

## BIRR PARISH

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Monday - Friday 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

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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 20/21st April was **€2,447.50**

#### Communion Mementos

Gift Sets, Boxed Cards & Wooden Crosses for Communion Boy & Girls ideal gifts for Communion Day on sale in the Parish office

**Bealtaine Festival happens in May** (*Bealtaine being the Irish word for May*) is about celebrating creativity as we age. Programmes have been prepared throughout the country and Birr Theatre has offerings too! Free tasters of yoga, encaustic art, drama. All details on [www.birrtheatre.com](http://www.birrtheatre.com)

**BIRR FESTIVAL OF MUSIC 2024** takes place from Thursday 2nd - Monday 6th May throughout the town of Birr. Evening and Lunchtime concerts; featuring Music in Schools; Birr Nursing Unit; Birr Castle; in Squares and Courtyards; Birr Young Voices; The Trench Awards; and many free events. Performances from celebrated Irish and International musicians. See [www.birrfestivalofmusic.com](http://www.birrfestivalofmusic.com) or call 057 9122911

**Busy Bodies Summer camp** - Busy Bodies Summer Camp takes place in Killeen National School starting July 1st for 3 weeks. Age 3 to 10 years from 9.30am till 3pm. For more information please contact Ann on 087-9625218

**Lost A gold bracelet with a tiny Miraculous Medal** on it and is a rope style bracelet of sentimental value if found could you please contact the parish office on 05791-22028. Substantial Reward if found.

**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 info please contact Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800 or email [joewalshstours.ie](mailto:joewalshstours.ie) To reserve, please contact Fr Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director on 087 2349816

## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 27th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 27th	7.30pm	<b>Noel Watkins, Cayman Islands &amp; Birr (MM)</b> <b>Michael Flanagan, Bulfin Park (MM)</b> Derek Maher, Cappaneale Margaret Lawlor, New Road Annieo Coughlan & Peter Judge, Fairview Anthony Nevin, Presentation Place & his son Anthony Nevin Jnr, Mill Street
Sun 28th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 28th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 28th	10.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 28th	12 noon	Private Intentions
Mon 29th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 30th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Wed 1st	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thurs 2nd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Fri 3rd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 4th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 4th	7.30pm	<b>James Parsons, Dublin &amp; Birr (MM)</b> Joe & Sally Kennedy, Elm Park Deceased members of the Hogan, Kennedy & Dunning families George & Laura Smith
Sun 5th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 5th	9.30am	Mark Smyth, Tinlough Martin Carney, Carrig
Sun 5th	10.30am	Jonny Carroll, School Road and his parents Bridie & Jack Nancy Moody, Glebe Street Stan Hayes, High Street
Sun 5th	12 noon	<b>Teresa Campbell, Birr Community Nursing Unit &amp; Mullingar (MM)</b> <b>Ger McDermott, Scurragh (1st Ann)</b> Martin Hynes, Castle Gardens & his son Peter Sylvester Nagle, Australia Christy & Nora Cleary & Tommy Pey, Riverstown Mick & Mary Hogan, Crinkle

### Please pray for the souls of

**Margaret Corrigan**, Castle Street  
**Margaret Scully**, Hillview, Fortal,  
**Catherine Dooley**, Clareen sister of the late  
Michael Mulrooney, John's Place



*I lit a candle for a friend today. The light from it to guide is way in to your arms sweet Jesus*

## Remembering the families and communities that have been touched by the Stardust tragedy of 1981 and their long search for Justice.

### "They never came Home"

St. Valentine's day comes around once a year, All our thought turn to love as the day it draws near, When sweethearts and darlings, husbands and wives, Pledge love and devotion for the rest of their lives. As day turns to evening soon night-time does fall, Young people preparing for the Valentine's Ball, As the night rings with laughter some people still mourn. The 48 children who never came home.

Have we forgotten the suffering and pain the survivors and victims of the fire in Artane, the mothers and fathers forever to mourn the 48 children who never came home.

Down to the Stardust they all made their way The bouncers stood back as they lined up to pay The records are spinning there's dancing as well Just how the fire started sure no one can tell. In a matter of seconds confusion did reign. The room was in darkness fire exits were chained. The firefighters wept for they could not hide, Their anger and sorrow for those left inside.

All around the city the bad news it spread There's a fire in the Stardust there's 48 dead Hundreds of children are injured and maimed And all just because the fire exits were chained. Our leaders were shocked, grim statements were made They shed tears in the graveyard as the bodies were laid The victims have waited in vain for 4 years It seems like our leaders shed crocodile tears.

*Christy Moore*

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## Sr. Eileen - Cúinne Machnamh

Leagann an Eaglais an-bhéim ar, go bhfuil Críost i láthair ina bhriathar, mar is é Críost a labharaíonn gach uair a léitear an scríoptúr sa liotúirge. Tugann léacht an Bhíobla an sean agus an nua, an bhrí ba chiall leis an chéad uair agus faoi mar is féidir é a chur in oiriúint do thoscaí an lae inniu, nó fiú do cheisteanna fós le teacht. Ní theagmháil aigne, inleachtach lom amháin atá anseo, mar tá Críost i láthair lena Spiorad agus lena ghrásta. Agus, ar ndóigh, tá sé i láthair i modh faoi leith san Eocairist, i mbriseadh an aráin, gníomh a thugann chun cuimhne dúinn na bríonna iomadúla a bhí le briseadh an aráin d' Íosa féin lena bheatha agus tar éis aiséirí dó.

### Reflection

The Church places great emphasis on the presence of Christ in His word, as it is Christ who speaks every time scripture is read in the liturgy. The Bible readings, the old and the new, bring together its meaning for the first time and how this can be adapted to today's circumstances, or even questions still to come. This is not just a thought of mind, a bare intellectual exercise because Christ is present with his Spirit, and His grace.

And, of course, He is present in a particular method in the Eucharist, in the breaking of the bread, an act that reminds us of the many meanings of breaking the bread for Jesus himself with his life and after His resurrection.

**Lough Derg - 3 day pilgrimage June 24/25/26. Bus leaving from Emmett Square if interested please contact the parish office 05791-22028**

**Pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni & Montecassino** Nov 4 - 10th €895 all in, afternoon flights with Aer Lingus excellent accommodation & dinners. To reserve contact Kieran & Laura 05793-55050