

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 20/21st January was **€2,612.00**

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

Direct Debit

If people wish, they can do so by lodging directly to the parish bank account.

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Pastoral Council Meeting - The four pastoral councils from the Brendan Pastoral Area are invited to a gathering on Monday 29th January @ 7.30pm in the Conference room to the rear of the church. An input and discussion will be led by Fr. Eugene Duffy

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
Contact - 086 3956299

Spiritual Director - Fr. Tom Hannon

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE- Fully escorted trip. Flights direct from Dublin. 28th August-4th September 2024. €785.00 (€835 after 2nd Feb24)
More information, contact: Marie Fogarty 087) 2826088
Spiritual Director: Fr. Tom Hannon.

OFFALY PRO LIFE

On Monday January 29th at 7pm in Doolys Hotel Offaly Pro Life Campaign are hosting a meeting to examine how abortion is impacting on peoples lives especially the lives of women. Senator Ronan Mullen B.L. , Vicky Wall from 'Every Life Counts' & other Pro Life Speakers will address the meeting .Please come along, there's no charge.

Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Active Retirement Group are organising a trip to Killarney via Gleneagle coaches from 7th April - 10th April €329.00 p.p.s. 3 nights bed & breakfast and dinner each evening. Contact Mary -087-1264925

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 27th	10.00am	Tom Cooke, Birr Community Nursing Unit & Crinkle (MM) Helen Coughlan, Crinkle
Sat 27th	7.30pm	Michael Mulrooney, John's Place (1st Ann) Michael & Patricia Fallon, John's Place Carmel Moore, Meadowville Leon Maloney Coughlan Elizabeth & Michael Lally, Presentation Place & all deceased members of the Lally Family
Sun 28th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 28th	9.30am	Michael Maher, Clonfinane Carrig
Sun 28th	10.30am	Hogan Family, Newbridge Street Paddy Hamilton, Westgate Daniel & Bridget Hogan, Mount Palmer
Sun 28th	12noon	Gerry Dolan, Wilmer Road (MM) Concepta Cooke & her husband Sean, Grove Street Thomas (Tucker) Pardy, Chapel Lane Maureen & Patrick Maher, The Terrace Crinkle Eamonn Connolly, Burkes Hill & deceased members of the Connolly Family
Mon 29th	10.00am	John & Sheila O' Meara, Rathcabbin
Tues 30th	10.00am	No Mass due to ESB outage
Wed 31st	10.00am	May Sherlock
Thurs 1st	10.00am	Private Intentions
Fri 2nd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 3rd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 3rd	7.30pm	Sheila & Paddy O' Callaghan, Moorpark Street Eileen Cahill, Bulfin Park Noel, Joan & Coleman Corboy, Clonkelly
Sun 4th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 4th	9.30am	William Taylor, Clohaskin (1st Ann) wife Mary & Son Bill Taylor
Sun 4th	10.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 4th	12 noon	Mary Jordan, Burkes Hill Cole, Mahony & Jordan Families

Please pray for the souls of

Michael McCarthy, Ballinasloe
Anthony Dunne, Sandymount Unit Birr Community Nursing Unit & Kinnitty
James Dooley, Camcor Unit Birr Community Nursing unit & Kinnitty



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Sacramental Masses

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



Candlemas Day

February 2nd Friday next is the Feast of the Presentation Candlemas Day . Traditionally on this day candles are blessed for use at home and in church . People have very generously donated candles for Church use. Benediction candles are the most suitable (Blessed candle). This also is a day of prayer for religious women and men.

Prayer for Religious

'Being for others' is the core vision of their lives.

'Being for others' follows a life of radical simplicity lived in a vowed promise of freedom.

'Being for others' follows a single-hearted love that is inclusive of all, especially the poor.

'Being for others' follows a shared community life of service, availability and hospitality.

'Being for others' follows a communal discernment and prayer of quiet stillness and silence.

'Being for others' follows new ways to be credible and convincing witnesses of the Gospel.

'Being for others' follows like Mary, the suffering sword which is heart-rending and painful.

'Being for others' follows and believes in the faithful promise of a God who visits his people.

May we 'be for others' as a kind and gentle light in dark times of doubt and fear.

John Cullen

St Blaise Feast day February 3rd

Saint Blaise lived in the 4th century at a very difficult time for Christians under the emperor Diocletian. Christians were persecuted resulting in thousands of executions. Blaise was a Bishop in present day Armenia and eventually was executed by the authorities. The tradition of having our throats blessed on his Feast day has continued because of his kindness to a child who was choking with a fish bone.

"Through the intercession of St Blaise Bishop and martyr may you be free of sickness of the throat and takeaway the evil through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Naomh Bríd

Ceiliúrtar Lá Fhéile Bríde ar an Déardaoin seo chugainn an chéad lá de mhí Feabhra. Lá speisialta ar fud na hÉireann is ea é. Tá cáil ar Naomh Bríd mar gheall ar a féile, a carthanacht agus a cúram do na heasláin. Ba mhaith lena hathair cleamhnas a dhéanamh di ach theastaigh uaithe a maighdeanas a choisreacan do Dhia. Mar a rinne Naomh Pádraig, bhain Bríd úsáid as an nádúr mórtimpeall uirthi le teagasc a thabhairt faoi Íosa. D'úsáid sí brobh luachra le cros a dhéanamh, agus tá an nós seo againn in Éirinn go dtí an lá atá inniu ann. Feictear na crosa i dtithe ar fud an domhain. Is é seo a leanas an phaidir a deirtear ag beannú na gcros:

Go raibh beannacht an Athar, an Mhic agus an Spioraid Naoimh ar na crosa seo, ar na háiteanna ina bhfuil siad agus ar gach duine a fhéachann orthu.

Saint Brigid

The feast of Saint Brigid is celebrated next Thursday 1 February. A special day in Ireland. Saint Brigid was famous for her hospitality, charity, and care of the sick. Her father wanted her to marry but she wanted to consecrate her life to God. Like Saint Patrick, Brigid used nature to teach about Jesus. She made a cross from rushes and this custom has prevailed in Ireland. St. Brigid's crosses are to be seen in houses throughout the world. This prayer can be said to Saint Brigid to bless The Cross.



May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless these crosses, the places where they are kept and everyone who sees them. Amen.