

BIRR PARISH

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Altar Servers is something that we have missed since the beginning of the pandemic and we are delighted to start welcoming them back to all Parish Masses. If you are in third class and upwards including secondary school please complete information form with your parent and return to the parish office.

Viriginia Duffy Woodlands Drive acknowledges and thanks the many people of Birr and surrounding areas for their prayers, cards and good wishes during this time. Mile Buíochas.

The society of St. Vincent de Paul Birr is in urgent need of Men's clothing and shoes especially large and x-large sizes your support would be greatly appreciated

Medugorje: July 20th to July 27th 2022
 For more information please contact Phil Robinson (086) 3956299 . Spiritual Director Fr. Antony Sajeesh Birr

BIRR YOUNG VOICES

For all boys and girls age 8-12years who love to sing! Join Birr Young Voices for an Easter Holiday Music camp from Wednesday 20th - Saturday 23rd April, and Birr Festival of Music 29th April - 2nd May. See www.birrfestivalofmusic.com for enrolment details.

A Brand New Crafting Circle in Birr

Do you love crafting and also getting together with friends? Why not combine the two activities and take part in a crafting club? Come to Birr Theatre & Arts Centre on Tuesday 08 March at 2pm to meet with Declan Costello from Offaly Local Development Company about establishing a Birr Crafters Group. Bring some craft work with you, showing what you are interested in and what you do. He will provide advice and support on how to go about establishing a weekly group. ALL WELCOME
 Contact: www.birrtheatre.com or call 057 9122911

Trocaire 2022:

This year the Thandekile family in Zimbabwe are on the Lent boxes, families like these had to walk many kilometres to access medical care. Trocaire boxes are available in St. Brendan's & Carrig church

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 5th	7.30 p.m.	Louie Greally, Oxmantown Mall (1st Ann) Michael & Kathleen Regan & sons Alan & David Frank Coughlan The Hunt Family Mossie Kelly (McMahon) Tom O'Meara, Beech Ave James & Margaret Horan, Beech Ave Maureen Plunkett
Sun 6th	8.30 a.m.	Jack Roberts & Roberts Family Martin & Molly Carroll Seffin Sons & Daughters & son in law Roy Clifford
Sun 6th	10.30 a.m.	Martin McCarthy (1st Ann) Tom O'Meara & Family members, Beech Ave, Cree Carmel & Joseph O'Hare Mary & Patrick Flynn
Sun 6th	12 noon	Mary Jordan (MM), deceased members of the Mahoney & Jordan Families Jackie Burke Paddy & Annie Kennedy, Fortal Elsie & Paddy Gillen Betty & Laurence Nee Jim Normoyle Dick Johnston, Military Road
Mon 7th	10.00 a.m.	Bridie & Maher family
Tues 8th	10.00 a.m.	Deceased Eucharistic Ministers Bernadette Sherlock Margaret O'Brien
Thurs 10th	10.00 a.m.	Brendan & Margaret Hutchinson & Hutchinson Family Ellen Doyle
Sat 12th	7.30 p.m.	Teresa Shortt, Seffin & her parents Daniel & Elizabeth, brothers John, Tom Willie & his wife Briget Michael Deegan, Crinkle Baby Sheila Cash, Daingean Road
Sun 13th	10.30 a.m.	Agnes Pearson, The Rocks Patricia Shelly Geraldine Cleary
	12 noon	William Carroll, Whiteford (MM) John Fay William, Teresa & Donie Hanley Anna Pey and all deceased members of the Hanley & Pey families

Please Pray for the Souls of

Tony Kelly, Cappaneale
 Maureen Buckley, England, Sister-in-Law of Nancy Buckley, Military Rd., Crinkill
 Patricia (Pat) Alexander, Townsend Street
 Tommy Bonner, Arranmore sister of Christine Hayden Birr



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Sacramental Preparation for First Penance/Communion/Confirmation



We welcome the young people from **St. Brendan's P.S.**, participating on Saturday at 7.30pm Mass and **Killeen N.S.** participating on Sunday at 10.30 am Mass.



Worksheets 3 & 4 are available at weekend Masses.

Reconciliation Services for First Holy Communion Classes – 7.30pm

Monday 7th March – **Killeen N.S. and Mercy P.S.**
 Tuesday 8th March – **St. Brendan's Boys P.S. and Parish Preparation**
 Wed 9th March – **Crinkill N.S.**
 Thurs 10th March – **Carrig N.S. Carrig Church**



Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for Compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Red Cross teams are on the ground now in Ukraine and will continue their work to repair vital infrastructure, support health facilities, and help families with life-saving food and hygiene items. This is a rapidly evolving crisis. **Your donation will help those affected get food, medicine, shelter and water. Your support will also help the Red Cross to assist those displaced by conflict.** To donate please click on this link <https://www.redcross.ie/latest-appeals/ukraine-crisis-appeal/>

Tap & Donate To facilitate parishioners who no longer carry cash we have installed tap & donate box at the entrance to the church. You can use your smart phone or debit card to make contributions to the parish finances. We thank parishioners who contributed to the February clergy collection. If you were away or forgot you can still make your contribution by placing envelopes in the green box at the sanctuary area.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí an Mhárta

An Chéad Domhnach den Charghas

Inniu an Chéad Domhnach den Charghas. I soiscéal an lae inniu feicimid go seolann an Spiorad Íosa amach san fhásach "San am sin tháinig Íosa, agus é lán den Spiorad Naomh, agus seoladh faoi luí an Spiorad san fhásach é go cionn daichead lá, á phromhadh ag an diabhal. Agus níor ith sé aon ní sna laetha sin, agus nuair a bhíodar caite bhí ocras air" Lúcas 4: 1-2 Sa Charghas tá daichead lá amach romhainn le bheith ag guí agus ag déanamh aithrí go mbeimid in ann ár saol a chaitheamh go hionraic ionas go mbeimid réidh an Cháisc a cheiliúradh agus brí iomlán a bhaint as bás agus aiséirí Ar dTiarna Íosa Chríost. *Guímid Críost ár dTiarna atá ina mhúinteoir, ina eiseamláir agus ina dheartháir againne. Abraimis leis: A Thiarna, cabhraigh linn le do ghrásta*

March

The First Sunday of Lent

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. In today's gospel we see Jesus being led into the desert by the Spirit. "Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry" Luke 4: 1-2.

Lent is a season of forty days during which we can pray and do penance that we may be able to live our lives with integrity and be ready to celebrate and understand more fully the death and resurrection of Jesus. *Let us pray to Jesus Christ who is our teacher, our guide and our brother. We pray: Lord, help us by your grace.*

Lent

Lent is always an invitation to begin again. This is a time above all to build a personal relationship with Jesus. Lent can be a most profound and liberating personal journey.

Fast from anger and hatred, give your family an extra dose of love each day.

Fast from judging others. Before making judgements, recall how we wish God to overlook our faults.

Fast from discouragement. Hold on to Jesus' promise that he has a mission for us in life. (whatever you give up for lent don't let it be hope)

Fast from complaining. When you find yourself about to complain, stop, recall some of the good things that happened to you in life.

Fast from resentment and bitterness. Work on forgiving those who have hurt you.

Fast from spending too much money on yourself. Reduce your personal spending and spend instead on the poor, e.g. through Trocaire.