

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter Week 4

Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 2/3rd March was **€2,197.10**

Easter Mass Bouquets now available from the Parish office contribution of €5.00. Thank you.

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 Saintry 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

Carrig N.S is holding a cake sale on Sunday 10th March after the 9.30am Mass in Carrig in the Carrig Community Hall. All welcome

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

Thank you Nurture Africa Collection - An amazing €705 was raised last weekend for Nurture Africa. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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We welcome Bishop Fintan to St. Brendan's Pastoral area on Tuesday March 12th @ 7.30pm in the conference room St. Brendan's for his meeting with the chairpersons of the four pastoral councils, the priests of the pastoral area and the chairperson of the Cluster pastoral council in planning ahead.

Remembered in Mass this Week

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	Patricia Ryan & Elizabeth Ryan Cora Ryan
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 Jack Murray, Ballindarra
Mon 11th	10.00am	Michael White, Lacka
Tues 12th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Wed 13th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thurs 14th	10.00am	Corcoran Family, Claud, Eva, Deirdre, Caroline & Eva's sister May Mooney
Fri 15th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 16th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 16th	7.30pm	Dan Shortt, Fairview (MM) John & Frances Hoare & sister Josephine Grimes
Sun 17th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 17th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 17th	10.30am	Helen Hogan, Killeen Martin & Teresa Freeman & daughter Lorraine Byrne Arthur Elliott, Irishtown
Sun 17th	12 noon	Michael Mongan, Mill Brook Park (1st Ann)

Please pray for the souls of

Anne Dwyer, Hollypark, Birr
Ivor Corboy Banks, School Street, Crinkle
Bridget Daly, Glasson, sister of Martin Walsh, Military Road



HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

March 10th Mother's Day

"Mothers are like buttons they hold everything together"

Her Hands

Her hands held me gently from the day I took my first breath. Her hands helped to guide me as I took my first step. Her hands held me close when the tears would start to fall. Her hands were quick to show me that she would take care of it all.

Her hands were there to brush my hair, or straighten a wayward bow. Her hands were often there to comfort the hurts that didn't always show. Her hands helped hold the stars in place, and encouraged me to reach. Her hands would clap and cheer and praise when I captured them at length.

Her hands would also push me, though not down or in harm's way. Her hands would punctuate the words, just do what I say. Her hands sometimes had to discipline, to help bend this young tree. Her hands would shape and mould me into all she knew I could be.

Her hands are now twisting with age and years of work, Her hand now needs my gentle touch to rub away the hurt. Her hands are more beautiful than anything can be. Her hands are the reason I am me.

Maggie Pittman



Sacramental Masses



We welcome the children from **St. Brendan's P.S.** who will be participating in 7.30pm Mass, **Carrig N.S.** who will be participating in 9.30am Mass and **Killeen N.S. &**

Parish Preparation Programme who will be participating in 10.30am Mass.

Sponsored by Anonymous

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Domhnach Laetare

Inniu an Ceathrú Domhnach den Chorghas. Tugtar Laetare ar an Domhnach seo mar de réir an traidisiúin ba lá ceiliúradh é san Eaglais i lár an Chorghais. Is éard is brí le Laetara ná Gairdígí. Meabhraíonn an Scríoptúr dúinn go bhfuil cúis ghairdis sa Tiarna againn. Caitheann an sagart éide rósach agus an tAifreann á léamh aige inniu. De ghnáth ní bhíonn aon bhláthanna ar an altóir le linn an Chorghais ach is féidir iad a bheith ann inniu. Fadó ní bhíodh an t-orgán le clos sa Chorghas ach amháin ar Dhomhnach Laetara.

Ceiliúrtar Lá na Máthar ar an gceathrú Domhnach den Chorghas gach bliain. Go raibh lá sona, saor ó bhuairt ag gach máthair inniu. A Dhia grámhar, guímid ar son ár máithreacha beo nó marbh a tháinig i gcabhair orainn nuair a bhíomar gan neart, a thug sólas dúinn nuair a bhíomar gortaithe agus uaireanta nár thugamar dóthain aitheanta di. Áiméan

Laetare Sunday

Today the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday, has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration midway through the season of Lent. Laetare means Rejoice. The Scriptures tell us that we have good reason to rejoice in the Lord. The priest wears rose coloured vestments today. There are usually no flowers on the altar during Lent but today is an exception. Long ago the organ was silent during Lent but played on Laetare Sunday.

Mother's Day is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent each year. May every mother have a happy and joy filled day. We can say the following prayer: Today, loving God, we pray for mothers, those who are with us and those who have died. They cared for us when we were helpless, comforted us when we were hurt. May we never take their love and care for granted. Amen.