

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter Week 1

The April Priests Collection will be taken up at all masses next weekend 1/2nd April. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity to this collection.

Birr Theatre & Arts Centre Between the jigs, the reels, the songs and the banter, you will not find a contemporary, traditional Irish traditional band to engage with and entertain an audience as brilliantly as SHASKEEN. Sat 01 April 8pm. If that wasn't enough, join Declan Nerney and guests Owen Mac and John Hogan for a nostalgic night of music song and laughter! Friday 14 April 8pm
www.birrtheatre.com

Stations of the Cross every Wednesday after 10am Mass

Temporary Pledge for Lent - People interested in taking the temporary pledge for Lent please contact the Parish Office

The rosary will be recited during lent before Sunday Mass in **Carrig Church** starting @ 9am approx. all are welcome to participate

Preparation for Easter a tridium (3 nights) of reflection and prayer in preparation for Easter will take place in St. Brendan's, Wilmer Road on Monday March 27th, Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th @ 7.30pm led by Br. Brian Johnson.
(Please note no 10am mass Mon & Tues)

Progressive 25, in Carrig Hall 28th March @ 8.30pm, fundraiser for Carrig, Riverstown GAA club in conjunction with Offaly GAA "Grand Canal Walk" Our two representatives will be David Egan & Mark O'Brien. Refreshments on the night.

Memory Lane Marketers - Art & Craft Market on Saturday 25th March 9am - 4pm, continuing the last Saturday of every month.

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 17/18/19th March was **€3,798** to the Development Fund.

Invitation to all Ministers of the Eucharist and Readers of the Brendan Pastoral Area to a gathering of reflection and renewal in the Community Hall, Kinnitty on **Friday 31st March at 8.00pm**. Input by Maureen Kelly, Diocesan Pastoral Worker.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 25th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 25th	7.30pm	Margaret, Michael & Edward Grogan, Killyon
Sun 26th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 26th	9.30am	Remembrance Mass for Tom Larkin, Ivy Hall, Carrig, late of Malahide, Dublin
Sun 26th	10.30am	Tommy & Doreen Rigney, Moorpark Street Middleton & Kennedy Families, Crinkill Ned Flynn & John Flynn
Sun 26th	12 noon	Elsie & Paddy Gillen Betty & Laurence Nee Jim Normile Terry Hctor, Hilltop, Crinkill Michael & Mary Carroll, Benamore, Roscrea Eugene Garvey, Tullynisk
Mon 27th	7.30pm	Tridium Mass
Tue 28th	7.30pm	Tridium Mass
Wed 29th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thurs 30th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Fri 31st	10.00am	Kitty McManus
Sat 1st	10.00am	Mary Teresa Lawlor (1st Ann) & her husband John, Moorpark Street
Sat 1st	7.30pm	Tommy Parsons, Bulfin Park (1st Ann) Kieran & Doreen (Don) Horan, Castle Street Jack & Bina Walsh & Grandson Eoin Eastwood Christy Loughnane, Woodlands
Sun 2nd	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 2nd	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 2nd	10.30am	Sean Kinirons, High Street
Sun 2nd	12noon	Herbert Hennessy & Willie & Kathleen

Please Pray for the Souls of

Noreen Behan, Riverstown & Ealga Lodge Shinrone
Barry Kelly, Woodlane, Hillside
Michael Mongan, Mill Brooke Park, Roscrea Road
Edward Laes, Kilmaine Clareen
Nora Kelly, Thurles mother of Billy Kelly, Killeen



Trócaire 50th Anniversary Prayer

We pray for God's blessings on the work of Trócaire. We pray that all people may continue to work together for the respect of our shared human dignity and shared human rights. We thank God for the partners and generous supporters who have enabled Trócaire to continue their work for over 50 years, empowering communities to work together for a just world. We pray for peace and may that peace be mine and yours, and with all people experiencing crises in our world. Amen

Preparing for Easter

3 evenings of Prayer and Reflection Mass Mon & Tues at 7.30pm & Wed Exposition and Benediction

Led by
Br. Brian Johnson,
(Franciscan Brother, Clara)

Monday March 27th - How big is your God?
Tuesday March 28th - The Journey Inwards
Wednesday March 29th - Healing and Hope
Penitential Service with Prayer around the Cross

Items Discussed at the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

- Updating of Safeguarding Training and Vetting.
- Possibility of organising a Gardening Group for St. Brendan's Church grounds.
- Investigate the refurbishment of the seats in St. Brendan's Church.
- Arrangements for Easter Liturgies.
- Follow on discussion on Bishop Fintan's proposals - Planning for the Future.

The Cross in my Pocket.

I carry a cross in my pocket, A simple reminder to me, Of the fact that I am a Christian, No matter where I may be.

This little cross is not magic, Nor is it a good luck charm, It isn't meant to protect me from every physical harm.

It's not for identification, For all the world to see, It's simply an understanding, between my Saviour and me.

When I put my hand in my pocket, To bring out a coin or a key, The cross is there to remind me, Of the price He paid for me.

It reminds me, too, to be thankful, For my blessings day by day, And to strive to serve Him better, In all that I do and say.

It's also a daily reminder, Of the peace and comfort I share, With all who know my Master, and give themselves to His care.

So, I carry a cross in my pocket, Reminding no one but me, That Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life, If only I'll let Him be.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An Cúigiú Domhnach den Charghas.

Inniu an cúigiú Domhnach den Charghas. Tá an séasúr beannaithe ag teacht chun deiridh agus an tSeachtain Mhór ag dru-idim níos gaire dúinn. Sa soiscéal faoi Lazarus feicimid daonnacht Íosa. Is léir gur cairde móra d'Íosa Máire, Martha agus Lazarus. Tagann an bás chucu. Leanann an brón agus an briseadh croí. Labhraíonn Martha le hÍosa ag gearáin "A Thiarna, dá mbeifeá anseo ní bhfaigheadh mo dheartháir bás". (Eoin11:21). Bhí trua ag Íosa di agus ghlaigh sé de ghlór ard "A Lazarus tar amach" agus dúirt Íosa "scaoilígí é agus ligigí chun siúil é" (Eoin11:43). Go raibh muinín againn as Íosa in am an ghátair cosúil le Martha. Go raibh focail Íosa linn i gcónaí "Is mise an tAiséirí agus an Bheatha". (Eoin 11:25) **Go raibh Íosa ina réalta eolais againn inár ndeacrachtaí agus inár spriocanna go léir agus go raibh dóchas agus creideamh againn as, chomh maith le grá mór. Áiméan.**

Fifth Sunday of Lent

This is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. The holy season is coming to an end and Holy Week is approaching. In today's Gospel we see the humanity of Jesus. Mary, Martha and Lazarus are friends of Jesus. When Lazarus dies they are broken hearted. Martha speaks to Jesus: "Lord, if thou had been here, my brother would not have died." (John11:21). Jesus was sorry for her and He cried out in a loud voice "Lazarus, come forth.....Untie him and let him go free" (John 11:43). May we have confidence in Jesus in our hour of need as Martha had. May the words of Jesus be always with us. "I am the Resurrection and the Life" (John11:25) **May Jesus be our guiding light in times of difficulty and in all our aspirations. May we have faith and hope in Him together with great love. Amen**

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