

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 11/12th May was **€2,964.50**.

Priests Collection

We acknowledge and thank people for their generosity to the Priests 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

Adoration is open on Mondays from 10.30 - 12noon.

Communion Mementos

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

Daffodil Day 2024 - Thanks to all who supported and volunteered for Daffodil day 2024, a total of **€21,956.19** was raised for the Irish Cancer society. Your support is much appreciated on behalf of Birr daffodil day.

An evening for liturgy groups, church sacristans and people interested will take place on Monday May 13th @ 7.30pm in the community hall Coolderry. The event is organised by the Brendan Cluster of parishes and input by Maureen Kelly, St Patricks College, Maynooth.

The Rosary will be recited before 9.30am Sunday Mass in the church of the Annunciation Carrig during the month of May

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

Birr 20:20 Vision OLDC Leader Funding Meeting. Birr 20:20 Vision is hosting a public Information meeting in the Marian Hall on Wednesday 15th of May at 7.30pm. Representatives from OLDC will present Leader funding opportunities including community, tourism, rural environment, development and social inclusion. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sponsored by
T. P Sullivan Haulage

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 11th	11am	Communion Crinkle N.S & Killeen N.S
Sat 11th	7.30pm	Billy Watson, Rosse Row Joe Landy, Westgate Tim Hutchinson, Crinkle Willie & Annie Smyth & Grandchildren William Smyth & Liam Morris Carmel & Dan Milne, Crinkle
Sun 12th	8.30am	Kathleen Davis, Emmet Street (MM)
Sun 12th	9.30am	Aidan King, The Gables Carrig
Sun 12th	10.30am	Paddy Molloy, Burkes Hill
Sun 12th	12 noon	Michael Doran, Clonoghill upper (MM) James Martin, Cappaneale Park Sarah Barry Turley, Elm Park Madge Lally, Dove Grove
Mon 13th	10.00am	Tom & Betty Connole, Crinkill
Tues 14th	10.00am	John McCarthy, High Street & his daughters Lorraine & Celine and all members of the McCarthy Family
Wed 15th	10.00am	Seamus Kennedy & his wife Chris
Thurs 16th	10.00am	Patrick Hutchinson, Cappaneale
Fri 17th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 18th	11am	Communion Mercy P.S, St. Brendan's P.S & Parish Preparation Programme
Sat 18th	7.30pm	Gaetano Lally, Fairview (1st Ann) Valerie McIntyre, Demesne View Michael Mooney, New Road & Dublin
Sun 19th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 19th	9.30am	Communion Carrig N.S
Sun 19th	10.30am	Dan Carroll, Bulfin Park
Sun 19th	12 noon	James Hegarty, Cappaneale Paddy Digan, Killeen Mary & Jack Murray Ray Murray Fr. Henry Torpey Paddy Kirwan, Newbridge Street

Please pray for the souls of

Rita Cunningham, Roscrea, mother of Niall Cunningham staff of St. Brendan's P.S.
Willie Dooley, Clareen & formerly Teagasc Birr

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

Birr Parish Accounts For year ending 31st December 2023

Income	2023
Basket Collection	€87,881
Parish Development Fund	€53,292
Tap & Donate	€4,737
Shrines	€29,556
Weddings	€4,050
Donations/Sponsorship	€4,228
CHY2 Revenue Refund	€7,016
VAT Refund	€1,740
Christmas Mass Bouquets	€4,500
Total Income	€214,400
Expenditure/ Administration	
Wages	€28,125
Diocesan Levy	€21,536
Insurance	€5,922
Parish Office Consumables/Phone	€7,922
Publications/Printing/Newsletter	€8,232
Bank Charges	€825
Total	€72,562
Parish Activities	
Miscellaneous	€4,900
Parish Functions/Hospitality/Speakers	€3,940
Liturgical Celebrations/Altar Supplies	€7,503
Shrine Candles	€7,753
Youth Catechetics/ Faith Formation	€4,067
Total	€28,163
Parish Property	
Maintenance/Requisites	€6,995
upgrading of lighting system	€7,500
Heating/Electricity/Water	€34,961
Total	€49,456
Total Expenditure	€150,181
Summary	
Total Income	€214,400
Total Expenditure	€150,181
Excess of Income over Expenditure	€64,219
Other	
Priests Collection Income	€59,085
Trocaire	€4,495
Lourdes	€667
Mission Sunday	€1,400
Turkey Disaster Trocaire Collection	€7,000

We thank you for your continued support and generosity especially during these very difficult times.

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Muire Máthair Dé. Is í Muire Banríon na bhflaitheas, Díontóir na bhfíorlag, Farráige na daonnachta, Réaltan eolais gach seachránaigh, Bean réitigh na feirge, Idirmhíneitheoir na ngearánach, Sásamh an bhreithimh, Teanga na mbalbhán, Seomra séad na suáilcí, Tuile na ngrást agus Tonn Chlíodhna na Trócaire.

Mary is the Queen of Heaven Protector of the weak, Sea of humanity, Astronomer's knowledge of stars, Woman resolving anger, Complainant's pacifier, Satisfaction of judge, The language of the dumb, The room of blessings, The flood of graces and The Clíodhna Wave of Mercy.

Safeguarding Month

12th May. May is Safeguarding month in the Diocese of Killaloe. Since Covid we are seeing ministry with children, such as pray and play, Altar Servers etc returning in the parishes. The Diocese ensures that all children involved in parish activities are safe and cared for. We have in place, parental / guardian consent forms for all activities, code of conduct for both children & adults, sign in and out registers, gardai vetting for all adult helpers / leaders.

First Holy Communion

Please keep all the young people in your prayers as they prepare for the next milestone in their faith journey.



First Holy Communion Ceremonies 11.00am

Saturday 18th May- Mercy P.S, St. Brendan's P.S & Parish Preparation Programme
Sunday 19th May - Carrig N.S.
 (In Carrig Church at 9.30am)

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje July 17th - 24th. Fully escorted Trip €745 inclusive of breakfast and dinner. Deposit of €200 spiritual Director Fr. Tom Hannon. To reserve please contact Phil Robinson 086-3956299

Big Breakfast Fly In Sunday 19th May @ 10am in Birr Airfield. 100% of the proceeds will go to the Oncology Unit at Tullamore Hospital. Ormond Flying Club have teamed up with Teresa King to raise much needed funds. Please join us by road or air for what will be an amazing day at Birr Airfield. Bring your dancing shoes.