

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter Week 4

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 9th/10th September was **€2,676.00**

Mercy Primary School - Our School Lotto Fundraiser www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/mercypsbirr. Your support makes a real Difference. Jackpot increases every week plus a weekly prize. Sign up today.

Padre Pio Mass Thursday 21st @ 7.30pm

The Irish Chamber Orchestra returns to Birr - presenting Pergolesi's STABAT MATER Saturday 23rd September, 7.30pm, **St. Brendan's Church of Ireland, Oxmantown Mall, Birr**. With ANNA DEVIN soprano, SHARON CARTY mezzo-soprano. The programme also includes works by Puccini and Respighi and Van Wassenaer. Supported by BIRR FESTIVAL OF MUSIC. See www.irishchamberorchestra.com for details & booking

Adult Art Classes - Beginners & Advanced
Tuesday 19th Sept 10.00am-12.00pm
Tuesday 19th Sept 8.00pm-10.00pm
Wednesday 20th Sept 10.00am-12.00pm
100 euro for 5 weeks Contact 0873217089 or email lisaglynn50@gmail.com Eircode R42YK61 Newtown, Lusmagh, Banagher, Co. Offaly.

Birr Theatre & Arts Centre - Join us for Culture Night, 22 September Centre 7pm- Poet Eileen Casey and Photographer Jackie Lynch capture impressions of Birr town, where they were born and grew up. A short film featuring photography and poetry offers new insights into the landscape of Birr. 8pm, we welcome Karin Leitner, flautist, performing from a selection of her own compositions to Irish ballads and well known music from film scores.

Book your Free Seat now

Tractor Run - Tractor & vintage car run In Lorrha October 8th at 12 n starting at 1.30 In aid of **MILFORD HOSPICE N LAURA LYNN** Auction and raffle on the day Phone: ANN 087 9625218 MADELEINE 087 1651826

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 16th	10.00am	Mass of hope for those bereaved (Midland Living Links) Seamus Hoban, Dublin
Sat 16th	7.30pm	Hughie Doyle, Croghan Road (MM) Bridie Parkinson, The Terrace (MM) Daniel Shortt, Fairview (MM) Bernadette Kirwan, Ballindarra (1st Ann) Ita Burrows, England & Eden Road (1st Ann) & her husband Martin Deceased Members of the Doyle Family Tom Pardy, High Street Marie Saunders (nee) Kelly, Cheltenham & Pound Street,
Sun 17th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 17th	9.30am	Tim Carey, Barncourt Carrig
Sun 17th	10.30am	Michael Hansbury Snr
Sun 17th	12noon	Joe Conroy, Woodfield & Birr Nursing Unit (MM) Agatha Cooney, John's Mall (1st Ann) Carmel Danagher, Castletown Cross
Mon 18th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 19th	10.00am	Sarah Purcell, High Street
Wed 20th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thur 21st	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thurs 21st	7.30pm	Padre Pio Mass
Fri 22nd	10.00am	Jim & Bridget Flynn, George Flynn & Family
Sat 23rd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 23rd	7.30pm	Kay Donoghue, Mcauley Drive (MM) & her son Jimmy Donohue Laura Smith, Seffin (1st Ann) Christie Spain, Church Street (1st Ann) Eamon Pardy, Ashbrook Drive Sheila Jennings, Grove Street Frankie Hanlon
Sun 24th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 24th	9.30am	Nell Doorley, Loughkeen Carrig Quinn Family, Lacka
Sun 24th	10.30am	Patrick O'Meara Margaret Merritt & O'Doherty Family Mary Neilan, Springfield & husband John Gerry Garahy, Mile Tree
Sun 24th	12noon	Phil Murphy (MM) & her husband Cyril Rachel Spain, Corr Na Meala Patrick O'Gorman & the O'Gorman Families Josephine & Ted Nealon Philomena McNamara, Elmgrove

Birr Review

This year's **Birr Review** is currently being finalised. If you would like to have a picture of a parishioner who has passed away since 1 November 2022 included, please send it and accompanying details to birrreview@gmail.com. Similarly, for parishioners who have been married or celebrated their 20th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th or 60th wedding anniversary since 1 November 2022, please send all pictures and accompanying details to: birrreview@gmail.com.

For Broken Trust

Sometimes there is an invisible raven
That will fly low to pierce the shell of trust
When it has been brought near to ground.

When he strikes, he breaks the faith of years
That had built quietly through the seasons
In the rhythm of tried and tested experience.

With one strike, the shelter is down
And the back yoke of truth turned false
Would poison the garden of memory.

Now the heart's dream turns to requiem,
Offering itself a poultice of tears
To cleanse from loss what cannot be lost.

Through all the raw and awkward days,
Dignity will hold the heart to grace
Lest it squander its dream on a ghost.

Often torn ground is ideal for seed
That can take root disappointment deep enough
To yield a harvest that cannot wither:

A deeper light to anoint the eyes,
Passion that opens wings in the heart,
A subtle radiance of countenance:
The soul ready for its true other.

John O'Donoghue

Please pray for the souls of

MarieSaunders (nee) Kelly, Cheltenham & Pound Street, Sister of Johnny Kelly, Glebe Street

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"

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Aire do Chruthú Dé

Le tamall anuas cloisimid sna meáin chumarsáide faoi thubaistí nádúrtha atá ag tarlú ar fud na cruinne. De réir na saineolaithe is é an cine daonna faoi ndear roinnt mhaith díobh seo. Mar sin ba cheart dúinn gach iarracht a dhéanamh chun iad a mhaolú. Chruthaigh Dia an domhan dúinn chun maireachtáil inti le cruthaitheacht agus freagracht. Ina imlitir Laudato Si, impíonn an Pápa Proinsias orainn ár nósanna a athrú toisc an scrios atá déanta againn don domhan trí mhí-úsáid. Is í Éire an tír is mó san Eoraip le dramhaíl phlaisteach. De réir na staitisticí is déanaí téann 13 milliún tonna plaisteach isteach i bhfarraigí an domhain gach bliain agus tógann éisc, éanlaith agus orgánaigh eile iad isteach ina gcoirp gan trácht ar an díobháil don duine. Is féidir linn gearradh siar ar an méid dramhaíl a chaithimid i dtraipisí gach aon lá. Ní foláir dúinn machnamh ar Laudato Si.

Minister of God's Creation

We hear and read daily of weather related disasters worldwide. According to the experts, these are the result of first world lifestyles. We ought to make every effort to redress the harm done. God created the world for us to live in it creativity and responsibility. In his Encyclical Laudato Si, Pope Francis invites us to change our habits. Ireland has the most plastic waste in Europe. According to the latest statistics, 13 million tons of plastic go into the world's seas every year. Fish, birds and other organisms take this into their bodies and so it enters the food chain. We can dramatically reduce our use of plastic and other pollutants. Let us reflect on Laudato Si.

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