

BIRR PARISH

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Parish Envelopes

This year's boxes containing the envelopes for the Parish Development Fund, Priests' Collection and other annual collections are now available for distribution. Distributors are asked to collect their boxes from the Conference Room after Mass. It must be noted that not every area has a distributor and some boxes will remain undistributed. If you do not receive a box and would like one, please contact the Parish Office.

A very sincere thank you to all for your generosity to our collections. It is very much appreciated.

Ministers of the Word (St. Brendan's) - New rotas are available for collection at the rear of the altar. Many thanks.

Chime The National Charity for Deafness and Hearing Loss, Our Local Supports Outreach Service is located at Birr Technology Centre, St Brendan Street. This is a free and confidential support service on all aspects of deafness and hearing loss. We Provide Information and Resources, Minor Hearing aid Repairs, Hearing Aid Batteries for sale for €2 a card. Due To Recent Covid Restrictions Please call **057-9351606/ 086-1436476** to book an appointment for the first Wednesday of every Month.

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). If you or someone you know needs support this Christmas, please call our National Support and Referral Line on 0818 222 024 from 8am – 8pm, seven days a week. ALONE operates 365 days a year so we will be there to take your call when you need us most.

Newsletter Sponsorship

If you would like to sponsor the Newsletter we would love to hear from you. The cost is €100 per month. Please contact one of the Priests or the Parish Office.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 8th	7.30 p.m.	Mary O'Reilly (MM) Mary Wrafter (1st Ann), her husband Tom & their infant son, Colin
Sun 9th	10.30 a.m.	Elizabeth O'Meara
	12 noon	Joe & Teresa Sharkey Dan Meleady Des & Eileen Talbot
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Phil Redden (MM)
Tues 11th	10.00 a.m.	Deceased Eucharistic Adorers
Wed 12th	10.00 a.m.	Margaret Doyle, Croghan Road (1st Ann) Patrick, Jimmy & Margaret Smyth
Thur 13th	10.00 a.m.	Helen "Doll" McCarthy, Limerick (1st Ann) Murphy family
Fri 14th	10.00 a.m.	Winnifred Mongan
Sat 15th	7.30 p.m.	Lorna Tully (MM) & her mother Jill Anne & John Sherlock Margaret Pilton (nee Landy)
Sun 16th	10.30 a.m.	Joe & Kitty Dooley Murphy family
	12 noon	Geraldine Bergin, Emmet Street Brian Guidera John Claffey & Claffey family

Please Pray for the Souls of



Mour Badiane, Rosscahill, Galway
& late of Seffin
Cathy Curley, Castle Court,
Tommy Dunican, Castletown, Fortal,
Jimmy Lally, Dovegrove,
Ger O'Brien, Ballinhassig, Cork
& late of Cornhill, brother of Liam,
Veronica Ryan, Roscrea,
sister of the late Maureen Plunkett.

A Prayer at the Beginning of a New Year

God of this new year,
we are walking into mystery.
We face the future,
not knowing what the days
and months will bring to us
or how we will respond.
Be love in us as we journey.
May we welcome all who come our way.
Deepen our faith to see all of life through your eyes.
Fill us with hope and an abiding trust
that you dwell in us amidst our joys and sorrows.
Thank you for the treasure of our faith life.
Thank you for the gift of being able to rise each day
with the assurance of your walking
through the day with us.
God of this new year,
we praise you. Amen.

Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord

A Question to be Asked

Have you ever asked your parents why they had you baptised? Their answer might run something like this:

We were over the moon when you were born. You were our first/third/fifth child, and we loved you as much as any of our other children.

We were so happy that you had arrived into the world safely and we wanted to do the best thing for you. So we brought you to the church, thanked God, and poured water over you in his name. Mam held you, well wrapped up. Dad was very proud and wore his best clothes.

Before you were born we had spent some time discussing what Christian names we would give you. Once we held you we decided, and gave you the names by which you would forever be known to us, to the world and to God.

We wanted you to be part and parcel of God's family and to have the strengths of Mass and the Sacraments. We wanted you to have the support of our families, of the neighbours and of the parish.

That day we gave you what was most precious to us, our love and faith. You were our son/daughter. Our 'favour' was on you. It still is. Remember that.

THE EIGHT BEATITUDES OF JESUS

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure of heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted
for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Moladh Dé.

Tá 2022 thar tairseach isteach chugainn agus go mbeirimid beo ag an am seo arís. Go mion minic bímid ag déanamh idirghuí chun Dé teacht i gcabhair orainn féin agus ar ár gcairde agus is fiúntach an rud é sin ach ní foláir dúinn freisin moladh a thabhairt do Dhia gach lá as ucht an ghrá atá Aige dúinne.

Is iad seo a leanas na Molta Diaga gur féidir linn a rá ó am go ham.

Moladh le Dia.

Moladh lena Ainm Naofa.

Moladh le hÍosa Críost

is FíorDhia agus fíordhuine.

Moladh le hAinm Íosa.

Moladh lena Chroí Rónaofa.

Moladh lena Fhuil Róluachmhar.

Moladh le hÍosa i Naomh Sacraimint na hAltóra.

Moladh leis an Spiorad Naomh, an Sólásaí.

Moladh le mórmháthair Dé, Muire Rónaofa.

Moladh lena Gabháil gan Smál.

Moladh le hÍosaef Naofa, a céile rógheanmaí.

Moladh le Dia ina chuid aingeal

agus ina chuid naomh.

Amen

Divine Praises

2022 has arrived and may we all be alive this time again next year. Very often we petition God for favours for ourselves and our friends and this is to be recommended but we ought also to praise God for His great love for us.

The following are the Divine Praises which we can recite from time to time.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the

Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God,

Mary most Holy.

Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

Amen.