

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter Week 2

Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 18/19th November was **€2,514.00**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Birr's S.V.P

Annual Collection takes place on the 2/3rd December. Your support is greatly appreciated especially in these difficult times.

Christmas Mass Bouquets are now available from the Parish Office. €5 each
Pack of 6 Christmas Cards also available from Parish office. €5 each

Birr Historical Society - Monday 4th December @ 8pm County Arms Hotel. Illustrated talk on the social history of Birr from its days as Parsonstown, Kings County up to the 21st century by Paul Barber. All welcome.

Carrig Riverstown & Killeen Drama Group will perform 'Out of Order' written by Ray Cooney on the 1st 2nd and 3rd of December 2023 at Carrig and Riverstown Community Hall. This hilarious comedy, directed by Brendan Hanamy, promises to be an enjoyable night out for anyone attending. Tickets are on sale for €10 and are available by contacting 089 4042517.

Christmas Market in Memory Lane Courtyard Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd December 11am to 5pm both days. All welcome

The Rosary will be recited in Carrig Cemetery on Sunday 26th Nov at 2,30pm. All Welcome.

Mary's Meals Christmas Gifts Campaign

With the cost of living crisis, times are that bit harder for us all. The Global School Feeding Movement Mary's Meals have launched our Christmas Gifts Campaign - giving gifts that have a real and tangible impact on those in need. From as little as €5.50, which will provide 50 meals for children in their place of education, we can play our part in changing the lives of those most in need. Visit marysmeals.ie to download a gift today or call 01-8535163/089-4339592.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 25th	10.00am	Joe & Phil Shortt, Bulfin Pak & Annie Shortt, Killeen
Sat 25th	7.30pm	Bessie Loughnane, Woodlands Joe Daly, Clonkelly Sheila Murdock Presentation Place & her dad Bill Dwyer Eddie Coughlan & his parents Teresa & Paddy Coughlan & William The O'Meara Family Clonkelly & the Mahon Family, Grove Street John & Sean Coakley, Syngefield
Sun 26th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 26th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 26th	10.30am	Michael & Agnes Parkinson & son Cronan, The Crescent Annie & Paddy Mannion, Clonoghill Bobby Sheils, Whiteford Bernie Sheeran, William Street Jack & Peggy Mc Donagh, Dublin
Sun 26th	12noon	Mary Burke, Burke's Hill (1st Ann) Frank, Josephine & Dolores Higgins Joe & Delia Barry & sons Gerry, Des & David Oliver Craughwell, his parents & sisters
Mon 27th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 28th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Wed 29th	10.00am	John McCarthy & daughters Celine & Lorraine Frank & Carmel Egan, Glebe Street
Wed 29th	7.30pm	Ecumenical Service
Thurs 30th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Fri 1st	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 2nd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 2nd	7.30pm	Carmel & Liam Ryan, Killeen
Sun 3rd	8.30am	Michael Maher, Crinkill Willie & Kathleen Kinsella, Beech Villa
Sun 3rd	9.30am	Rynagh, Susan & Martin Byrne, Killeen
Sun 3rd	10.30am	John & Bea Irwin, Syngefield Chris & Seamus Kennedy, Emmett Street
Sun 3rd	12 noon	Roma Gilmartin, John's Mall (MM) Virginia Duffy, Woodlands Drive (1st Ann) Kathleen (Kay) Jones nee Delaney, Mile Tree (1st Ann) Eileen Ryan, Newbridge Street Gerard Wynne, Hillside & his Parents Matthew & May

Please pray for the souls of

Tony White, Banagher father of Ethna White, Supervalu Birr
Joan Morrissey, Roscrea sister of Danny Shortt, Fairview



St Brendan's Feast Day

November 29th special ecumenical gathering with music song & prayer will take place **Wednesday @ 7.30pm** in **St. Brendan's Wilmer Road**



Sacramental Masses

We welcome the children from **Crinkill N.S.** who will be participating in 7.30pm Mass, and the **Mercy P.S.** who will be participating in 10.30am Mass



Mercy Primary School Choir

Our sincere thank you to the girl's from **Mercy Primary School** and their teachers for their involvement with the Three Tenors concert last weekend. They stole the show with their singing

Birr GAA Figure Dancers

Comhghairdeas to the Figure dancing team that won the All Ireland competition in Scor at the recent finals Rince Foirne in Dublin. A fantastic Achievement after years of hard work and dedication. The team **Eimear Teehan, Sarah Teehan, Aisling Sammon, Tara Sequin, Sarah Cooke, Kathy Dermondy, Aoife Maher & Aoife Gilligan**

Bikeathon

Following the success of last years bikeathon organised by "Birr churches Together". It will take place again this year on **December 8th/9th from 8am to 8pm** Venue **Emmett Square** individuals, sports clubs, cycling groups are invited to take a slot cycling on a stationery bike for 20 min period. Funds raised will be donated to local charities "Birr Vincent de Paul, Offaly Healthy Homes, Avista Chesterfield Close, Birr Home hospice care To book a slot please contact Canon Arthur Minion 086-8251065

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Sollúntacht Chríost Rí na nUile.

Sollúntacht Chríost Rí na nUile. Ceiliúrtar Sollúntacht Chríost Rí na nUile ar an Domhnach deireanach den Bhliain Liotúrgach. Is é an Pápa Pius XI a thionscain an tSollúntacht ina imlitr Quas Primas sa bhliain 1925 chun cosc a chur le fás dí-eaglaisiú ar fud an domhain. Chríochnaigh beatha Íosa ar an gCros. Tugaimid onóir dó inniu mar Rí Aiséirithe. Tugann an teideal Rí eolas ar leith dúinn faoi Íosa. Is é sin go seasann sé do mhórgacht. Is é an fhoinsé is fearr maitheasa, solas agus dóchas i ndomhan dorcha. Le páirt a bheith againn i ríocht Dé, seasaimis ar son ionracais, an ceart agus an fhírinne. Is é an Tiarna é, Rí na nUile agus Rí na Cruinne. Is fiú dúinn machnamh a dhéanamh ar dheireadh ama. Toisc gur Críost an ceannródaí atá orainn, bímis lán de dhóchas agus de mhisneach. Tháinig Críost ar an saol chun an fhírinne a nochtadh agus eolas na slí chun a Ríochta a léiriú dúinn. Tá saol síoraí agus glóir ag fanacht don lucht creidimh agus don lucht dóchais atá dílis d'Íosa Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá inniu: Is é Íosa mo Rí-se, mo chara is mo ghrá; Is é Íosa mo dhéan ar pheaca is ar bhás. A Chroí Naofa Íosa go dtaga do ríocht. Áimeán

Feast of Christ the King

The Feast of Christ the King is celebrated on the final Sunday of the Liturgical Year. Pope Pius XI decreed in his Encyclical Quas Primas in 1925, that the Solemnity should be marked in response to growing secularism which was prevalent throughout the world. Jesus died on the Cross. We honour Him today as the Risen Christ the King. The title King informs us that Jesus Christ represents Majesty and is Lord of all. He is the source of goodness, light and hope in a world of darkness. As part of His kingdom, let us stand for integrity, right and truth.

It is good to meditate on the Day of Judgment. Because Christ is our leader and guide we are full of hope and courage. Christ came among us to reveal the truth and to lead us to heaven. Everlasting life and glory await those who follow Christ in hope and are faithful to Him. We might say this prayer today: Jesus my King, my friend and my beloved; Jesus my protection from sin and death. Sacred Heart of Jesus may your Kingdom come. Amen

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