

BIRR PARISH

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Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 6/7th January was **€2,375.00**

Tax Back Scheme

All who donate €250 or above and pay tax can avail of a tax back refund for the parish by signing the CHY3 form available from the Parish office you may signed up previously and it may need to be updated

Envelope Collections

This year's boxes containing the envelopes for the **Parish Development Fund, Priests' Collection** and other annual collections are now available for distribution. Distributors are asked to collect their boxes from the Conference Room after Mass. It must be noted that not every area has a distributor and some boxes will remain undistributed. If you do not receive a box and would like one, please contact the Parish Office.

Birr Historical Society, Monday 15th January, 8.00pm, County Arms Hotel. Illustrated talk by Architect/Town Planner Fergus Mc Cabe & Photographer Paul Moore on Public Sculptures in Offaly with an emphasis on Birr. All Welcome

Padre Pio Mass Thursday 18th January @ 7.30pm

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Jan 18th - 25th

At 7.30pm on Thursday 18th January there will be a service in **St Mary's Church of Ireland Shinrone R42 WD83** to mark the beginning of The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Fr Hogan has kindly accepted my invitation to preach at it and I hope we can welcome many from The Brendan Cluster that evening. *Rev James Wallace, Shinrone.*

Churches together in Birr - Christian Unity week service Friday January 19th Oxmantown Mall @ 7.30pm
 "You should love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself"

Please pray for the souls of **Rodger Hughes**, Tuam, uncle of Henry Haverty, Moorpark Street



Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 13th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 13th	7.30pm	Ann & John Sherlock, Killeen Jim & Molly Brien Tom & Mary Ryan, Seffin Tommy & Mary Brummell & Son Tony, The Crescent
Sun 14th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 14th	9.30am	Ted Sullivan & Son Séan, Ballagh Carrig
Sun 14th	10.30am	James Hehir (MM), The Terrace Crinkill Elizabeth O'Meara Patrick & Margaret O'Meara Michael & Nora Grennan, Crinkill Bridget Sheeran, William Street Aherne & Dunne Family, Townsend Street Joe & Kitty Dooley, Lisheen
Sun 14th	12noon	Helen Liffey, Camp Hill Carrig on Suir (MM) & dad Geoff Liffey, Hillside Donal Ryan, Dublin Jimmy Lally, Dove Grove Gerry & Agnes O'Brien, West Gate Seán Whyte, Arraghmore, Carrig
Mon 15th	10.00am	Peter McGrath, Presentation Place
Tues 16th	10.00am	Sarah Murphy, Pound Street
Wed 17th	10.00am	Michael & Margaret Quinn, son William, Noel, Pat & Brendan and daughter Margaret & Josephine brother in law Jimmy Hayes & Michael Cleare
Thurs 18th	10.00am	Ellen & James Feehily & daughter Ann
Thurs 18th	7.30pm	Padre Pio Mass
Fri 19th	10.00am	John & Bridget Doyle, Drumbane
Sat 20th	10.00am	Phil McDermott, Walcot John Smyth, Connaught Street
Sat 20th	7.30pm	Liam Martin, Cappaneale Evelyn Bell, Townsend Street & her parents Michael & Margaret Pardy Jack Ryan, The Terrace Crinkle Kathleen Loughnane, Tullamore Rd
Sun 21st	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 21st	9.30am	Eleanor & Patrick O' Neill, Kinnitty Carrig Thomas, Mary T & Maretta White, Carrig
Sun 21st	10.30am	Rita Scully, Fortal
Sun 21st	12 noon	Kitty Whelan (1st Ann) & husband Kevin , mother of Patricia Ryan, Golfinks Geraldine Bergin, Emmett Street James McCarthy, Drumbane Michael & Sheila Carter, Bulfin Park John Claffey, Moorpark Street & the Claffey Family Lucy & Edward Hogan, Townsend St Daughters Sheila Hogan & Ciss Cashen, Ciss Hogan Florence & Jim Guilfoyle, Townsend St



Catholic Schools Week will take place from Sunday 21st January to Saturday 27th January on the theme of Catholic schools as communities of Service. We acknowledge the pivotal role our schools play in our community and in the nurturing Gospel values with our children.

Thursday January 25th St. Brendan's Boy's school will participate in the 10am Mass

Friday 26th Mercy P.S will participate in the 10am Mass as part of Catholic schools week.

Pastoral Council Meeting will take place Monday 29th January @ 7.30pm in the conference room to the rear of the church

Home Respite Care Worker/Community Employment Scheme 19.5 Hours per week based in Birr. To qualify for CE participant must be over 21 and be in receipt of social welfare payment for one year or more. Ref: Caring in Offaly CE Scheme 2316251. Contact Alison Hackett at 086 0213711 for further information.

New season - Film@BirrTheatre resumes every Thursday 8pm, commencing with the adorable title, Driving Madeline. Historical Entertainer Paddy Cullivan brings you the incredible story of the death of Ireland's first Commander-in-Chief. An audio-visual spectacular featuring hundreds of images, shocking new research and incredible songs. The Murder Of Michael Collins. Sat 20 Jan 8pm.
www.birrtheatre.com

Parishioners who wish to use the weekly envelopes. Packets will be available on weekend of 20/21st January

Medjugorje Pilgrimage - Fully escorted trip
 Direct return flights from Dublin
 17th - 24th July 2024 €745.00
 Price increase to €795 after 2nd February
 7 night pilgrimage with Phil Robinson
 Spiritual Director - Fr. Tom Hannon

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne Paidreacha - Prayers

Paidir chuig an Aingeal Comhdeachta Prayer to your Angel Guardian

Oh, Angel of God, my guardian dear
 To whom God's love commits me here
 Ever this day be at my side to light and guard,
 rule and guide.

Amen

Altú Roimh Bhia./Grace before meals.

Bless us, O God, as we sit together,
 Bless the food we eat today,
 Bless the hands that made the food,
 Bless us, O God.

Amen

An Memorare.

Cuimhnigh, a Mhaighdean Mhuire róghrámhar, nár chualathas trácht ar aon duine riamh a chuir é féin faoi do choimirce ná a d'iarr cabhair ort ná a d'impigh d'idirghuí is gur theip tú air. Lán de mhúinín asat, dá bhrí sin, rithimse chugat, a Mhaighdean na Maighdean is a Mháthair. Is chugatsa a thagaim, is os do chomhair a sheasaim, i mo pheacach bocht atuirseach. Ó a Mháthair an Aonmhic, ná diúltaigh do m'urnaithe ach éist leo go trócaireach agus freagair iad. Áiméan

The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Paidir Naomh Micheál/ Prayer to Saint Michael

St. Michael the Archangel,
 defend us in battle.
 Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
 May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
 and do thou,
 O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
 by the power of God,
 thrust into hell Satan,
 and all the evil spirits,
 who prowl about the world
 seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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