

BIRR PARISH

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

Psalter week 1

Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 23/24th May was **€3,149.00**

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on Sat 6th June. – to celebrate All Ireland Rosary Rally. – with Talks, Healing, Testimonies. Mass at 3pm. Chief Celebrant is Archbishop Eamon Martin, singing by Dana and the Fr. Peyton Cluster Choir. Rosary Procession at 4.30pm. Bus will depart from public car park {beside Tesco} Roscrea at 8.10am sharp and Birr Square at 8.30am. Fare Adults: €25. Students €5. Early booking essential ring – Mary 086 4055570 or Margaret 087 1509522 or any member of the Legion of Mary.

The Legion of Mary founded by Dubliner Frank Duff (Servant of God) in 1921 is to be found in almost every country in the world with almost 3 million active members and many more auxiliary or praying members. Its twofold purpose is the spiritual development of its members & advancing the reign of Christ through Our Lady. If you would like to Join the Birr Legion of Mary please **contact Pat on 087 250 0820. Our meetings are held every Friday evening at 7 30pm in the basement of Fr. Tom's. house ,John's Mall, Birr.** "Through you , O Mary, we have a most sure pledge of our resurrection" St. Ephraim.

Holy Communion to housebound family members: If bringing Holy Communion to a family member, please leave your Pix to the sacristan or on the altar before Mass.

Midland Living Links supporting those bereaved by suicide. Coffee Morning **Tuesday June 2nd**, Conference room in St. Brendan's Church after 10.00 a.m. Mass. **All welcome**

St. Brendan's Summer Fete 2026 takes place at Birr Rugby Club on Sat June 6th from 1pm. Fun for all ages, lots of stalls & other attractions. If anyone can volunteer help, please call 086-8251065. **All welcome**

Shinrone Lunch Club, in conjunction with Offaly Local Development, is hosting a **Lunch Club on Tuesday, 2nd June 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: 087 217 5998 or Declan: 087 979 9663.**

Remembered in Mass this Week

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| Sat 30th | 11am | Funeral Mass of Tommy Quigley |
| Sat 30th | 7.30pm | Rosemary Mooney, Woodlands Park Jimmy Kelly, Presentation Place |
| Sun 31st | 8.30am | Maureen Plunkett, High Street |
| Sun 31st | 9.30am | Private Intentions |
| Sun 31st | 10.30am | Private Intentions |
| Sun 31st | 12noon | Kathleen & Jim Colohan, New Road daughters Louise, Eleanor, Marian, Mary & Ann & son John Winifred, Thomas & John Kinsella, High Street Brendan Burns, Clonoghill Lower |
| Mon 1st | 10am | Private Intentions |
| Tues 2nd | 10am | Brian McManus, Military Road |
| Wed 3rd | 10am | Private Intentions |
| Thurs 4th | 10am | Private Intentions |
| Thurs 4th | 7.30pm | Corpus Christi Procession |
| Fri 5th | 10am | Private Intentions |
| Sat 6th | 10am | Bridget (Bessie) Reynolds, The Terrace, Crinkill (1st Ann) Mary & Michael Hehir & son Geoffrey |
| Sat 6th | 7.30pm | Patrick Grimes, Macregol Pairc (MM) Alf Regan, Burkes Hill & deceased members of the Regan Family Dan & Carmel Milne, Crinkill Betty Sherlock & her son Patrick, Bengal Lodge Michael Molloy, Meadowcourt Brian Molloy, Bollivor, Meath |
| Sun 7th | 8.30am | Private Intentions |
| Sun 7th | 9.30am | Mary & Brendan Keeshan & deceased members of the Keeshan & Daly families, Riverstown Theresa Kennedy, Clohaskin, Carrig |
| Sun 7th | 10.30am | Pake & Lill Egan & Michael Lane |
| Sun 7th | 12noon | Con Phelan, Townsend Street |

Please pray for the souls of

Tommy Quigley, Riverstown, Birr

*"May the Lord support us all the day long,
Till the shades lengthen and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done. Then in his mercy may he give us a safe lodging, and holy rest, and peace at the last".*



Remembering those taking Exams

The state exams begin on Wednesday of this week. We remember all our young people who will be sitting their Junior Cert and Leaving Cert exams. A "Book of Intentions" where you are invited to write the names of those you wish to be remembered during these days is in front of the altar. You are invited to take one of the prayer cards and remember the intentions of all.

Prayer Before an Examination

Dear Lord, as I take this exam, I thank you that my value is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me. Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together. Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way.

As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked. Help me to remain focussed and calm, confident in the facts and in my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are there with me. Amen.

Corpus Christi Procession June 4th 2026

Each year the church celebrates the precious gift from Jesus to us of Himself - His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Blessed Eucharist. This special day is called the Feast of Corpus Christi - The Body of Christ . As far back as the 12th century Jesus has been honoured by this special feast Day. The beautiful practices of Adoration, Benediction and carrying the Blessed Sacrament in procession emerged as time went on. we intend to hold our annual Corpus Christi Procession in the grounds of St. Brendan's church and gardens on **Thursday June 4th @ 7.30pm.** All are invited to attend and join in the prayers and the singing. A special Céad míle fáilte is extended to all our First Communion and Confirmation children and their parents. Please pray for a fine evening.

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Paidir na gCúig Mhéar.

1. An Ordóg: Is í an ordóg an mhéar is gaire duit. Tosaigh ag guí ar son na ndaoine is gaire duit. Is iad seo na daoine is fusa smaoineamh orthu. Tá sé de dhualgas orainn smaoineamh ar na daoine is ansa linn.
2. An Mhéar Thosaigh, (an Chormhéar): Guímis ar son na ndaoine a mhúineann, a threoraíonn agus a leigheasann sinn. Tá gá acu do thacaíocht agus d'eagna chun daoine eile a threorú.
3. An Mhéar Fhada: Cuireann an mhéar seo i gcuimhne dúinn ár gceannairí agus lucht údaráis. Tá treoir Dé uathu de shíor.
4. Méar an Fháinne: Is í seo an mhéar is laige. Cuireann sé i gcuimhne dúinn guí ar son daoine laga, daoine breoite agus iad siúd faoi bhrón agus bhriseadh croí. An Lúidín: Is í seo an mhéar is lú. Guímis ar ár son féin. Feicimid ár riachtanais tar éis dúinn guí ar son na ngrúpaí eile. Bain triail as guí sa mhodh seo agus go n-éirí an t-ádh leat.

The Five Finger Prayer

1. The Thumb is closest finger to you. Start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a "Sweet Obligation."
2. The index finger is next. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.
3. The following middle finger is the longest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is the ring finger. It is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems.
5. Our smallest finger. We pray for ourselves. We see the need having prayed for the other four groups.

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