

## 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 6/7th July was **€2,575.00**

#### 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

**Padre Pio Mass Thursday 18th July @ 7.30pm. All welcome.**

**Birr Theatre & Arts Centre** is thrilled to welcome Paddy Casey and his support act Jack Keeshan on **Friday 02 Aug 8pm**. Tickets selling fast from www.birrtheatre.com

**The Story of Erin** - Jackpot/Erin Peat Products/Erin Horticulture by John Molloy and Shay Garvey, compiled and edited by Anthony Dargan will be launched on **Wednesday 7th August in Dooly's Hotel at 7:30.**

#### Annual Concelebrated Mass of St. Feichin.

Mass will be concelebrated in St. Feichin's Cemetery, Lackan in Abbey parish on Sunday July 21st @ 7pm to honour the Patron Saint of Abbey parish. Confessions will be heard before Mass. A cup of tea for all after Mass. All Welcome. Those attending the Mass should go to Portumna and then go to the village of Abbey and follow the direction signs for the Mass.

**The Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 21 July.** Mass at 3pm will be followed by Eucharistic Blessing and Procession to the Shrine. Pioneers along with friends and relations of people who are living "one day at a time" with addiction are welcome.

**MARY'S MEALS OFFALY** are holding a Church Gate collection on 20th & 21th July. Working in some of the poorest countries in the world, MARY'S MEALS, with just €22 feeds a child for 1 school year. (11cent per meal). Any support you can give would be greatly appreciated.

## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 13th	10am	Babby Flynn Bill Foran & Family
Sat 13th	7.30pm	<b>Patrick Sherlock (MM)</b> & his mother Betty Sherlock, Bengal Lodge Christina & Tom Brereton, Clonoghill
Sun 14th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 14th	9.30am	Cronan O'Brien & his parents John & Bridget, Kyleneamuck Jack & Ciss Cashen, Ballykinash Pat Cleary, Clonfinane & all deceased members of the Cleary Family
Sun 14th	10.30am	<b>Tom O'Meara, Fortal (1st Ann)</b> <b>Michael McDonagh, Eden Road (1st Ann)</b> Ann, Kevin & Maria Madden
Sun 14th	12 noon	<b>Chrissie Hogan, Ballindarra (MM)</b> <b>Michael Loughnane, Whiteford (MM)</b> Tony Butler, Moorpark Street Catherine McEvoy, Clonfert Christina Lally, Fairview & her son Nuchie & Daughter Sophia Scully Cora Kenny, Brendan Street Ann, Joseph & Teresa O'Brien, Brosna
Mon 15th	10am	Patrick & Michael Hutchinson & Grandchildren
Tues 16th	10am	Frances & James Hayes, Crinkill
Wed 17th	10am	Private Intentions
Thurs 18th	10am	Private Intentions
Thurs 18th	7.30pm	Padre Pio Mass
Fri 19th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 20th	10am	Maura Sherlock, William Street
Sat 20th	7.30pm	Martin Guilfoyle & his parents Margaret & William, Killeen Thomas & Roseanne O' Brien, Aharney, Tullamore
Sun 21st	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 21st	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 21st	10.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 21st	12noon	Private Intentions

### Prayer for the Dead

**Michael (Mouse) Kelly**, Ballaghanohar, Banagher Road, Birr  
**Kevin Carroll**, Clonaslee husband of Teresa Carroll, Resident Camcor Unit, Birr Community Nursing Unit

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

## The Legion of Mary



The Legion of Mary is an international association of lay people that had its beginnings in Dublin over 100 years ago September 192. It was founded as a Marian Movement by Frank Duff a lay man and Civil Servant. The main purpose of the Legion of Mary is to give glory to God through the satisfaction of its member.

Today it has over 10 million members world wide making it the largest apostolic organisation of lay people in the Catholic Church. Membership is highest in South Korea, Philippines & Brazil.

It was much stronger in Ireland and here in the Parish of Birr. There was a very active Legion of Mary group.

Edel Quin was most prominent in the spreading of the Legion in Africa and Alfie Lambe was a key person for the spread of the Legion in South America.

Frank Duff faced huge opposition at the beginning. He was a visionary and was passionate on the importance the role lay people living out the corporal works of mercy.

Some of the basic duties & works that are carried out by the Legion of Mary in our own Parish, Birr

Visits to people in their homes at their requests  
 Arranging Knock pilgrimages to Knock Shrine.

Corpus Christi Procession

Experienced Legionnaires get opportunities to travel to other place in Ireland & abroad to take part in Legion work.

A friendship develops between the members, all our members feel the benefit of each others prayers. They get more from the Legion of Mary, than they put into it.

## Marian Hall Celebrations

Comhghairdeas to all involved in the celebrations marking 70 years of the opening of the Marian Hall on Saturday night last. A special acknowledgement to the present committee of Ann Finnane, Martin Walsh, Marie Molloy, Lisa Woods, Ciara Monaghan and all the girls Nadia & Lisa.

We thank St. Brendan's church choir and organist Enda O' Connor and special guest John Molloy. Also, Bernie Fanneran and Eileen Fitzsimons who helped with the refreshments.

## Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

### Smaoineamh na Seachtaine

Tá na scoileanna go léir dúnta agus teaghlach ag dul ar saoire. Go raibh gach duine slán sábháilte ar na bóithre agus cois farraige i rith an tSamhraidh Go raibh saoire gan bhrón, gan sceon ag cách. Sa spioradáltacht Cheilteach bhí ár sinsear an -tugtha do Dhia. Bhí paidir ar leith acu do gach ócáid. Is é seo a leanas ceann a bhíodh i mbéal an phobail ar son na sábháilteachta.

Dia idir mé agus uisce mo bháite,  
 Dia idir mé agus tine mo dhóite,  
 Dia idir mé agus bás gan chairde,  
 Dia idir mé agus taisme bhóthar. Áiméan.

Crios Chorp Chríost is Muire,  
 Ár dtionlacan fan bóthar,  
 Nára turas é in aistear,  
 Gura leas dúinn gach orlach. Áiméan.

### Thought of the Week

Schools are closed and families will be going on holidays. May everybody be safe on the roads and at the seaside during the Summer. May everybody have a holiday free from sadness and fear.

According to Celtic Spirituality our ancestors were devoted to God. They had a prayer for every occasion. The following is one of their prayers for safety:

God between me and the water that may drown me,  
 God between me and the fire that may burn me,  
 God between me and death in debt,  
 God between me and a road accident. Amen

May the girdle of Jesus and Mary  
 Be around us on our journey  
 May we have a safe trip  
 And benefit from every inch. Amen

**Medjugore Pilgrimage - Collection point for bus Wednesday July 17th @ 12noon from Kinnitty & 12.20 from Emmett square Birr. Bus will be leaving on schedule. Cost of Bus €30.00.**

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