

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 12/13 April was **€3,186.20**.

The Adoration Room will close Thursday April 17th and will re-open Tuesday April 22nd. Thank you.

Padre Pio Mass Thursday April 24th @ 7.30pm

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Thursday April 24th @ 8.15pm directly after the Padre Pio Mass in the Conference room.

Easter Collection for Parish

We acknowledge and thank people for their generosity to the Easter Parish 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

Carrig Tidy Towns Group will hold their annual fundraising Breakfast Event in Carrig and Riverstown Community Hall on Sunday 27th April at 10.00 a.m. This event provides a great opportunity for people to meet up with family, friends and neighbours. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible and we appreciate your support and generosity."

Birr Theatre & Arts Centre

Offaly Heritage Community Film Evening, Friday 25 April - 7pm. Presenting an evening of five short films. God in a Bottle, St Manchan's Shrine, Down with that sort of Thing featuring the theft of St Manchan's Shrine; The Kilcormac Pieta and The Shinrone Gown. Free event, please book your seat: www.birrtheatre.com

BIRR FESTIVAL OF MUSIC 1st - 5th MAY PRESENTS THE RTE CONCERT ORCHESTRA ST.BRENDANS R.C. CHURCH, WILMER ROAD, BIRR, FRIDAY 2nd MAY 7.30pm €25

An unforgettable evening of music with over 60 musicians & internationally acclaimed Irish soprano AVA DODD. Conductor NIAL KINSELLA & presented by LIZ NOLAN of RTE Lyric FM fame. See Festival Bank Holiday Weekend programme at birrfestivalofmusic.com
Box Office 057 91 22911 (1pm - 5.30pm Mon-Fri)

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 19th	10 am	Morning Prayer & Blessing of Food
Sat 19th	9.00pm	Easter Vigil
Sun 20th	8.30am	Easter Mass Bouquets
Sun 20th Carrig	9.30am	Easter Mass Bouquets
Sun 20th	10.30am	Easter Mass Bouquets
Sun 20th	12noon	Easter Mass Bouquets
Mon 21st	10 am	John & Lily Lyndon, Oxmantown Mall Eugene Garvey, Tullynisk Francis Kennedy, Newbridge Street
Tue 22nd	10 am	Private Intentions
Wed 23rd	10 am	Private Intentions
Thurs 24th	10 am	Dilly McAteer, New Road
Thurs 24th	7.30 pm	Padre Pio Mass
Fri 25th	10 am	John & Mary Doyle & son Nicholas, Fairview
Sat 26th	10 am	Hellena Cleary, London
Sat 26th	7.30 pm	Patrick Glesson, Green Street (MM) Brendan Murphy, Syngefield Derek Maher, Cappaneale Park, Margaret Lawlor, New Road Annieo Coughlan, Glebe Street Peter Judge, Fairview
Sun 27th	8.30am	Margaret Corrigan, Castle Street (1st Ann) & her husband Paddy
Sun 27th Carrig	9.30am	Martin Carney, Carrig
Sun 27th	10.30am	Conor Brady, Emmet Street (MM) Denis Sheeran & the Sheeran Family, William Street Johnny Kennedy & his son John, Cornmarket Street & his mother Mary Kennedy, Knockshegowna
Sun 27th	12noon	Bernie Bracken, Castletown, Fortal (MM)

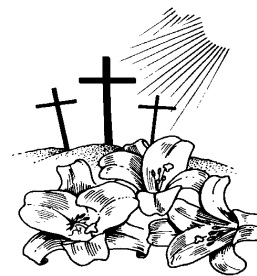
Please pray for the souls of

Anne Oakley, Ballywilliam, Shinrone sister of Margaret Oakley, Ballagh Lane, Carrig



May you support us all the day long until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Christ Jesus, our Lord"

Easter Blessings To All



Easter Reflection

Breaking through the powers of darkness
Bursting from the stifling tomb
He slipped into the graveyard garden
To smell the blossom air.

Tell them Mary, Jesus said,
That I have journeyed far
Into the darkest deeps I've seen
In nights without a star.

Tell them Mary, Jesus said,
That fear will flee my light
That through the ground will tremble
And despair will stalk the earth
I hold them firmly in my hand
Through terror, to new birth.

Tell them Mary, Jesus said,
The globe and all that's made
Is clasped to God's great bosom
They must not be afraid.
For though they fall and die, He said
And the black earth wrapped them tight
They will know the warmth
Of God's healing hands
In the early morning light.

Tell them Mary, Jesus said,
Smelling the blossomed air
Tell my people to rise with me
To heal the earth's despair.

Edwina Gately



Divine Mercy Sunday
on next Sunday, April 27th.
Chaplet at 2.45 p.m. followed by
Mass at 3.00 p.m. All welcome.

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne The Resurrection

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the greatest feast in the Liturgical Calendar. So let us rejoice. We have spent forty days during Lent praying, making sacrifices and spiritual exercises in preparation to celebrate Easter with dedication and the meaning of the Resurrection of Jesus. Christ is in glory now. In the Resurrection Jesus showed his victory over death, sin and the power of evil. He proved he was God. The tomb was empty and his friends were surprised when he appeared to them. They recognised him. They believed he had risen from the dead and they were filled with joy. In Ireland there is much folklore surrounding the Resurrection of Jesus. Our ancestors believed that the sun danced, and that nature celebrated on Easter Sunday because Jesus had risen from the dead. They used to go to the top of the hills to see this spectacle. We can say this prayer.

***I arise with God, May God rise with me,
God's hand about me as I sit, as I lie and as I rise. Amen***



Buíochas

We acknowledge the involvement of so many people with this years Easter Liturgies - we are especially grateful to the choirs & folk group. To Enda, Tommy, Catriona, Carmel and the other musicians who enhanced our gatherings. To our Readers, Eucharistic ministers, Liturgy group, Sacristans. Alter Servers and the young people and all who in any way have helped with the Ceremonies.

Mile Buíochas

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