

## BIRR PARISH

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### Psalter Week 1

#### Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 9/10th March was **€2,710.00.**

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

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

#### Daffodil Day:

Friday 22nd March collection points all around Birr town. Proceeds to the Irish Cancer Society please support this worthy cause



#### Padre Pio Mass Thursday 21st March @ 7.30pm

Film@BirrTheatre continues with Oscar Winning - **Anatomy of A Fall**, on the big screen, Thursday 21 March 8pm. *Bruised Orange* are a **John Prine**: Tribute Band – Sat 30 March, 8pm. Full details available on [www.birrtheatre.com](http://www.birrtheatre.com)

Pastoral Council Meeting Thursday 21st March @ 8.15pm following Padre Pio in the Conference Room.

Birr 20:20 Vision 2024 AGM will be held in the Council Chamber at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20th of March. All are welcome. Working with the community.

#### Fáilte Isteach – Birr

Conversational English group meets Thursdays 2-3:30pm in Birr Rugby Club, Birr. Volunteer tutors are always needed to support our groups. You don't need any teaching experience. New participants who would like to practice their English speaking skills are always welcome. Contact Stephanie 086 833 6873 or [shill@offalyldc.ie](mailto:shill@offalyldc.ie) for more information.

## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 16th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 16th	7.30pm	<b>Dan Shortt, Fairview (MM)</b> John & Frances Hoare & sister Josephine Grimes
Sun 17th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 17th	9.30am	Private Intentions Carrig
Sun 17th	10.30am	Helen Hogan, Killeen Martin & Teresa Freeman & daughter Lorraine Byrne Arthur Elliott, Irishtown Noel & Maureen Reedy, Johns Mall
Sun 17th	12 noon	<b>Michael Mongan, Mill Brook Park (1st Ann)</b> John Joe & Jean McMahon
Mon 18th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 19th	10.00am	Margaret & Willie Hanlon, Presentation Place, sons Dick, daughter Bernie & grandson Frankie & uncle Joe
Wed 20th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thurs 21st	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thurs 21st	7.30pm	Padre Pio Mass
Fri 22nd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 23rd	10.00am	<b>Phil Kelly (nee Carroll), England &amp; formerly High Street</b>
Sat 23rd	7.30pm	Margaret & Edward Grogan and the Grogan Family
Sun 24th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 24th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 24th	10.30am	<b>John Kinnarney, Freagh, Kilcormac (MM)</b>
Sun 24th	12 noon	<b>Michael Quealy, Hillside (1st Ann)</b> Paddy & Annie Murray, Lisheen John & Lilly Lyndon, Oxmantown Mall Eugene Garvey, Tullynisk Terry Hoctor, Hilltop Crinkle William, Teresa & Donie Hanley Anna Pey & all deceased members of the Hanley & Pey families

#### Please pray for the souls of

**Teresa Campbell**, Birr Community Nursing Unit & Mullingar, mother of Ciaran, Michael & Mary Kelly & the late Paschal Campbell  
**Ann Sharpels**, Rathdowney, niece of Janet White Spinner



**Birr A.C. AGM** - The AGM of Birr A.C. will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm in Dooly's Hotel. The Club caters for both Juveniles and Seniors and currently has a very dynamic membership involved in local, regional and national events. Come along and be part of the forthcoming year's plans for the Club. For any queries, contact (086) 3362445.

# Happy St. Patrick's Day



## Sacramental Masses



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

We thank the teachers & young people from sixth classes for their involvement in the retreat days over recent weeks in preparation for Confirmation

## Comhghairdeas

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who made their **First Reconciliation** during the week. The ceremonies were wonderful celebrations of the Sacrament and well done to all concerned and Thank You to Second Class teachers and especially Joan Hogan, Parish Sacramental Co-ordinator.

Please continue to keep the boys and girls in your prayers as they prepare for their **First Holy Communion** in May.

## March 19th Feast day of St Joseph

St Joseph has been declared the patron of the church. Pope Francis made 2021 the year of St. Joseph to highlight his central role

## Prayer to St Joseph

**Saint Joseph, guardian of Jesus and husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his son. In you, Mary placed her trust. When you were faced with difficult decisions you listened for the spirit to guide your response. Be with us and guide us as we invoke your intercession. When life throws up unexpected challenges give to us a renewal of faith and deepening of hope so enabling us to bear witness to faithfulness, love and peace. St. Joseph, father of orphans and protector of vulnerable people, patron of workers and all who have been forced to leave their native lands. Be with us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Sponsored by  
**Anonymous**

## Sr. Eileen - Cúinne Naomh Pádraig

Ceiliúraimid Lá Fhéile Naomh Pádraig Éarlaimh na hÉireann ar an Domhnach seo, ní hamháin in Éirinn ach ar fud an domhain mhóir. Tógadh mar sclábháí é go hAontroim áit ar chaith sé, sé bliana ag aoireacht muc. Bhí sé mar nós aige guí chun Dé céad uair sa lá agus céad uair san oíche. D'éalaigh sé go dtí an Fhrainc agus oirníodh ina shagart é agus ina dhiaidh sin rinneadh easpag de. D'fhill sé ar Éirinn agus chraobhscaoil sé Soiscéal na Críostaíochta. Tugann an fhéile deis dúinn buíochas a ghabháil le Dia as an tseoid luachmhar seo, a bhronn Naomh Pádraig orainn. Gabhaimid buíochas chomh maith dóibh siúd idir chléir agus tuath a scaip an Creideamh ar fud an domhain. Bhí Pádraig umhal de shíor i láthair Dé. Sa *Confessio* cuireann sé é féin in aithne dúinn mar seo "Mise Pádraig, peacach róthútach, an té is lú de na firéin go léir agus an té is mó a bhfuil dímhéas ag a lán." Tugaimis ómós dó mar ba chóir. Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig ar chlann mhór dhomhanda na nGael, sa bhaile agus ar fud na cruinne, ar ár lá náisiúnta ceiliúrtha féin. Guímis Lúireach Phádraig go minic:

## St Patrick's Day

This Sunday we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, the Patron Saint of Ireland. He will be honoured not only here but throughout the world. Saint Patrick was brought as a slave to Antrim where he spent six years tending pigs. He tells us he prayed to God a hundred times a day and the same at night. He escaped to France and was ordained a priest and later a bishop. He returned to Ireland and preached the Gospel of Christ to the Irish people. We remember to thank God for this precious gift on St. Patrick's feast day. We also thank God for all those who brought and still bring the Christian message to people throughout the world. Patrick was humble in the presence of God. In the *Confessio* he introduces himself "I Patrick, wretched sinner, least among men, despised by many....". Let us honour him appropriately.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to Irish people everywhere in the world, on this our national feast day. Let us recite 'Lúireach Phádraig' often:

**"Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
 Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
 Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
 Christ to comfort and restore me,  
 Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
 Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
 Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in  
 mouth of friend and stranger.**