

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter Week 3

Baptism Candles now available from the Parish office

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 6/7th August was **€2,376.00**

Padre Pio Mass Thursday 17th August @ 7.30pm. All Welcome.

Community Employment for Home Respite Care Worker – Temporary Contract – Contact Alison Hackett 086 2271370 or email ahackett@familycarers.ie

We are holding a **Mass celebrated in the Polish Language Saturday 19th August @ 6pm** in St. Brendan's Church, Birr. All Welcome

Birr Library Events - Heritage Week Events Pop-Up Gaeltacht

Ciorcail Cómhra Biorra host in Birr Library on Saturday 12th August from 10.00am-13.00pm. All levels very welcome! Preserving your Photographic Heritage - Talk with Photographer Jeff Harvey Wednesday 16th August at 6.00pm. This event is inspired by the legacy of Countess Mary Ross who was a pioneer of early photography. Jeff Harvey, a local professional photographer, will lead an interactive presentation, which aims to demonstrate how to preserve and archive your photographs – both digital, and the old-fashioned printed version.

VEX Robotics Play Sessions

Birr Library is delighted to be hosting 6 robotics play sessions for ages 8 to 12. Sessions are 1 hour long and will take place at 11.30am and 2.00pm on Tuesday 15th August, 11.30am and 2.00pm on Friday 18th August, and 11.30am and 2.00pm on Tuesday 29th August. Event is free but booking is essential, contact Birr Library on 057 91 24950 or email birrlibrary@offalycoco.ie to secure your place.

LEGO Free Play

Summer Stars Lego Free Play will take place at 11.00am on August 19th in Birr Library for ages 4+. All very welcome and no booking necessary.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 12th	10.00am	Ann (Nancy) Talbot, Seffin
Sat 12th	7.30pm	Christy & Mary Hough, Bengal Lodge Lill Roe, Clonoghill & her granddaughter Rosaleen Waters Paddy & Nancy Walsh
Sun 13th	8.30am	Teresa & Roy Breen & deceased members of the Breen & O'Hara Families Bella Coonan & Family
Sun 13th	9.30am	Pat Turner, Carrig (1st Ann) & his wife Bernadette
Sun 13th	10.30am	Tom O'Meara, Fortal (MM) Johnny Hogan, Clonoghill Lower (1st Ann)
Sun 13th	12noon	Paul Lynch, Westgate (1st Ann) Maureen & Noel Reedy, John's Mall
Mon 14th	10.00am	Michael McDonagh, Eden Road (MM)
Tues 15th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Wed 16th	10.00am	Bernadette Lally, Mcauley Drive
Thur 17th	10.00am	Jean Roycroft, Cork
Thur 17th	7.30pm	Padre Pio Mass
Fri 18th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 19th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 19th	7.30pm	Bina & Jack Walsh & Grandson Eoin Eastwood Patrick Donoghue, Bulfin Park & Ballymun
Sun 20th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 20th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 20th	10.30am	Fiona Guinan, Whiteford (1st Ann)
Sun 20th	12noon	Nora & Peter Costello, Sharavogue William & Catherine Delaney, Mile Tree son Billy & daughter Catherine (Kay) Jones

Please pray for the souls of

Margaret (Margo) Regan, Elm Park
Mary Douglas, Dunkerrin aunt of Mary Loughnane, Woodlands Drive
Rev. Irene Morrow, Cappaneale



"May you support us all the day long until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Christ Jesus, our Lord"

Feast of the Assumption Tuesday 15th August

The Feast of the Assumption invites all of us to reflect on Mary as the radical woman. Read prayerfully the **Magnificat** (see below). Here we see this woman who hungers for a new justice on earth, one that reflects the justice of God. The God who did not overlook her is the God who dethrones the mighty and exalts the lowly. Mary voices a radical protest against what we all take for granted; that the mighty will always prevail over the weak, that the well fed nations will thrive while others starve to death, that the politically strong will always occupy the thrones of power. The Assumption of Mary is a celebration of **hope**. To that **hope** we cling. In that **hope** we rejoice!

Oh Mary assumed into heaven
- inspire us as we journey
to our true homeland. Amen.

Masses August 15th

Vigil Monday 14th August

St. Patrick's, The Pike @ 6.30 p.m.
St. Coleman Kilcolman @ 8pm

Tuesday 15th August

St. Brendan's @ 10.00 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.
St Ita's Coolderry @ 10am
St. Mary's Shinrone @ 11am
St. Flannan Kinnitty @ 7pm

The Magnificat

My soul glorifies the Lord,
My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
Henceforth all generations will call me
blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.
He puts forth his arm in strength
And scatters the proud hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
And raises the lowly.
He fills the starving with good things,
Sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons for ever. Amen

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Deastógáil na Maighdine Muire/Lá Fhéile Muire san Fhómhar

An Mháirt seo chugainn Féile na Deastógála. Ar lá fhéile na Naomh Uile sa bhliain 1950 d'fhógair an Pápa Pius X11 gur deastógáladh an Mhaighdean Mhuire idir chorp agus anam chun na bhFlaitheas. Ag deireadh Chomhairle na Vatacáine 1965, d'fhógair an Pápa Pól V1 an teideal Muire Máthair na hEaglaise ar Mhuire. Sa Leabhar Breac, lámhscríbhinn an cúigiú haois déag, tugadh an teideal Muire, Máthair na hEaglaise, Neamhaí agus Talún. di. Is iad seo a leanas liosta de na teidil ar Mhuire a scríobh an file Piaras Mac Gearailt san 18ú haois.
Crann Soilse is Criostal na Críostaíochta.
Farráige na Daonnachta.
Grianán na Glóire.
Réaltán Eolais gach Seachránaigh.
Bean Réitigh na Feirge.
Seomra Séad na Suáilce.
Tuile na nGrásta;
Tonn Chlíodhna na Trócaire.
I ngaol Dé, i ngrá Dé, i dtoil Dé, i súil Dé, i rún Dé, i gcúram Dé go gcónaímid gcónaí .Áiméan.

Feast of the Assumption

Next Tuesday we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. Pope Pius X11 declared on the feast of All Saints 1950, that Our Lady was taken body and soul into heaven. Pope Paul V1 declared Our Lady Mother of the Church at the close of the Vatican Council 1965. In the 15th century manuscript Leabhar Breac Mary is given the title Mother of the Church, Heaven and Earth. The following is a list of Marian titles written by the poet Piaras Mac Gearailt in the 18th century:
Crystal tree lights of Christianity;
Sea of humanity;
Bower of glory;
Guiding star of those who stray ;
Dispeller of anger;
Path of virtue;
The flood of grace which never ebbs;
The Clíodhna wave of Mercy.
May we live in the kinship of God, in the love of God, in the will of God, in the sight of God, in the mystery of God, in the care of God.
Amen.

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