

BIRR PARISH

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Parish Office Opening Hours

Monday - Friday 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Psalter week 3

Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 9/10th May was **€2588.00**

We have a Tap and Donate machine at the Church's main entrance for card donations. Simply tap to choose your fund—Parish Fund, Priests Fund, or Adorations and Shrines Fund. If you do not have cash, you can pay for shrine candles at this facility. Select your amount, present your card, and wait for confirmation.

A magical introduction to theatre for our little people age 3+. HAY! Farmer Geenie guides scarecrow to find his feet, hands voice and legs through song and dance. With charming puppets, bird's butterfly's bees, and eggs! 50 mins of sweet, funny, inclusive and uplifting. Wednesday 27 May 10am.
www.birrtheatre.com

Carrig and Riverstown Active Retirement Group.

Day Trip to Lismore Castle & Gardens
An excursion to Lismore Castle and Gardens is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th. The itinerary includes morning tea and an evening meal at the Horse & Jockey Hotel, with visits to Mount Melleray Abbey, Cahir, and the scenic Vee Gap.
Transport Details: Kearns Bus departs at 10:00 am from Lidl Carpark, Loughnane Filling Station, and Birr Square, and at 10:20 am from Carrig Hall. The Bus costs €20 for non-members, Castle Entry costs €14.50 and meals provided at your own expense. All are welcome to join. Please contact 087 1264925 for further information. The weekly Wednesday meetings have finished for the summer and will resume in September.

Busy Bodies Summer Camp 2026

Busy Bodies Summer Camp takes place in Killeen N.S starting on June 29th for 3 weeks. Age 3 -10 years 9.30-3pm. Phone Ann 087-9625218

Birr Further Education Centre - You're Invited to Our Open Day – Wednesday, May 20th | 10am–6pm- Townsend Street R42 W902- FREE

Courses Part/Fulltime Come along to our Open Day and meet the Teachers Explore courses like *Art Design Painting or Drawing*, or learn about our 5 and Level 6 Business module, which offers progression to Year 2 at TUS Athlone. Drop in anytime between 10am and 6pm—we'd love to see you there!

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 16th	10am	Dan (Donie) Carroll & his son Martin (Carlo) Carroll, Bulfin Park
Sat 16th	11am	First Holy Communion Ceremony St. Brendan's P.S & Mercy P.S
Sat 16th	7.30pm	Natalie Browne (née Walsh), Demesne View (1st Ann) Noel (Flossy) Hogan, Parkrise (1st Ann) Billy Watson, Rosse Row Edward & Mary Sherlock & son Eddie Sherlock, Curraduff Paddy Digan, James Hegarty & William Hegarty Nancy Moody, Glebe Street
Sun 17th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 17th	9.30am	First Holy Communion Ceremony Carrig N.S.
Sun 17th	10.30am	Valerie McIntyre, Demesne View Martin & Katie Ryan, Crinkill Mary Hutchinson & her husband Tom, St. Brendan's Villas Jane Dwyer, Eglis, Fivealley & daughter Catherine Campbell
Sun 17th	12noon	Mary Murray & Jack Murray Fr. Henry Torpey Winifred, Thomas & John Kinsella, High Street
Mon 18th	10am	Michael (Dublin Mick) Mooney, New Road
Tues 19th	10am	Private Intentions
Wed 20th	10am	Private Intentions
Thur 21st	10am	Private Intentions
Thur 21st	7.30pm	Padre Pio Mass
Fri 22nd	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 23rd	10am	Kathleen & Dan Bass, Newbridge Street
Sat 23rd	7.30pm	Mikie Donoghue, Cappaneale Michael & Sadie Campbell & daughter Majella, Moorpark St Chrissie & Podge O'Meara, Burkes Hill
Sun 24th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 24th	9.30am	Seán O'Brien, Tinnakelly, Carrig (MM) Marie Harding, Ballyduff, Rathcabbin (1st Ann)
Sun 24th	10.30am	Joe Landy, Westgate
Sun 24th	12noon	Betty Reid, Townsend Street (1st Ann) William Cooney, John's Mall Baby Declan Murphy, Sandymount Frankie Gallagher, High Street Michael & Annie Harte, New Road & sons Rody & John & daughter Mary, sons in law Jackie Burke, Denis Lockhart & daughter in law Olive Harte Vincent Sammon, John's Mall

First Holy Communion

Please keep all the young people in your prayers as they prepare for the next milestone in their faith journey.



First Holy Communion Ceremonies 11.00am

Saturday 16th May - St. Brendan's P.S & Mercy P.S

Sunday 17th May - Carrig N.S.
(In Carrig Church @ 9.30am)

Queen of the May

Bring flowers of the rarest
Bring flowers the fairest,
From garden and woodland
and hillside and dale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
Our glad voices telling

The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Refrain: O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

Their lady they name thee, their mistress
proclaim thee. Oh, grant that thy children on earth be as true;
as long as the bowers are radiant with flowers as long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.

Sing gaily in chorus, the bright angels o'er us
re-echo the strains we begin upon earth;
their harps are repeating the notes of our greeting,
for mary herself is the cause of our mirth.

Please pray for the souls of

Patsy Grimes, Macregol Pairc & formerly Kinnitty
Patrick Daly, Kilcormac, father of Margaret Murphy, Meadowcourt & brother of Kevin Daly & Dolores Hegarty, Cappaneale Park
Eddie Higgins, Cloghan & Birr Community Nursing Unit
Peter McDonnell, Monastervin, Kiladare, father of Lisa Whelahan, Crinkill

"I lit a candle for a friend today. The light from it to guide its way in to your arms sweet Jesus"

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Deascabháil Ár dTiarna

Inniu táimid ag comóradh Dheascabháil Ár dTiarna Íosa Críost agus tugaimid chun cuimhne Íosa ag filleadh ar a Athair. Déanaimis machnamh ar imeacht Íosa ón domhan seo. Tá a mhisean teagaisc, a pháis agus an t-aiséirí curtha i gcrích agus lá na cinniúna buailte le hÍosa. Bhí breis is trí bliana caite ag na deisceabail i bhfochair Íosa agus grá mór acu dó. Ní aon ionadh gur bhraitheadar uaigneach agus imníoch nuair a bhí Sé ag imeacht uathu chun na bhFlaitheas. Bhí fíis ag Íosa dá dheisceabail go leanfaí lena shaothar ag craobhscaoileadh an dea-scéil. "Imígí faoin domhan uile agus fógraígi an dea-scéal" an obair a thug sé dóibh le déanamh. Gheall Íosa go seolfadh sé an Spiorad Naomh chucu chun treoir agus misneach a thabhairt dóibh. Cabhraíonn Féile na Deascabhála linn ár n-aighe a dhíriú ar an sprioc neamhaí atá romhainn amach. Níor cruthaíodh sinn don saol seo amháin. Is oilithrigh sinn agus lá éigin beimid ag tabhairt aghaidh ar chaladh ciúin na síoraíochta le bheith i láthair Dé. *Ní imithe uainn atá tú Íosa ach imithe romhainn. Is é ár ndóchas bheith san áit ina bhfuil tú.*

Ascension of Our Lord

Today we are celebrating the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ and we recall Jesus returning to His Father. Let us reflect on Jesus' departure from this world. His mission of teaching, his passion and resurrection been completed and the day of victory has arrived. The disciples have spent over three years with Jesus and loved him greatly. It is not surprising that they felt lonely and anxious when He was leaving them to go to Heaven. Jesus had a vision for his disciples which was to spread the kingdom of his love, the Good News. "Go into the whole world and spread the Good News". Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to guide and give them courage.

The feast of the Ascension helps to focus our minds on our future heavenly goal. We have not been created for this world only. We are mere pilgrims here and one day will be in God's presence. *You have not gone away from us Jesus but before us. Our hope is to be where you are.*

May Priests Collection will be

taken up at all masses this weekend 16/17th May. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity to this collection

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