

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 15/16 March was **€2566.50**

The Rosary will be recited in the Church of the Annunciation Carrig on Sunday, 9th March - Sunday, April 20, 2025 before the 9.30am Mass. All Welcome.

Daffodil Day 2025 - GO ALL IN AGAINST CANCER WITH US FRIDAY MARCH 28TH collection points all around Birr town. Proceeds to the Irish Cancer Society please support this worthy cause



Bake Sale in aid of Carrig National School on Sunday 30th March from 10am in Carrig & Riverstown Community Hall, all support is appreciated.

Church gate collection 29/30th March in aid of Cystic fibrosis. Your generosity is very much appreciated

Stations of the Cross will take place during Lent on Wednesday's after the 10am Mass. Mercy P.S will lead us on Wed March 26th & St. Brendan's P.S will lead us on Wed April 2nd.

Glory Days – Bruce Springsteen Tribute bringing this iconic rock and roll music to those who crave the boss! **Saturday, March 29 - 8pm.** John Spillane, musician, songwriter, performer, recording artist, storyteller, poet and dreamer! The beloved Cork singer-songwriter comes to Birr Theatre Friday, 4 April - 8pm. Laois Fourth Wall Theatre Group presents Bernard Farrell's situational comedy "I Do Not Like Thee, Doctor Fell" at Birr Theatre & Arts Centre, Sat 05 April 8pm. All details and more www.birrtheatre.com

St. Cronan's Church (Cof I), Roscrea will host a special evening of Gospel music with Christian singer James Kilbane on Friday 4th April at 8 pm. The evening is in support of vital repair work to the church roof, indoor walls, dampness prevention as well as the ongoing ministry work. Donation tickets are €20 and are available from church organisers, local outlets, Eventbrite, or call 087 3825336. All welcome and all support are appreciated.

Remembered in Mass this Week

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| Sat 22nd | 11am | James & Bridget Flynn & Family George Flynn & Family Babby Flynn & Bill Foran & Daughter & Grand-daughter Martin & Molly Carroll, Seffin & Sons & Daughters |
| Sat 22nd | 7.30pm | Jack Ryan, Emmet Street (MM) |
| Sun 23rd | 8.30am | Baby Henry Pardy, Woodlands (MM) |
| Sun 23rd | 9.30am | Kevin Deane, Clohaskin, Carrig (1st Ann) |
| Sun 23rd | 10.30am | Noreen Behan, Riverstown |
| Sun 23rd | 12noon | John Kinnarney (1st Ann) , Freagh & his wife Kathleen Elsie & Paddy Gillen Laurence & Betty Nee Michael Quealy, Hillside Bridie Smyth, Killeen Terry Hoctor, Hilltop, Crinkill |
| Mon 24th | 10 am | Private Intentions |
| Tues 25th | 10 am | Private Intentions |
| Wed 26th | 10 am | Private Intentions |
| Thurs 27th | 10 am | Ned & Rita Flynn son John & daughter Margaret Gleeson |
| Fri 28th | 10 am | Bridie & Danny Shortt, Emmet Terrace |
| Sat 29th | 10 am | Private Intentions |
| Sat 29th | 7.30pm | Michael Flanagan, Bulfin Park (1st Ann) Barry Kelly, The Oaks, Woodlane Tony Fahy, Burkes Hill Herbert Hennessy, Seffin and his parents Willie & Kathleen Thomas & Rosanne O' Brien, Aharney, Tullamore |
| Sun 30th | 8.30am | Kathleen Davis, Emmet Street (1st Ann) |
| Sun 30th | 9.30am | Private Intentions |
| Sun 30th | 10.30am | Mary Tuohey, Joanne Tuohey Bridget Doyle, Marian McCarthy & Eileen McCarthy Margaret Doyle Tommy & Doreen Rigney, Hollypark |
| Sun 30th | 12noon | Kieran & Doreen (Don) Horan, Castle Street and all deceased members of the Ahearne & Horan families |

Please pray for the souls of

Patrick Gleeson, The Green, Birr
Conor Brady, Rossa Street, Thurles & Emmet Street, Birr
Sheila Kavanagh, Brosna, Shinrone, sister in law of Rose Geraghty, Lisheen Birr
Philip McIntyre, Lorrha brother in law of Michael Liffey, Killeen & Grandfather of Eoin McIntyre, Staff of Carrig N.S.
Josie Moloney, Assumption Park, Roscrea sister of Marie Hennessy, Castle Street, Birr



First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation 7.30 P.M



Tuesday 25th March - Crinkill N.S & Carrig N.S.
 Wednesday 26th March - St. Brendan's P.S & Parish Preparation Programme
 Thursday 27th March - Killeen N.S & Mercy P.S

The Months

January brings the snow,
 makes our feet and fingers glow.

February brings the rain,
 Thaws the frozen lake again.

March brings breezes loud and shrill,
 stirs the dancing daffodil.

April brings the primrose sweet,
 Scatters daises at our feet.

May brings flocks of pretty lambs,
 Skipping by their fleecy damns.

June brings tulips, lilies, roses,
 Fills the children's hand with posies.

Hot July brings cooling showers,
 Apricots and gillyflowers.

August brings the sheaves of corn,
 Then the harvest home is borne.

Warm September brings the fruit,
 Sportsmen then begin to shoot.

Fresh October brings the pheasants,
 Then to gather nuts is pleasant.

Dull November brings the blast,
 Then the leaves are whirling fast.

Chill December brings the sleet,
 Blazing fire, and Christmas treat.

Sara Coleridge

Lourdes Jubilee Pilgrimages 2025

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Fintan will depart Shannon Airport on Wednesday 25th June for 5 days. €955 pps includes full board .Our Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage is from 29th September to 4th October €935 pps includes full board. To reserve a seat please contact JOE Walsh Tours 89 Harcourt St. Dublin 2 DO2WY88 Tel: 012410800 or joewalshstours.ie

Lourdes Pilgrimage 5-9th August Pilgrims who have not booked and intend to travel please contact Phil Robinson 086-3956299. As seats and single rooms are limited.

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

An Tríú Domhnach den Charghas./ Teachtaireacht an Aingil chun na Maighdine 25 Márta.

Is é seo an tríú Domhnach den Charghas. Inniu táimid leath bhealach tríd an gCarghas agus is féidir linn ár rúin a athnuachan. Ceiliúrfar Teachtaireacht an Aingil chun na Maighdine Muire, ar 25 Márta. I Soiscéal Naomh Lúcas (Lúcas 1:11-38) feicimid gur tháinig an tArdaingéal Gabriel chuig Zecharias agus Muire ag tairngreacht breithe Eoin Baiste agus Iosa. Ceiliúraimid an ról atá ag Muire mar an té a roghnaíodh le bheith ina máthair ag Iosa. Is í Muire an té is gaire do Chríost agus dúinne chomh maith. Tá an scéal faoin bhféile seo le fáil i bhFáilte an Aingil, paidir a deirimid faoi dhó in aghaidh an lae. **Fáilte an Aingil**

Third Sunday of Lent

This is the third Sunday of Lent. Today we are halfway through the season of Lent and we can renew our resolutions. The feast of the Annunciation is celebrated on 25 March. In the Gospel of St. Luke (Luke 1: 11-38) we see that Archangel Gabriel appeared and Mary to announce the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus. We celebrate Mary's role as the chosen mother to Jesus. Mary is the closest to Christ and to us too. The story of this feast is found in the Angelus, a prayer we say twice daily.

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

**Hail Mary, full of grace,
 The Lord is with Thee;
 Blessed art thou among women,
 And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
 Holy Mary, Mother of God,
 Pray for us sinners,
 Now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**
 Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
 Be it done unto me according to thy word.
Hail Mary, etc.

**And the Word was made Flesh.
 And dwelt among us.
 Hail Mary, etc.**

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Let us Pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that, we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an Angel, may by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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