

## BIRR PARISH

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### Psalter week 2

#### Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 19/20th April was **€3535.00**.

**European Champions - Congratulations to St. Brendan's Community School senior debating team who won their European championship in Brussels on Thursday.**

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



**Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Active Retirement Group** - The Group are organising a day trip to Kilkenny on **Tuesday May 20th 2025** Cost €20 plus a 4 nights/ 5 days trip to Donegal staying at the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny from Sunday **September 14th - September 18th 2025** €440 per person sharing Dinner Bed & Breakfast each day. All day tours by Luxury Coach. Entertainment each night. Luxury coach from Birr if interested please contact Mary 087-1264925

**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](http://birrfestivalofmusic.com)  
Box Office 057 91 22911 (1pm - 5.30pm Mon-Fri)

**Killaloe Diocese Jubilee Pilgrimage To Lourdes June 25th - 30th June led by Bishop Fintan** Full board Hotels Agena or La Solitude €955. for information and bookings please contact Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410880 e-mail [info@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie)

## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 26th	10 am	Hellena Cleary, London
Sat 26th	7.30pm	<b>Patrick Gleeson, Green Street (MM)</b> Brendan Murphy, Syngefield Derek Maher, Cappaneale Park, Margaret Lawlor, New Road Annieo Coughlan, Glebe Street Peter Judge, Fairview
Sun 27th	8.30am	<b>Margaret Corrigan, Castle Street (1st Ann)</b> & her husband Paddy
Sun 27th	9.30am	Martin Carney, Carrig
Sun 27th	10.30am	<b>Conor Brady, Emmet Street (MM)</b> Denis Sheeran & the Sheeran Family, William Street Johnny Kennedy & his son John, Cornmarket Street & his mother Mary Kennedy, Knockshegowna Teresa O' Brien, Brosna
Sun 27th	12noon	<b>Bernie Bracken, Castletown, Fortal (MM)</b> Tony Nevin & Tony Nevin Jnr Trevor O' Shea, Bulfin Park
Mon 28th	10 am	Josephine O' Connor (née) Tierney, Market Square
Tue 29th	10 am	Private Intentions
Wed 30th	10 am	Private Intentions
Thurs 1st	10 am	Private Intentions
Fri 2nd	10 am	Private Intentions
Sat 3rd	10 am	Private Intentions
Sat 3rd	7.30 pm	Joe & Sally Kennedy, Elm Park
Sun 4th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 4th	9.30am	Mark Smyth, Tinklough, Carrig
Sun 4th	10.30am	Eddie, Violet & Michael Forrester, Castle Street Stan Hayes, High Street
Sun 4th	12noon	Martin Hynes, Castle Gardens & his son Peter Mick & Mary Hogan, Crinkill

### Please pray for the souls of

**Wyn Beere**, Kilternan, Dublin Husband of Shirley Rosney & Brother in Law of Fr. Arnold Rosney  
**Anne Moore- Mathews**, Camross mother of Terry Moore Macregol Court, Birr  
**Cathy Collins**, Kilnaboy, Clare mother of Michael Collins, Lacka, Carrig  
**Pope Francis**  
**Maureen Hoolan**, Dunkerrin, mother of Brendan Hoolan, Emmet Street  
**David Francis Hanevy**, Woodlane, Hillside, Birr  
**Thomas Delaney**, Spollenstown, Tullamore formerly Kyle, Kinnitty, brother of Martina Lowe



## Pope Francis (1936-2025)

The news of the death of Pope Francis on Monday morning came as a shock to many. He had appeared on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica the previous day to share Easter greetings with thousands of pilgrims. Pope Francis was born in Buenos Aires Argentina in 1936 of Italian Emigrant parents. He joined the Jesuit order and spent most of his life working with the poor and advocating for social justice. In 2013 following the resignation of Pope Benedict XIII he was elected 266th successor of St. Peter. He was the first Pope from the Americas, the first Jesuit to hold the position and the first to take the name Francis inspired by Francis of Assisi. He sought to bring about a new spirit to the papacy. He chose to live in the Vatican guest house of Casa Marta rather than in the Papal apartment. His message was one of compassion, humility and service. He repeatedly called the Church to be "a field hospital for the wounded rather than fortress of rules and doctrine". Over the course of his pontificate he made more than 40 apostolic trips bringing his message of peace and solidarity to the four corners of the world. Francis was deeply committed to migrants and refugees. His first ever trip was to the Island of Lampedusa where he prayed for the migrants - who were lost to the sea as they tried to reach Italy. He constantly reminded us that the mission of the Church was to serve the poor and marginalized. In 2015 his encyclical "Laudato Si" subtitled "On the care for our common home". Urging world leaders to take action on Climate change. The most famous quote of his pontificate was "Who am I to judge". His later years were marked by a serious of health challenges he continued to work and be active up to the end. His legacy of compassion and mercy will not be forgotten. An Irish woman Sr. Olivia Maria was his midwife at his birth and an Irish man Cardinal Kevin Farrell announced his death to the world that "he returned to the Father's house" **Rest in Peace good and faithful servant.**

## Sr. Eileen - Cúinne Machnamh

Leagann an Eaglais an-bhéim ar, go bhfuil Críost i láthair ina bhriathar, mar is é Críost a labhraíonn gach uair a léitear an scríoptúr sa liotúirge. Tugann an Bíobla, an sean agus an nua, an bhrí ba chiall leis an gcéad uair agus faoi mar is féidir é a chur in oiriúint do thosca an lae inniu, nó fiú do cheisteanna fós le teacht. Ní teagmháil aigne, intleachtach lom amháin atá anseo, mar tá Críost i láthair lena Spiorad agus lena ghrásta. Agus, ar ndóigh, tá sé i láthair i modh faoi leith san Eocairist, i mbriseadh an aráin, gníomh a thugann chun cuimhne dúinn na bríonna iomadúla a bhí le briseadh an aráin d' Íosa féin lena bheatha agus tar éis aiséirí dó.



### Reflection

The Church places great emphasis on the presence of Christ in his word, as it is Christ who speaks every time scripture is read in the liturgy. The Bible readings bring together the old and the new, its meaning for the first time and how this can be adapted to today's circumstances, or even for questions still to come. This is not just a bare intellectual touch of mind, because Christ is present with his Spirit and with his grace. And, of course, He is present in a particular method in the Eucharist, in the breaking of the bread. This act reminds us of the many meanings of breaking the bread for Jesus himself with his life and after His resurrection

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