

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 27/28th January was **€2,738.00**

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.

BIC - BOFIE2D
IBAN - IE40BOFI90167724940777

Cookery Course in Carrig Hall - Wednesday 7th, 14th & 21st February from 7-9pm. All welcome

Midland Living Links supporting those bereaved by suicide. Coffee Morning 6th February, Conference room in St. Brendan's Church after 10.00 a.m. mass. All welcome.

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.

Birr Flower & Garden Club - Meeting Tuesday 6th February in Doolys Hotel @ 8pm. Peter Whyte will give a talk on Sustainable Gardening. All Welcome. Annual membership €45 now due. Non members €10

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 3rd	10.00am	Tessie Creamer, Mill Street
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 Carrig	9.30am	Bill Taylor, Clohaskin (1st Ann) also remembering his wife Mary & Son William
Sun 4th	10.30am	Billy Kirwan, Newbridge Street Agnes Sheils, High Street
Sun 4th	12noon	Mary Jordan, Burkes Hill Cole, Mahony & Jordan Families Martin Connolly, Fairview
Mon 5th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 6th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Wed 7th	10.00am	James McEvoy, Presentation Place (MM)
Thurs 8th	10.00am	Mary Morris, Johns Place
Fri 9th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 10th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 10th	7.30pm	Dessie Kirwan, McAuley Drive (1st Ann) Patrick Dwane, Eden Road Susie Pardy, Seffin
Sun 11th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 11th Carrig	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 11th	10.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 11th	12 noon	Mary & Johnny Mann, New Road

Please pray for the souls of

Noelie Stapelton (nee) Ryan, sister of the late Mary Sheils, Whiteford
Colleen Taylor, Wythenshaw, Manchester sister in law of Bridget Fox, Bulfin Park & Family



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"

February Priests Collection will be taken up at all masses next weekend 10/11th February. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity to this collection.

**Sponsored by
Anonymous**

Every Day God

In our resting
In our rising
In our hoping
In our waiting
In our dreaming
In our daring
In our searching
In our sharing
God of laughter....
God of sorrow....
Home and shelter....
Strong and patient
Star of the morning
Timeless healer
Flame eternal
Moon of evening
Word of gladness
Word of mercy
Word of friendship
Word of challenge
Gentle Father
Faithful Brother
Tender Sister
Loving Mother
Our beginning
Our enduring
Our unfolding
Journey's ending
Alleluia
Now and always
Alleluia
Through all ages

Spring Prayer



Spring is a metaphor for change. Some changes we eagerly await, and some we abhor. Some changes we plan and others arrive uninvited. To all these changes we ask the gift of Your perspective beckoning us to expectation, hope, and rebirth.

May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too.

Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this Spring. Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Mí Feabhra

Mí Feabhra, mí na Féile Bríde, mí na n-uan, mí an Charghais, mí na dTrí Shíon – báisteach, gaoth agus sneachta. Tá laethanta gruama an Gheimhridh thart. Seo í tréimhse na bliana ina mbíonn borradh agus fás faoi na plandaí agus cheana féin, tá na plúiríní sneachta, na crócas agus lus an chromchinn os cionn talún.

I mí Feabhra, bí linn a Thiarna agus go dtugaimis moladh agus glóir duit de shíor. Áiméan

Ar an Déardaoin comórfar Lá Fhéile Bríde, lá speisialta ar fud na hÉireann. 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 mórthimpeall 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."

February

February, St Brigid's month, the beginning of Spring, month of the lambs, month of three kinds of weather: rain wind and snow. The gloomy days of Winter are over. This is the time of year when the plants thrive and grow and already the snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils are above ground.

Lord, be with us during the month of February and may we praise and glorify you forever. Amen

The feast of Saint Bridget is celebrated on Thursday. A special day in Ireland. Saint Bridget 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, Bridget 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 Bridget:

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