

## 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 26/27th April was **€3,042.10**.

**The Rosary** will be recited before 9.30am Sunday Mass in the Church of the Annunciation Carrig during the month of May.

#### Alzheimer's Tea Day 2025

Offaly Alzheimer Society is holding a Tea Day on Thursday 8th May in our Birr Day Centre, Johns Terrace, from 2pm to 4pm. The event is held to help raise vital funds to support those affected by dementia and their families.

**Birr Flower & Garden Club** Meeting in the County Arms Hotel on Tuesday May 6th @ 8pm. Karl Wright from Caher Bridge Garden The Burren will give a talk on this very interesting, beautiful garden. All welcome. Non-members €10 Raffle Tickets €5

**Midland Living Links** supporting those bereaved by suicide. Coffee Morning Tuesday May 6th, Conference room in St. Brendan's Church after 10.00 a.m. mass. 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

**Carrig Tidy Towns Group** would like to express its thanks to all those who attended the Breakfast Event on Sunday last week. It was a huge success and a wonderful community event which was enjoyed by all across the generations. Thanks also to all the volunteers who helped including the staff of Carrig Village Stores who worked hard to prepare the food. The generosity of the community towards this annual fundraiser is hugely appreciated."

**Busy Bodies Summer Camp 2025** takes place in Killeen N.S. Week 1/ 7th July, Week 2 /14th July & Week 3/ 21st July. Lots of activities, Age 3-10 years from 9.30 - 3pm (school opens at 8am) for further info please contact Ann (087) 9625218.

## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 3rd	10 am	Private Intentions
Sat 3rd	7.30pm	Joe & Sally Kennedy, Elm Park Michael & Sadie Campbell & daughter Majella, Moorpark Street
Sun 4th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 4th Carrig	9.30am	Mark Smyth, Tinlough, Carrig
Sun 4th	10.30am	Eddie, Violet & Michael Forrester, Castle Street Stan Hayes, High Street Johnny Carroll, Arraghmore and his parents Bridie & Jack Carroll
Sun 4th	12noon	Martin Hynes, Castle Gardens & his son Peter Mick & Mary Hogan, Crinkill
Mon 5th	10 am	Private Intentions
Tue 6th	10 am	Ellen Doyle & Winifred Murphy
Wed 7th	10 am	Private Intentions
Thurs 8th	10 am	John Gormley, Woodlands
Fri 9th	10 am	Private Intentions
Fri 9th Carrig	7pm	<b>Margaret White, Carrig (MM)</b>
Sat 10th	10 am	Private Intentions
Sat 10th	7.30 pm	Sarah Turley (née Barry), Ely Place Tim Hutchinson, Crinkill Billy Watson, Rosse Row
Sun 11th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 11th Carrig	9.30am	Aidan King, The Gables
Sun 11th	10.30am	Nancy Moody, Glebe Street Valerie McIntyre, Demesne View Paddy Molloy, Burkes Hill
Sun 11th	12noon	<b>Michael Loughnane, Whiteford (1st Ann)</b> Sheila Phelan, Wilmer Road Rita & Eamonn O' Meara & all deceased members of the O' Meara family, formerly of Ballyloughnane & Main Street, Birr

### Please pray for the souls of

**Bridie Roddy**, Galway, mother of Colin Roddy, Forest View, Birr  
**Stephen McTiernan**, Leitrim & Melbourne father of Katie Guinan McTiernan, The Glens, Birr & Melbourne Australia



**Trócaire** - Now that the Lenten Season has concluded we invite you to return your Trócaire box or offerings. Your support for Trócaire is very much appreciated at these difficult times to respond to the cry of the poor in so many parts of the world. To date €4,515.00 has been contributed

## Birr Parish Accounts For year ending 31st December 2024

### Income

Basket Collection	€96,605
Parish Development Fund & Tap & Donate Shrines	€53,506
Parish Properties /Marian Hall/ St Brendan's Interest from loan to Killaloe diocese / VAT Refund	€26,638
Weddings/ Novena/ Donations/Sponsorship /Concert / Book	€20,050
CHY2 Revenue Refund	€5,561
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>€14,150</b>
	<b>€9,067</b>
	<b>€225,578</b>

### Expenditure/ Administration

Wages / Revenue ( Warehouse Debt)	€30,738
Accountancy Fees (Audit) /Bank Charges	€4,467
Diocesan Levy	€31,642
Insurance	€11,702
Parish Office Consumables/Phone/ Newsletter/ Printing	€21,615

### Parish Activities

Miscellaneous	€6,833
Parish Functions/Faith Formation/Speakers Liturgical Celebrations/Altar Supplies / Shrine Candles	€9,881
	€12,248

### Parish Property

Maintenance/Fire& Security/IT/Sound /Water /Refuse/ LPT	€47,255
Heating/Electricity	€20,629
New Fire Alarm System	€13,800
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>€210,811</b>

**Excess of Income over Expenditure** **€14,767**

### Other Collections

Priests Collection	€52,810
Trocaire	€5,100
Lourdes Invalid Fund	€675
Mission Sunday	€1,130

**We thank you for your continued support and generosity especially during these challenging times.**

**Sponsored by  
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## Sr. Eileen - Cúinne The Month of May

May has come . The Celtic year was divided into two halves, the dark and the light. Samhain was the beginning of the dark half and Bealtaine the beginning of the light half. We welcome the month of May, the beginning of Summer. The cuckoo and the swallows have arrived from the sunny southern lands without the aid of compass or satellite navigation to guide them. May we live to see this time next year. This month is dedicated to Our Lady. Irish people had great respect always for Our Lady. It is still a custom to have a May altar in homes and recite the rosary daily during the month of May. This custom is kept in many schools. It is good to continue such customs.

Gracious Mary, mother of God guide me throughout my life, and support me against sorrows and temptations. Deliver me from all evil. Amen.

### First Holy Communion

Please keep all the young people in your prayers as they prepare for the next milestone in their faith journey.



### First Holy Communion Ceremonies 11.00am

**Saturday 10th May** - Crinkill N.S, Killeen N.S. & Parish Preparation Programme

**Saturday 17th May** - Mercy P.S, St. Brendan's P.S

**Sunday 18th May** - Carrig N.S.  
(In Carrig Church at 9.30am)

### Safeguarding Month of May.

It is only fitting at this time to remind ourselves of Pope Francis vision, teaching and commitment to ensuring our Churches are a safe place for both children and Vulnerable adults. Safeguarding. Our generation must show that it can rise to the promise found in each [child and] young person when we know how to give them space. This means that we have to create the material and spiritual conditions for their full development, to give them a solid basis on which to build their lives; to guarantee their safety and their education to be everything they can be; to pass on to them lasting values that make life worth living; to give them a transcendent horizon for their thirst for authentic happiness and their creativity for the good; to give them the legacy of a world worthy of human life; and to awaken in them their greatest potential as builders of their own destiny, sharing responsibility for the future of everyone. If we can do all this today, we anticipate the future that enters the world through the window of the young. Pope Francis (2013).