

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter Week 3

Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 24/25th February was **€2,640.00**

Birr Historical Society - County Arms Hotel

Monday 11th March @ 8pm. Illustrated talk by Christy Cunniffe retired Community Archaeologist "would you recognise a Saint if you met one? An examination of Saintly attributes as depicted in Medieval and Early Modern Art

Stations of the Cross every Wednesday after 10am Mass in St. Brendan's

The Rosary will be recited on Sunday mornings in the Church of the Annunciation Carrig during lent @ 9am.

Temporary Pledge for Lent - People interested in taking the temporary pledge for Lent please contact the Parish Office

Midland Living Links - Coffee Morning Tues 5th March after 10am Mass in the Conference room. **All welcome.**

Birr Flower & Garden Club - Enjoy an evening of Easter Flowers, with Melanie Harris Aoifa Demonstrator. Tuesday 5th March @ 8pm in Dooly's Hotel Non-members €10.00

Birr Stage Guild return to Birr Theatre & Arts Centre with 2024's comedy musical offering, **The Addams Family. Tues, 12 March – Sat, 16 March, 8pm with matinee performance, Sat 2.30pm.** www.birrtheatre.com

Banagher Drama Group presents - "Don't Dress for Dinner" by Marc Camoletti and Robin Hawdon and directed by Brendan Hanamy in St. Rynagh's College of Further Education @8pm on Thursday 7th, Friday 8th, Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th March 2024. Booking essential phone or text the booking line : (087) 477 8492 open 5-7pm daily.'

We have European students arriving in Birr to attend school and live with a host family. We are looking for host families to welcome students into their homes. To find out more about the benefits and €€€ of becoming a host family, please contact Miriam on 087 646 3341 or miriam@mlcireland.ie

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 2nd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 2nd	7.30pm	Elizabeth Maher, Crinkle Martin McCarthy, Clonoghill Lower Mossie Kelly, New Road Tony Kelly, Cappaneale & deceased members of the Kelly Family, New Road Tom O' Meara, Beech Avenue James & Margaret Horan, Beech Avenue
Sun 3rd	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 3rd	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 3rd	10.30am	Agnes Pearson, The Rocks
Sun 3rd	12 noon	Sophia Scully, Meadowbrook (1st Ann) Paddy & Annie Kennedy, Fortal Patrick & Josephine Kelly Gail Kelly, Sr. Josephine Kelly Pat O' Malley James Flynn, Chapel Lane
Mon 4th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 5th	10.00am	Terry Masterson & Paddy Guinan Frank Coughlan, New Road & Hunt Family, Sligo
Wed 6th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thurs 7th	10.00am	Maureen Plunkett, High Street Mary Mooney & Kieran Mooney
Fri 8th	10.00am	Patricia Fitzpatrick, High St (1st Ann) Bernadette Sherlock
Sat 9th	10.00am	Teresa Shortt, her parents Daniel & Elizabeth, brothers John & Tom Willie & Bridget Shortt, Seffin
Sat 9th	7.30pm	Michael & Kathleen Regan & sons David & Alan, High Street Dick Welsh & son The Sarge, High Street Baby Sheila Cash, Daingean Road Jack Roberts & Family, Birr & Crinkill Tommy & Cella Errity & deceased family members
Sun 10th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 10th	9.30am	Geoff Harding
Sun 10th	10.30am	Mary Touhey & Joanna Touhey Bridget Doyle & Marian McCarthy Patricia Shelly, Cornhill Brendan & Margaret Hutchinson & Family Ellen Doyle Baby Sheila Cash, Daingean Road
Sun 10th	12 noon	John Fay, Mossfield, Clareen Paddy & Elsie Gillen Betty & Laurence Nee Jim Normile Ann & William Hough, Townsend St Dick Johnston, Military Road Jimmy & Annie King, Glebe Street

Daily Lenten messages from Bishop Fintan

Brief daily reflections from Bishop Fintan will be available on social media platforms for Lent, Holy Week & Easter <https://www.youtube.com/@BishopFintanMonahan>

First Reconciliation Service

Tuesday 5th March @ 7.30pm Killeen N.S. Parish Preparation Programme & Carrig N.S.

Wednesday 6th March @ 7.30pm St. Brendan's P.S. & Mercy P.S.

Thursday 7th March @ 7.30pm Crinkill N.S.

Reflection

**God of our longing
hear our prayers
Protect our dreams
and listen to our silent hopes.
Deal gently with our pain
speak to our sadness
and remove the barriers
that imprison our spirit.**

**Shed your light
where shadows are cast
that we may feel your warmth
and know your presence.**

**Give us courage to
hold fast to our vision
that we may build our world
following your dream
and create a future of love.**

Cafod (adapted)

Carrig and Riverstown Development Association

are holding their AGM in the Community Hall in Carrig on Friday 1st March 2024 at 8pm. Our guest speaker will be Tony Dargan who will give a presentation on 3 topics:- 1. Interesting local photos which did not make it into the 'Smaointe' book. 2. A project he is working on at the moment - The Story of Erin. 3. The History of the Parish of Loughreen - For publication in 2026. All are welcome to attend or to consider joining our active committee.

Please pray for the souls of

Michael Gleeson, Late of Killeen, died in Cork
Marie Madden, Eyrecourt, sister of Emily Quigley, Riverstown
John Kinnarney, Freagh, Kilcormac
Mick Brereton, Shinrone & Birr Community Nursing unit
Lucy Antony, Kerala India, mother of Lija Antony, Ballyloughane Riverstown



Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Mí an Mhárta

D'fhágamar slán le Mí Feabhra an Déardaoin seo caite agus cuirimid fáilte roimh mhí an Mhárta, mí an fheirmeora, mí na sailchuaiche, mí na hathbheochana, mí na Féile Pádraig. I mí an Mhárta bí linn a Thiarna.

Dul faoi Lámh Easpaig.

Ag an am seo den bhliain bíonn an tEaspaig Fiontán an-ghnóthach mar tá daltaí bunscoile i Rang V1 cóineartaithe nó ag ullmhú le dul faoi lámh Easpaig. Is mór an ócáid é seo i saol an duine óig agus tá sé de dhualgas orainn cabhrú leo lenár bpaidreacha Leagann an tEaspaig a lámha ar na hiarrthóirí go léir mar chomhartha an Spiorad Naomh ag teacht chucu. Guíonn sé '

A Dhia uilechumhachtaigh, Athair ár dTiarna Íosa Críost, shaor tú do chlann anseo ón pheaca, le huisce agus leis an Spiorad Naomh, agus bhronn tú beatha nua orthu. Tabhair dóibh an Spiorad Naomh, a Thiarna, mar threoraí agus mar shólásaí. Tabhair dóibh spiorad na heagna agus na tuisceana, spiorad an bhreithiúnais agus an nirt, spiorad an eolais agus an ghrá, spiorad na hurraime duit féin. Sin é ár nguí chugat trí Chríost ár dTiarna. Go bhfana na daltaí dílis do Chríost le linn a saol agus go dtaga bláth orthu ina gcreideamh go háirithe ina ndílseacht d'Aifreann an Domhnaigh agus do na sacraimintí. Áiméan

Month of March

We said good bye to the month of February on Thursday and we greet the month of March month busy for the farmer, month of the violets, month of new life, month of St. Parick. Be with us Lord in the month of March.

At this time of the year Bishop Fintan is very busy as pupils in primary schools receive the sacrament Confirmation. This is a wonderful occasion for children and we ought to support them with our prayers. The Bishop extends his hands over the candidates as a sign of the sending down of the Holy Spirit and then he prays '

All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.' May they remain faithful to Christ during their lives and grow in faith and be faithful to attending Sunday Mass and the reception of the sacraments. Amen.

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