

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter Week 4

Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 13/14th July was **€2,196.00**

Eucharistic Adoration in the Adoration Chapel Monday to Friday from 10.30 - 12noon

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

Birr Theatre & Arts Centre presses play on - Exhibition on Screen: Painting the Modern Garden Monet to Matisse. This dazzling film takes a magical journey from the gallery to the gardens! Tuesday 6 Aug / 3pm.

The Erin Story - 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**.

Ballingarry Summer Market takes place on Sunday 28th July, 11am - 2pm at the Picnic Area, Ballingarry, Eircode E53 W597. Explore over 30 stalls selling a variety of fresh local produce, baked goods, crafts and much more. In addition, enjoy facepainting on the day and family entertainment with Cloughjordan Circus Club. All are welcome.

Midland Living Links - Thanks to all who supported our Coffee Morning Fundraiser in May, a total of €342.40 was raised. Your support is much appreciated.

A fundraiser for the Spiritan Zambia Orphan Fund took place in the Marian Hall, Birr, on Saturday 13th July last. We wish to extend warm and sincere gratitude to all those who attended, sponsored prizes, helped out, or otherwise participated in the event. We raised €7,200 on the day. The full proceeds will go directly to the above charity, under the leadership of Fr. Micheal Walsh, for distribution where most needed in Zimba, Southern Province, Zambia. Thank you again for your support. Marie & John O'Halloran

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 20th	10am	Maura Sherlock, William Street
Sat 20th	7.30pm	Martin Guilfoyle & his parents Margaret & William, Killeen Thomas & Roseanne O' Brien, Aharney, Tullamore Tom Hynes, New Road
Sun 21st	8.30am	Bella Coonan & deceased family members, Lacka William & Florence Cooke, son Teddy & daughters Margaret & Florence
Sun 21st	9.30am	Private Intentions Carrig
Sun 21st	10.30am	Sr. Loreto Ryan, Dublin (1st Ann)
Sun 21st	12 noon	Private Intentions
Mon 22nd	10am	Private Intentions
Tues 23rd	10am	Deceased members of the Kemmy Family, Garbally
Wed 24th	10am	Cleary & Buckley Families
Thurs 25th	10am	Private Intentions
Fri 26th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 27th	10am	Frank Reilly, Woodlands Park Enda Cooke, daughter Geraldine & grand-daughter Natalie
Sat 27th	7.30pm	Phyllis Hamilton, Westgate (1st Ann) Elizabeth Dwane, Eden Road & her parents Elizabeth & Patrick Donoghue John Guinan, Newbridge Street Christy (Pops) Kelly & his wife Kathleen, Pound Street Helena Cahill, The Terrace, Crinkill David (Budgie) Byrne and his father Camillus
Sun 28th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 28th	9.30am	Margaret (Dolly) White, Clonraskin & all the deceased members of the White family Tom & Sheila Delahunty & all deceased members of the Delahunty Family
Sun 28th	10.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 28th	12noon	Philomena Murphy, Dublin & Birr (1st Ann) & her husband Cyril

Prayer for the Dead

Mary O'Connor, Hillside & formerly Main Street Birr



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

St. Brendan's Church Birr 1824 - 2024 Bi-Centenary Celebration



All Are Invited!

To the Bi-Centenary Celebration of St. Brendan's Church on Saturday August 10th at 7.30pm. Bishop Fintan will be the celebrant of the Mass.

If you have a connection with Birr Parish we would be delighted with your presence on the evening .

Church Maintenance Work

Some essential work has been carried out in St. Brendan's church over recent weeks. The timber louvers in the bell tower have been upgraded and painted. The gutters and downpipes have been cleaned and are in the process of being painted. The external doors have received a new coat of varnish. New signage has been erected in the church grounds and information panels are installed in the main entrance. Work is to be carried out on the flat roof in the children's room. The fountain in the tranquility garden has been upgraded and is working again. It is planned at the end of the year to repair and restore the St. Brendan's stain glass window on the right side of the main aisle.

Sponsored by Carrig & Riverstown Development Association

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne Muire Máthair Dé

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

Mary Mother of God

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

Jubilee Year of Hope 2025

Pope Francis confirms this special Jubilee year entitled "Spes non Confundit" Hope does not disappoint The Theme is "Pilgrims of Hope" and it will be a year of prayer for a world suffering the impacts of war, ongoing effects of COVID and climate crisis.

Reflection

To love ourselves means to live a life of this deep gratitude for our being, and it gives sense to the idea of praising God. I don't think we can praise God unless we have learnt to love ourselves.

To hate ourselves, on the other hand, is to hate God. Whatever pious image we may have of God, if we are not capable of loving ourselves, we really hate God; and we will express it usually by the way we treat each other.

The reality that we face, as we learn to love ourselves, the reality that we face in stillness, can be hard, but seeing it heals us.