

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 23/24th March was **€2318.00**

Easter Collection for Parish

We acknowledge and thank people for their generosity to the Easter Parish Collection last weekend. If you were away or forgot you can place your envelope in the green box near the altar in St. Brendan's

Trocaire Boxes people are asked to leave their Trocaire Boxes to the Parish Office or to the Sacristy before or after Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

Adoration will finish on Thursday 28th March and resume on Tuesday 2nd April.

Birr Flower & Garden Club meeting Tuesday 2nd April in Doolys Hotel @ 8pm. Speaker will be Rory Newell, horticulturist from Forest Moon plants Galway. All welcome Non members €10.00

Congratulations to Lucie Pardy, Second Year student from St. Brendan's Community School on retaining her World championship Irish Dancing title in Glasgow.

Midland Living Links - Coffee Morning Tues 2nd April after 10am Mass in the Conference room. **All welcome.**

Killaloe Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Fintan will lead the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Shannon Airport on Friday 21st June to Wednesday 26th June, costing €899 pps including flight, airport transfers, airport and sanctuary taxes, full board with three meals each day. For more information and booking please contact Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800 or email joewalshstours.ie There will be 24 places reserved for assisted pilgrims who will be cared for in the Accueil Norte Dame with medical and caring assistance. Cost 750euro. To reserve a place in this section, please contact Fr Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director on 087 2349816

Sponsored by Anonymous

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 30th	10.00am	Morning Prayer & Blessing of the Food
Sat 30th	9.00pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Sun 31st	8.30am	Easter Tridium
Sun 31st	9.30am	Easter Tridium
Sun 31st	10.30am	Easter Tridium
Sun 31st	12 noon	Easter Tridium
Mon 1st	10.00am	Margaret Pilkington, High Street Bridie & Danny Shortt, Emmett Terrace
Tues 2nd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Wed 3rd	10.00am	Mary Kennedy her husband James & son Neilus, Fairview
Thurs 4th	10.00am	Joe Kennedy, Tullamore Road
Fri 5th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 6th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 6th	7.30pm	Ivor Corboy Banks, School Street (MM) Jack & Bina Walsh & Grandson Eoin Eastwood Michael Hough, Bengal Lodge Christy Loughnane, Woodlands Tommy Parsons, Bulfin Park Herbert Hennessy, Seffin & his parents Willie & Kathleen Eileen Daly & Geraldine Mulrooney Christina Brady & Christina Dillon Michael & Ellie O'Connor, Main Street
Sun 7th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 7th	9.30am	Bill O' Meara & Family Members, Fadden
Sun 7th	10.30am	Mary Sheils, Whiteford Celia Hart, Compton Row Tommy & Doreen Rigney, Hollypark Kennedy & Middleton Families, Crinkle
Sun 7th	12 noon	Noreen Behan, Riverstown (1st Ann) Paddy Kearns, Military Road Seamus Hogan, Ballindarra

Please pray for the souls of

Noel Watkins, Cayman Islands & Birr, Son of Frank & Aileen Watkins, Meadowbrook
John- Joe Cooney, Bailieborough, Cavan, father of Breda Murray, Woodfield
Ann Liffey, Shinrone, sister in law of the late Geoffrey Liffey, Hillside
John Cormack, Rosegreen, father of Tracey Cormack, Annaghennerrig, Birr

"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"

Easter Blessings To All

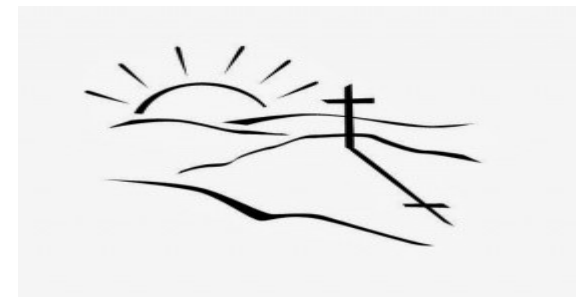


Divine Mercy Sunday April 7th

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 2.45pm followed by Mass at 3.00pm. Novena of the Divine Mercy beginning on Good Friday and finishes on April 7th

Thought for the Day

When things are against you remember that aircraft take off into the wind. Other's love for you is God's gentle helping hand on your shoulder. Genuine listening requires a courageous open mind that is ready to change. Before you sleep name one thing for which you are grateful each day. No matter how you feel, wake up, get up, dress up, show up and try not to give up. To be without some of the things we want is indispensable to happiness. Every great event happened when someone decided not to give up. Children may wreck a house, but they can hold a home together



Buíochas

We acknowledge the involvement of so many people with this years Easter Liturgies - we are especially grateful to the choirs & folk group. To Catriona, Enda, Carmel and the other musicians who enhanced our gatherings. To our Readers, Eucharistic ministers, Liturgy group, Sacristans, Alter Servers and the young people and all who in any way have helped with the Ceremonies.
Mile Buíochas

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Domhnach Cásca

Domhnach Cásca, ceiliúrtar Aiséirí ár dTiarna Íosa Críost mar an fhéile is mó i bhféilire na hEaglaise. D'aiséirigh Críost ón marbh Domhnach Cásca. Is mór an t-athrú a tháinig ar thuiscint agus ar dhearcadh na ndeisceabal maidin Domhnach Cásca. Cúpla lá roimhe seo, bhí siad ag féachaint ar Íosa ag fulaingt a pháise agus ag fáil bháis ar an gcros. Ní foláir nó go raibh a gcroí briste. Nuair a d'aiséirigh Íosa léirigh Sé gur bhuaigh Sé ar an mbás, ar an bpeaca agus ar chumhacht an oilc. Chruthaigh sé gurbh é féin Dia. Nuair a chonaic na deisceabail an tuama folamh thuig siad teagasc Íosa. Chreid ár sinsir go ndearna an ghrian damhsa sa spéir le háthas agus go raibh gach gné den dúlra faoi lúcháir ar Dhomhnach Cásca, de bhrí go raibh ár Slánaitheoir ina bheatha arís. Bíodh áthas agus gairdeas orainn. Éirímis as an bpeaca agus glacaimis faoi stáid na ngrást cairdeas Íosa atá aiséirithe. **Moladh go deo leat Íosa, Alleluia! Cáisc faoi shéan is faoi mhaise do chách.**

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the greatest feast in the Liturgical Calendar. Jesus arose from the dead on Easter Sunday. The understanding and outlook of the disciples changed greatly on Easter Sunday. A few days before, the disciples saw Jesus suffer His agony and die on the cross. No doubt their hearts were broken. When Jesus arose from the dead-on Easter Sunday, it was a victory over sin, death and evil. He proved that He was God. When the disciples saw the empty tomb, they understood the teaching of Christ. Our ancestors believed that the sun danced and that nature celebrated on Easter Sunday because Jesus had risen from the dead. Let us be glad and rejoice. Let us turn away from sin and accept the grace and friendship of the risen Jesus. **Praised be Jesus always, Alleluia! Happy Easter to all.**