All donations appreciated.

Padre Pio Mass Thursday November 19th @ 7.30pm. All welcome. Padre Pio Calendars for 2027 & Christmas Mass Bouquets for sale on the night.

Carrig/Riverstown/Killeen Local History Group are working on a new project for the next few months. Titled, " Imithe ar Slí na Fírinne" (Gone on the Path of Truth). Gone to their Eternal Reward. We are asking residents in the areas mentioned above to make their family Memorial Cards available to us for scanning and to eventually appear in book form. Further information from Margaret O'Brien at 0871343108 or Tony Dargan at 0872069342.

Together we care - Café Cairde is a friendly, supportive space for people living with dementia, family members, friends, carers, health care professionals and anyone interested in building a dementia inclusive community. Monday, 16th Nov, at 2.30-4pm in the Charleville Centre, Church Road, Tullamore, R35H660. Guest Speaker – Patsy Fitzsimons, Decision Support Service.

Clonony Castle an Original Play by Eddie Alford. Saturday, 28 November -8pm.
This vivid new play brings to life a remarkable true story from the Midlands dealing with ambition, cultural clash and the fight for belonging. A tale of a man who arrived with nothing and dared to challenge everything. This is not just history, it's high drama! A tale of ambition, reinvention, rivalry, and resilience.
www.birrtheatre.com

Hand Embroidery Workshops for Adults at Kilcormac Community Centre on Dec 4th &18th. At this workshop, participants can create and take home their very own Christmas Ornament. All materials and equipment provided. For more information or to book a spot, please contact Sarah on 089 235 3587

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 14th	10.00am	Paddy & Ellen Mellsop, Mill Street Ben, Pauline & Hazel Mellsop
Sat 14th	7.30pm	Jimmy Kelly, Bulfin Park (MM) Gloria Hansbury, Syngefield Bessie Loughnane, Woodlands, Tommy Doherty, The Terrace, Crinkill Michael, Terry, TJ & Jamie Donoghue and all deceased members of the Donoghue Family Pat Egan Bill O'Brien, Durrow & Don O'Brien Lizzie Kelly, Presentation Place Carmel & Liam Ryan, Killeen
Sun 15th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 15th Carrig	9.30am	Deceased members of the Tooher Family
Sun 15th	10.30am	Maura O'Connor, Castle Street Billy & Phyl Murphy, Emmet Street Liam & Joan McGlone, Seffin Dan & Maisie Finnerty, Crinkill Mary Loonam, Annagh Mary Camon & her daughters Pauline & Mary Bulfin Park
Sun 15th	12noon	**Brian Hunt, Seffin, Hillside (MM)** Connie Gormley, Woodlands Michael Purcell, Roscrea Road Michael Quinn, Croghan
Mon 16th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 17th	10.00am	Kieran Kelly, Riveroaks, Riverstown
Wed 18th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thur 19th	10.00am	JP (Sean), Adelaide, Sean & Joseph Murphy & Maureen O'Neill (née Murphy)
Thur 19th	7.30pm	**Padre Pio Mass**
Fri 20th	10.00am	Patrick Hutchinson, Cappaneale Winnifer Shields & her husband Paul & Son in law Michael McDonagh & Family John & Julia McDonagh & Family
Sat 21st	10.00am	**Olive Curtin (née Fanneran),** **Athlone & formerly Eden Road (MM)** & all deceased members of the Fanneran & Judge Families,
Sat 21st	7.30pm	**Maura Joyce, The Crescent (MM)** **Ita Haines, Green Street (1st Ann)** Jim Fogarty, Roscrea Road Mary-Anne Molloy & Jerry Scouler, Primrose Cottage Kevin Abbott, Scurragh Margaret Roe, Woodlands Park Seamus Davis, Hillside Joe Daly, Clonkelly
Sun 22nd	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 22nd Carrig	9.30am	Gareth Turner & his parents Tom & Bernadette
Sun 22nd	10.30am	Michael, Agnes & Cronan Parkinson., The Crescent Annie & Paddy Mannion, Clonoghill Bobby Shiels, Whiteford
Sun 22nd	12noon	Frank & Josephine Higgins & daughter Dolores, Seffin Jennifer Coghlan (née Hoctor) Rosse Row Catherine McGilton, Cappaneale Mary Burke & her husband Jackie, Burkes Hill Ellen, Michael &Tracey McDonagh

Mass of Thanksgiving

On Sunday November 29th @ 12noon Mass we acknowledge the contribution of the Presentation Brothers for their involvement in the Educational and social life in our Parish & Community for almost 150 years. The Brothers arrived in Birr September 24th 1878 and opened the new boys school in October. Bishop Fintan Monahan will be the chief celebrant of a concelebrated Mass of thanksgiving as the Presentation Brothers close their house on Tullamore Road.

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Week of Witness

For Persecuted Christians

15- 22 November 2026

220 Million Christians live in countries where they are directly exposed to persecution, while 413 million Christians live in countries where religious freedom is severely violated.
This week of witness, invites you to support them with prayer.
Its an annual event every November runs from 15-22 and at the heart of it is Red Wednesday falling on November 18th.

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November - Month of Remembering

Mass of Remembrance for the Deceased Residents of

Birr Nursing Unit
Nov 17th @ 7.30 p.m. Birr Nursing Unit
Ealga Nursing Home Shinrone
Nov 26th @ 2pm

Sponsored by Padre Pio Prayer Group

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Féile na Naomh Uile

Ceiliúradh bua atá i bhFéile na Naomh Uile. Déanaimid gairdeas leis na milliúin atá imithe romhainn ar neamh, roinnt mhaith díobh aitheanta ach na milliúin eile nach bhfuil. Bíonn an Eaglais de shíor ag guí ar son na marbh. Tá an mhí áirithe seo ceaptha aici mar chuimhneacháin na bhFíréan uile atá marbh. Suaimhneas síoraí tabhair dóibh a Thiarna agus go lonra solas suthain orthu. Go bhfaighe anamacha na bhfíréan go léir trócaire ó Dhia agus cónaí faoi shuaimhneas. Áiméan.

Feast of All Saints

The Feast of All Saints is a celebration. We rejoice with the millions who have gone before us to heaven, some recognised saints and many others who are not. The Church always prays for the Dead. This month is devoted to the faithful departed. Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.Amen

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Preparing for Sacraments 2027

We welcome the children from **Crinkill N.S** who will be participating in 7.30pm Mass and **Carrig N.S**. who will be participating in 9.30am Mass **Mercy P.S.** who will be participating in 10.30am Mass

Please pray for the souls of

Mary McLoughlin (née Harte), Main Street, Birr
Mary Dolan, Stillorgan, Dublin & formerly Wilmer Road,
Gerry Kirwan, San Francisco & formerly Cappaneale, brother of Josie Kirwan, Camcor Park, Scurragh & Emmy Woods, Cappaneale
Peter Darcy, Boolinarrig, Birr, father of Marie Murphy, Castletown, Fortal & brother of Mary Garahy, Miletree & Bridie O'Meara, Dromoyle
Joe Rooney, Gloster, Brosna, father of Sharon Rooney, Birr Community Nursing Unit & brother in law of Mary Nolan, Sandymount & Jim O'Meara, Dromoyle
Mary Ann Egan, Eglish & Camcor Suite, Birr Community Nursing Unit
Teresa Kelly, Ballicknahee, Clara, sister of Margaret Colohan, Burkes Hill & Camcor Suite, Birr Community Nursing Unit
Melissa Brewer, Ballinagar, Tullamore , sister in law of Jason Brewer, Scurragh
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