

BIRR PARISH

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Mass will be held in Carrig Church on Wednesday 1st February @ 10.30am for Padraig Nolan (RIP) to coincide with his Funeral Mass in England. Thank you.

Adoration Room is now open

Tuesday to Friday, 10.30am to 12noon



Ministers of the Eucharist - The Eucharistic Minister is essential for the celebration of our liturgies. We are in urgent need of new people to volunteer for this role due to the retirement of some of our existing ministers. Please contact the Parish Office or Elaine Eastwood or Rena Haverty if you are interested. **New Rotas are now available behind the altar.**

The AGM of Birr Athletic Club will take place on Friday 17th February in Dooly's Hotel at 8pm. All are welcome.

The Garda Youth Awards An Garda Síochána from the Laois/Offaly Division are delighted to introduce the Laois/Offaly Garda Youth Awards 2023. These awards will celebrate outstanding young people between 13 and 21 years of age, and will recognise the good work they are doing throughout their communities. We are encouraging you to submit your nominations for deserving young people across Laois and Offaly who have contributed positively in their local communities or who have shown great determination in their own lives. The closing date for nominations is noon on Friday 24th February 2023. Nomination forms are available to download on the Laois/Offaly Garda Division Facebook page and at www.garda.ie. Completed forms should be emailed to laoisoffalygardayouthawards@garda.ie.

World Youth Day takes place in Lisbon in August 2023. The cost is €750 and could be raised through Fundraising/Parish Sponsoring/Part Sponsoring. The young person travelling **must be 18 years old at time of departure**. Please contact Deirdre Convey - 065 6834461 or deirdreconvey@gmail.com or Donagh O' Meara 087 2322140 or the Parish Office

Sponsored by Anonymous

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 28th	10.00am	Phil McDermott, Walcot (1st Ann)
Sat 28th	7.30pm	Tom Duffy, Syngefield (MM) Paddy Tully, Ely Place, (MM) Paddy Hamilton, Westgate (1st Ann) Carmel Moore, Meadowville Thomas (Tucker) Pardy
Sun 29th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 29th	9.30am	Eleanor & Patrick O'Neill, Kinnitty Carrig
Sun 29th	10.30	Irena Budreviciene, Macregol Pairc (MM) Doreen Smith (nee Parkinson), Hertfordshire & Roscrea Road (1st Ann) Patrick & Margaret O' Meara Daniel & Bridget Hogan, Mount Palmer
Sun 29th	12 noon	Frances Hogan, Green St (MM) & her husband Jimmy Hogan John Gleeson, Green Street (MM) Mary Concepta Cooke, Grove Street (1st Ann) Hogan Family, Newbridge Street Elizabeth Lally, Presentation Place & her great grandson Leon Maloney Coughlan Maureen & Patrick Maher, Crinkill Joe & Teresa Sharkey & Dan Meleady
Mon 30th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 31st	10.00am	Kitty Hayden (nee McCarthy), Woodroe May Sherlock, Lord's Park & deceased members of the Sherlock Family
Wed 1st	10.00am	Private Intentions
Wed 1st	10.30am	Padraig Nolan, England & Carrig
Thurs 2nd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Fri 3rd	10.00am	Teresa Creamer, Mill Street (1st Ann)
Sat 4th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 4th	7.30pm	Peggy Roberts, Eden Road (MM) Kieran & Phil O' Brien Susie Pardy, Seffin Sheila & Paddy O' Callaghan, Moorpark Street Eileen Cahill, Bulfin Park
Sun 5th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 5th	9.30am	Sean Sullivan, Ballagh (MM)
Sun 5th	10.30am	Noel Corboy, Joan Corboy & Coleman, Clonkelly
Sun 5th	12 noon	Mary Jordan, Burkes Hill (1st Ann) & deceased members of the Jordan, Mahony & Cole families Martin Connolly, Fairview

Prayer to St. Brigid

Bridget, you were a woman of peace.

You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness.

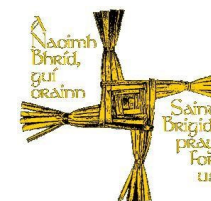
You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious. And may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made. Bridget, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen.



Candlemas Day

February 2nd Thursday next is the Feast of the Presentation on Candlemas Day. Traditionally on this day candles are blessed for use at home and in church. People have very generously donated candles for Church use. Benediction candles are the most suitable (Blessed candle). This also is a day of prayer for Consecrated Religion.

'Being for others' is the core vision of their lives.

'Being for others' follows a life of radical simplicity lived in a vowed promise of freedom.

'Being for others' follows a single-hearted love that is inclusive of all, especially the poor.

'Being for others' follows a shared community life of service, availability and hospitality.

'Being for others' follows a communal discernment and prayer of quiet stillness and silence.

'Being for others' follows new ways to be credible and convincing witnesses of the Gospel.

'Being for others' follows like Mary, the suffering sword which is heart-rending and painful.

'Being for others' follows and believes in the faithful promise of a God who visits his people.

May we 'be for others' as a kind and gentle light in dark times of doubt and fear.

John Cullen

Please Pray for the Souls of

Kitty Whelan (nee Frawley), Dublin & Nenagh, mother of Patricia Ryan, The Golf Links, Birr & sister of the late Mary Torpey, Carrig
Maureen Dixon, sister in law of Celia Watson, Rosse Row, wife of the late Tom Dixon, Mountain View, Ennis
Donal Hanley, Rathfarnham formerly Whitehall Ballingarry, brother of Phyllis Landy, Westgate



Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Naomh Bríd

Céiliúraimid Lá Fhéile Bríde ar an chéad lá d'Fheabhra. Tugtar Muire na nGael uirthi agus is duine de phátrún na hÉireann í. Rugadh i bhFochairt in aice le Dún Dealgan sa bhliain 451 AD í. Taoiseach ab ea a hathair agus sclábhaí a máthair. Baisteadh Bríd ina Críostaí. Duine an-chineálta, cráifeach ab ea í agus chinn sí bheith ina bean rialta. Thóg sí Clochar i gCill Dara agus chaith sí a saol ag freastal ar na bochtáin agus daoine breoite. Bhí grá ar leith ag Bríd d'ainmhithe agus is mo scéal atá againn sa bhéaloideas i dtaobh a cineáltais do chách agus a grá do Dhia. Tá toibreacha ainmnithe le Bríd ar fud na tíre agus déantar Crosa Bríde gach bliain le crochadh os cionn doras an tí. Ag beannú na gcros, deirtear **"Go raibh beannacht an Athar, an Mhic agus an Spioraid Naoimh ar na crosa seo, ar na háiteanna ina bhfuil siad agus ar gach duine a fhéachann orthu. Áiméan"**.

Comórtar Toirbheart an Linbh Íosa sa Teampall ar an 2ú lá. Lá Fhéile Muire na gCoinnle a tugtar ar an 2 Feabhra freisin. D'oifrail an Mhaighdean Mhuire, a Mac do Dhia sa Teampall agus d'oifrail sí colúir mar chomhartha a saorghlanta. Casadh Simeon orthu. Thóg sé an leanbh Íosa ina bhaclainn agus d'fhógair sé gurbh É an slánaitheoir a bhí geallta. Beannaítear coinne ar an lá seo ag comóradh gurbh é Íosa an fíorsholais a tháinig ar an saol.

Coinneal Mhuire agus Flaithis Dé go raibh againn. Áiméan

Saint Bridget

St. Bridget's Feast is celebrated on 1 February. She is known as Mary of the Gael and she is one of Ireland's patron saints. She was born in Faughart near Dundalk in 451 AD. Her father was a Chieftain and her mother was a slave. Bridget was baptised in the Christian Faith. She was noted for her kindness and piety. She decided to dedicate her life to God, became a nun and built a convent in Kildare. She spent her life caring for the sick and the poor. She was very fond of all God's creatures and there are many folk stories of her kindness to animals. There are wells dedicated to St. Bridget throughout the country. St. Bridget's crosses are made from rushes and placed overhead the door in many homes. The prayer of blessing for the crosses is **"May the blessing of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be on these crosses on where they are and on everybody who looks at them. Amen."**

On Thursday 2nd we commemorate the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. It is also called Candlemas Day. Our Lady offered Jesus in the temple. Simeon took the Child and declared that He was the promised Saviour. Candles are blessed today in as a symbol of Jesus the true light of the world.

May we have Mary's faith and a place in Heaven. Amen