

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 30/31st March was **€3,614.50**

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.

Regular Events at Birr Library

Writing Group 2-4pm every Wednesday.
 Knitters Group 5.30-7.30 every Wednesday.
 Crafters Group 6-8pm every Wednesday.
 Tiny Tales Storytime Session 10.30am every Wednesday for up to 4 years of age.
 Parent & Toddler Group 11.00am-12.00pm every Friday.
 Ciorcal Comhrá Irish Language Conversation Group 11.00am every Saturday.
 Junior Book Club 3.30-4.00pm on the last Friday of the month. New members welcome!
 For further information on any events, contact Birr Library on 0579124950 or email birrlibrary@offalycoco.ie

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

OFFALY VOLUNTEER CENTRE – if you are interested in registering your voluntary organisation with us or becoming a volunteer for the many organisations in our community please contact us on : 083 0154669 anytime – or Look us up on www.volunteeroffaly.ie

Sponsored by Anonymous

Remembered in Mass this Week

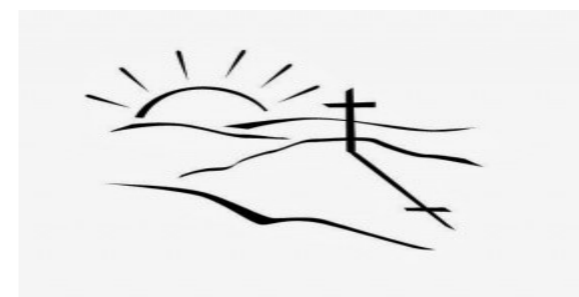
Sat 6th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 6th	7.30pm	Ivor Corboy Banks, School Street (MM) Jack & Bina Walsh & Grandson Eoin Eastwood Michael Hough, Bengal Lodge Christy Loughnane, Woodlands Tommy Parsons, Bulfin Park Herbert Hennessy, Seffin & his parents Willie & Kathleen Eileen Daly & Geraldine Mulrooney 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
Mon 8th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 9th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Wed 10th	10.00am	Frank Touhy, Drumbane
Thurs 11th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Fri 12th	10.00am	Tom McInerney, Killeen
Sat 13th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 13th	11.00am	Confirmation Crinkill N.S Parish Preparation Programme & Carrig N.S
Sat 13th	3.00pm	Confirmation Mercy P.S. Killeen N.S & St Brendan's P.S
Sat 13th	7.30pm	Barry Kelly, Woodlane (1st Ann) Patricia O'Donoghue, California & Moorpark St (1st Ann) Tony Fahey, Burke's Hill Jim & Lily Reid Kathleen Ryan, Emmet Street Margaret, Michael & John Molloy, Shinrone
Sun 14th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 14th	9.30am	Mary Gleeson, Lacka
Sun 14th	10.30am	Anne Dwyer, Hollypark, (MM)
Sun 14th	12 noon	Phil McDowell, Mellsop Street (1st Ann) Kieran & Don Horan, Castle Street Bridie Smyth, Killeen



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

An Easter Prayer



Christ our life, you are alive in the beauty of the earth In the rhythm of the seasons in the mystery of time and space Alleluia

Christ our life, you are alive in the tenderness of touch in the heartbeat of intimacy in the insights of solitude Alleluia

Christ our life, you are alive in the creative possibility of the dullest conversation the dreariest task the most threatening event Alleluia

Christ our life, you are alive to offer re-creation to every unhealed hurt to every deadened place to every damaged heart Alleluia You set before us a great choice. Therefore we choose life. The dance of creation soars and surges through the whole creation. It sets gifts of bread and wine upon our table. This is grace, dying we live. So let us live

Please pray for the souls of

Michael Flanagan, Bulfin Park
James Parsons, Mulhuddart, Dublin & formerly of Crinkill, Birr
Kathleen Davis, Emmet Street, Birr
Michael Doran, Clonoghill Upper, Birr
Camillus Boyd, brother of Pam Egan, Cree
Canon Brendan O'Donoghue, Shannon Parish, uncle of Brendan Houlihan, Birr
I lit a candle for a friend today. The light from it to guide is way in to your arms sweet Jesus

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Domhnach na Trócaire Diaga /An Dara Domhnach den Cháisc .

Inniu ceiliúrtar Domhnach Thrócaire Dé. Is é Naomh Eoin Pól a bhunaigh an fhéile seo i mí na Bealtaine 2000. Spreagadh deabhóid Trócaire Dé trí scríbhinní Siúr Faustina, bean rialta ón bPolainn a fuair bás sa bhliain 1938 agus í in aois tríocha trí bhliain. Ní aon rud nua an teachtaireacht maidir le Trócaire Dé. Ach meabhraíonn sé dúinn gur mhúin an Eaglais i gcónaí sa Scrioptúr agus sa traidisiún go bhfuil Dia trócaireach agus go bhfuil maithiúnas ar fáil do gach peaca. Tá a thrócaire i bhfad níos mó ná aon pheaca. Níl le déanamh againn ach teacht os comhair Dé go humhail agus muinín a bheith againn as a thrócaire. Is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá inniu:

A Thobair na Beatha, Trócaire Dé glanrúnda, imchlúdaigh an domhan uile agus doirt Tú féin anuas orainn. Áiméan.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. It was instituted by St John Paul II in May 2000. The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina, a Polish nun who died in 1938 aged thirty three years. The message of God's Divine Mercy is nothing new. The Church has always taught through Scripture and through tradition that God is merciful, and that forgiveness is available for all sins. His mercy is much greater than any sin. We ought to come before God humbly and with confidence in his Divine Mercy.

We can say this prayer today; O fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. Amen