

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter Week 2

Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 16/17th March was **€3,192.50**.

Easter Priests Collection will be taken up at all masses this weekend 23/24th March. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity to this collection.

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

Chrism Mass

A reminder that you are warmly invited to the Chrism Mass on Spy Wednesday at 7.30 pm in St. Mary of the Rosary Church, Nenagh. The Holy Oils for use in the sacraments are blessed at this Mass by Bishop Fintan. All welcome.

Birr Theatre & Arts Centre Bruised Orange is Ireland's premier John Prine Tribute band. Boasting some of Ireland's most experienced musicians and a 5 piece band. Each member brings a unique set of talents and abilities to the group, providing a unique live John Prine experience, visiting Birr Theatre & Arts Centre Sat 30 March 8pm, €22. www.birrtheatre.com

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 joewalsh@joewalsh.com 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

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 23rd	10.00am	Phil Kelly (nee Carroll), England & High Street
Sat 23rd	7.30pm	Margaret & Edward Grogan and the Grogan Family
Sun 24th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 24th	9.30am	Private Intentions Carrig
Sun 24th	10.30am	John Kinnarney, Freagh, Kilcormac (MM) Denis Sheeran & the Sheeran Family, William Street
Sun 24th	12 noon	Michael Quealy, Hillside (1st Ann) 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
Mon 25th	10.00am	Violet, Eddie & Mick Forrester, Castle Street
Tues 26th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Wed 27th	10.00am	Spy Wednesday
Thurs 28th	10.00am	(Holy Thursday) Morning Prayer
Thurs 28th	8pm	Mass of the Last Supper
Fri 29th	10am	(Good Friday) Morning Prayer
Fri 29th	12noon	Stations of the Cross
Fri 29th	3.00pm	Liturgy of the Passion of our Lord
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

Please pray for the souls of

Kevin Deane, Clonahaskin Carrig
Billy Gleeson, Moorpark Street
Noel Watkins, Cayman Islands & Birr, Son of Frank & Aileen Watkins, Meadowbrook
Tom Cordial, Roscrea brother of Louisa & Tommy Hassett, Military Road, Crinkle
Mary Delaney, Ballybritt mother of Anne Higgins, staff Birr Community Nursing Unit & Damien Delaney, Hillside



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Easter Ceremonies

Holy Thursday Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m.
Carrig Our Lord's Supper 7.00 p.m.
Birr Our Lord's Supper 8.00 p.m.
Exposition 9.00 p.m.
Night Prayer 9.45 p.m.

Good Friday Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m.
Birr Stations of the Cross 12 noon
Good Friday - Christians Together
Meeting at the Foot of the Cross

Emmett Square March 29th @ 2.00pm
Led by Canon Arthur Minnion, Rev. Nigel Gill, Fr. Tom

Birr Passion of the Lord 3.00 p.m.
Carrig Passion of the Lord 7.30 p.m.

Holy Saturday Morning Prayer & Blessing of Food 10.00 a.m.

Birr Reconciliation 10.30 - 12 noon
Birr Easter Vigil 9.00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Dawn Mass 6.00 a.m.
Kilcomman Graveyard Shinrone & Kinnitty
Normal Sunday Mass Times

Penitential Service

Tuesday March 26th @ 7.30pm -
St Brendan's Cluster. All welcome.

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

Good Friday Reflection

They arrived at the appointed place where He who bore all crosses stood, welcoming saint and sinner with open arms. He lifted the burden from each one's shoulder and placed it in a circle around the Cross, which He for us had borne. They sat around in silence, and as his gaze looked with love into each heart they knew instinctively that He knew and understood the weight and burden of the cross they carried. He spoke in tongues but no sound came, yet each one heard his words within the heart, which changed the weight and texture of the cross they carried. He then raised his hands and gave a blessing and then He gave a strange direction and a choice. Whoever wished could exchange their cross for his, or for the cross of those who had caused them pain, or they could embrace their own, now transformed with compassionate love. And if they were to travel further with him in the peace and joy they now experienced, they must allow his compassion to flow, which forgave the other and sought forgiveness for themselves. Strange as it may seem none of them exchanged their crosses of this and few if any took the crosses of this and few if any took the crosses of their afflictors. Those who did left them down again for they realised that they were very heavy, that their own crosses fitted their own shoulder best for the rest of their journey home.

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Domhnach na Pailme / Domhnach na Páise

Cuireann Domhnach na Pailme tús leis an tSeachtain Mhór san Eaglais mar atá Domhnach na Pailme, Céadaoin an Bhraith, Déardaoin Mandála, Aoine an Chéasta agus an Satharn Naofa. Le linn na seachtaine seo, tugtar cuireadh dúinn ár gcroí agus ár n-intinn a oscailt agus fáilte a chur roimh Chríost inár saol. An Domhnach seo táimid ag díriú ar Pháis ár dTiarna Íosa Críost. I Soiscéal an lae inniu feicimid Íosa ar mhuintir asail. Tá na sluaite timpeall air á leanúint ar a bhealach go Cathair Iarúsailéim. Bhí pailmeacha móra ina lámha acu agus iad ag screadach, ag béiceadh agus ag canadh "Is beannaithe an té atá ag teacht in ainm an Tiarna. Hósanna sna hArda". Is mar sin a léirigh siad ómós Dó. Theastaigh ón slua rí a dhéanamh de. A mhalairt ar fad a bheadh le cloisteáil roimh dheireadh na seachtaine nuair a bheadh an daoscarshlua ag béiceadh, 'Céastar É'. 'Céastar É'. Ghlac Íosa ár gcuid peacaí air féin sa Pháis agus léirigh Sé a ghrá dúinn ar Chalvarie. Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá i rith na Seachtaine Móire: *Le Bás na Croise cheannaigh tú síocht mífhortúnach Éabha. Ó shin anuas is beannaithe an comhartha seo dár naomhú. Áiméan. (Ár bPaidreacha Dúchais.)*

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week which includes Spy Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. During this week we are invited to open our hearts and minds and welcome Christ in our lives. This Sunday we focus on the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. In today's Gospel hear that Jesus is riding a donkey. The crowds around him follow him on his way to Jerusalem. They carried large palms while shouting and singing "Hosanna, Hosanna" In this way they showed him homage. They wanted to make him king. But before the end of the week many were shouting, 'Crucify Him'. 'Crucify Him'. Jesus took our sins unto Himself and showed His love for us on Calvary. *We can say this prayer during Holy Week: By your Death on the Cross, you redeemed the unfortunate children of Eve. Blessed ever since is the sign of our sanctification. Amen.*