

BIRR PARISH

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Easter Ceremonies

Holy Thursday	Morning Prayer	10.00 a.m.
Carrig	Our Lord's Supper	7.30 p.m.
Birr	Our Lord's Supper	8.00 p.m.
	Exposition	9.00 p.m.
	Night Prayer	10.00 p.m.
Good Friday	Morning Prayer	10.00 a.m.
Birr	Stations of the Cross	12 noon
Birr	Passion of the Lord	3.00 p.m.
Carrig	Passion of the Lord	7.30 p.m.
Holy Saturday	Morning Prayer	
	& Blessing of Food	10.00 a.m.
Birr	Reconciliation	10.30 - 12 noon
	Easter Vigil	9.00 p.m.
Easter Sunday	Dawn Mass	6.00 a.m.
	In Garden of Tranquility	
	Normal Sunday Mass Times	

Easter Mass Bouquets now available from the Parish office contribution of €5.00.

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 24th Chaplet at 2.45 p.m. Followed by Mass at 3.00 p.m. All welcome.

Birr Festival of Music: Irish Chamber Orchestra
St. Brendan's RC Church @ 8pm Friday 29th April
tickets available from Birr Theatre & Arts Centre
05791-22911

New Craft Group started in Birr Library every Wednesday from 6.30 p.m. to 7.45 p.m.
New members welcome.

Ukraine Collection

We acknowledge the generosity of people towards the Ukraine appeal. To date €2,535.00.

Lough Derg 2022 reopens 1st May

One day retreats May, August and September €45
Three day pilgrimages June, July and August €80.
More details 071-9861518
info@loughderg.org

Trocaire Lent 2022

This year the Thandekile family in Zimbabwe are on the Lenten boxes. Conflict, injustice, climate change and Covid are hurting so many around the world. The Trocaire collection is usually taken up on Good Friday or you may use the envelope in yearly box

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 9th	7.30 p.m.	Jim & Lily Reid Michael Hough, Riverstown Kathleen Murphy & Cella Errity Margaret, Michael & John Molloy Christy Loughnane, Woodlands Peter Judge, Fariview
Sun 10th	9.30 a.m.	Mamie (Mary) Gleeson, Lacka Carrig
Sun 10th	10.30 a.m.	Sean Kinirons, High Street Mary Sheils & Celie Hart Michael Ryan, Burke's Hill (10th Ann)
Sun 10th	12 noon	Sr. Celine & Loughnane Family Members Bridie Smyth, Killeen Seamus Hogan, Ballindarra
Tues 12th	10.00 a.m.	Deceased Eucharistic Adorers Sean & Dilly Hanniffy Tom McInerney, Killeen, Riverstown (2nd Ann)
Sat 16th	7.30 p.m.	Martin Maughan, wife Winifred, daughter Tina and all the deceased members of the Mongan family Banagher
Sun 17th	10.30 a.m.	James Donoghue, Bulfin Park, (20th Ann)
Sun 17th	12 noon	James (Dino) Martin, Cappaneale (2nd Ann)

Please Pray for the Souls of

Thomas Parsons, Bulfin Park
Mary Gannon, Birr Community Nursing Unit,
mother of Annette Gannon, staff of Birr Community
Nursing unit
Margaret Gleeson, Rathcabbin, sister in law of John
Gleeson, Green Street
Tess Lyons, Coolderry, mother of Noel Lyons, Woodfield Birr



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.

Sacramental Preparation for First Penance/Communion/Confirmation



We welcome the young people from
Carrig N.S.

participating on Sunday at
9.30 am Mass in Carrig Church.

Parish Preparation Programme @ 10.30 am
Sunday morning mass

Worksheets **5 & 6** are available at weekend Masses.



Voices for Peace Concert: Tuar Ard Arts Centre will host a very special concert on Thursday April 14th (Holy Thursday) at 8pm. The *Voices for Peace* Concert will feature performances from Larissa Tormey, P.J. Murrhly, Charlie McGettigan, Alex Roe, Caitriona O'Sullivan, Aishling Rafferty, Dave Lawlor and Ger O'Brien. All proceeds will go to the Irish Red Cross Ukraine Fund. Tickets: €20. For bookings phone 090 6482042

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Birr Town Soccer Club

Thanks

One day I sat down and relaxed and went back over the last year: I thought of all I could be grateful for - people I met who helped me, people I love and who love me, the times someone seemed to care. And I was grateful too for times I could help another, show some care, and make life that bit easier and safer for family, friends, colleagues and all I contact.

And I thought of health and faith, for having food on my table and enough to live on.

Problems and worries came to mind too: the worries of others and my faults and failings, but in the atmosphere of thanks they seem less intense.

And I know I could go back over the years and say thanks too, like a river of thanks flowing by as I sit and enjoy the memories and feel the thanks.

Thanks - a word that brings us alive, for what once was can always give life.

Thanks - a word that keeps us humble, for we know that we depend on others.

Thanks - a word that keeps us joyful for we know that in every day there are the meetings and the memories, the help and the support, given and received, which are the seeds of life and growth.

May we be people who are truly grateful to others and to God for what makes life worthwhile.

Remember this day, remember last week.
Remember all times and be grateful.

Author Unknown

Prayer for the success of Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Birr Parish Finance

We acknowledge the people who have already signed up to Revenue's CHY4 Tax Back scheme. If you pay income tax in Ireland and donate €250 or more in a given calendar year you can help the parish reclaim tax back on your donations. Please contact the parish office for more information.

The **April Priests Collection** will be taken up at all masses this weekend. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity to this collection.

Domhnach na Páise

A Thiarna, is údar dóchais agus creidimh dúinn bás do Mhic. Go dtuga a aiséirí slán chun na beatha síoraí sinn.

Inniu díríonn an Eaglais ár n-aire ar Pháis Chríost, a léiríonn an mórghrá a bhí ag Íosa ár Slánaitheoir dúinn agus a mhúsclaíonn aithrí inár gcroí mar gheall ar ár bpeacaí. Cuirtear tús leis an tSeachtain Mhór inniu mar atá Domhnach na Pailme, Céadaoin an Bhraith, Déardaoin na Co-maoineach, Aoine an Chéasta agus an Satharn Naofa. Ar Dhomhnach na Pailme, bhí áthas ar na daoine Íosa a fheiceáil ar a bhealach go Cathair Iarúsailéim. Leath cuid acu a mbrait ar an talamh roimhe. Bhain cuid acu craobhacha na gcrann. Na sluite a bhí á leanúint bhí siad ag scairteadh in ard a gcinn: "Is beannaithe an té atá ag teacht in ainm an Tiarna. Hósanna sna harda". A mhalairt ar fad a bheadh le cloisteáil roimh dheireadh na seachtaine nuair a bheadh an daoscarshlua ag béiceadh, 'Céastar é!'. Ghlac Íosa ár gcuid peacaí air féin sa Pháis agus léirigh Sé a ghrá dúinn ar Chalvarie. Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá i rith na Seachtaine Móire:

Le bás na croise cheannaigh tú sliocht míhortúnach Éabha. Ó shin anuas is beannaithe an comhartha seo dár naomhú. Áiméan. (Ár bPaidreacha Dúchais.)

Palm Sunday

Lord, the death of your Son gives us hope and strengthens our faith. May his resurrection give us perseverance and lead us to salvation.

Today the Church invites us to reflect on the Passion of Christ which shows the great love Jesus, Our Saviour had for us and inspires us to repent of our sins. Palm Sunday begins Holy Week which includes Spy Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On Palm Sunday people the people were delighted to see Jesus on His way to Jerusalem. Some spread their cloaks on the ground before Him while others had branches of palm in their hands shouting, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest." Before the end of the week many were shouting, 'Crucify Him'. Jesus took our sins unto Himself and showed His love for us on Calvary. We can say this prayer during Holy Week:

By your Death on the Cross, you redeemed the unfortunate children of Eve. Blessed ever since is the sign of our sanctification. Amen.