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 3/4 May was €2,433.00.

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

Padre Pio Mass Thursday May 15th @ 7.30pm

Daffodil Day 2025 - Thanks to all who supported and volunteered for Daffodil day 2025, a total of €27,842.00 was raised for the Irish Cancer society. Your support is much appreciated on behalf of Birr Daffodil day.

Our Changing Church

The Killaloe Diocese Adult Faith Team invites you to a talk/discussion on Saturday, 24th of May, 10am - 1pm in the Nenagh Pastoral Centre, Our speaker will be Michael Conway, Prof. of Faith & Culture in Maynooth, who will present current changes happening in the Church and initiate a dialogue on our possible response.

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

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.

Birr Sustainable Energy Community Solar Meitheal Meeting Thursday 15th May 2025 @ 7.30pm in the Marian Hall Birr (R42 FX03) in conjunction with Birr Tidy Towns. Laurence O' Reilly SEAI SEC Mentor defines a solar Meitheal benefits for home owners including reduced costs. All welcome.

Remembered in Mass this Week		
Sat 10th	11am	First Holy Communion (No 10am Mass this morning)
Sat 10th	7.30pm	Sarah Turley (née Barry), Ely Place Tim Hutchinson, Crinkill Billy Watson, Rosse Row Madge Lally, Cúl Dara, Dovegrove
Sun 11th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 11th Carrig	9.30am	Aidan King, The Gables
Sun 11th	10.30am	Michael Loughnane, Whiteford (1st Ann) Nancy Moody, Glebe Street Valerie McIntyre, Demesne View Paddy Molloy, Burkes Hill
Sun 11th	12noon	Funeral Mass of Gerry Corcoran Rita & Eamonn O' Meara & all deceased members of the O' Meara family, formerly of Ballyloughnane & Main Street, Birr Monica Boyd, Woodlands Drive
Mon 12th	10 am	Private Intentions
Tue 13th	10 am	Private Intentions
Wed 14th	10 am	Mary Marie Hutchinson, St. Brendan's Villas (1st Ann)
Thur 15th	10 am	Private Intentions
Thur 15th	7.30pm	Padre Pio Mass
Fri 16th	10 am	Ann Hogan
Sat 17th	11am	First Holy Communion (No 10am Mass this morning)
Sat 17th	7.30 pm	Joe Landy, Westgate James Hegarty, Cappaneale Margaret & William Hegarty Margaret & William Connerton Kit Molloy & Val Hogan, Tinnyinch, Clonaslee
Sun 18th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 18th Carrig	9.30am	First Holy Communion
Sun 18th	10.30am	Jane Dwyer, Eglish, Fivealley Paddy Kirwan, Newbridge Street
Sun 18th	12noon	Baby Declan James Murphy, Sandymount Avenue (1st Ann) Ray, Mary & Jack Murray Fr. Henry Torpey

Please pray for the souls of

Gerry Corcoran, Burkes Hill

Sadie Hickey, Roscrea sister of the late Paddy

Fitzgerald, Hillside

Matt McCormack, Tullamore & Birr Community Nursing

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"

Gaetano Lally, Fairview

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

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

Please note there is no 10am Mass for next Saturday May 17th due to First Holy Communion

Vocation Sunday

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter or Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate World Day of Praver for Vocations. We ask that we may be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit as we carry on the mission of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Let us pray for one another that we may be strengthened in our Christian vocations as married and single people, priests, deacons, and religious. May our youth listen to God's call and be encouraged to respond generously.

'Dear friends, it is not always easy to discern our vocation and to steer our life in the right direction. For this reason, there needs to be a renewed commitment on the part of the whole Church – priests, religious, pastoral workers and educators - to provide young people in particular with opportunities for listening and discernment. There is a need for a youth ministry and a vocational promotion that can open the way to discovering God's plan, above all through prayer, meditation on God's word, Eucharistic adoration and spiritual accompaniment".

--Pope Francis

Sponsored by T. P Sullivan Haulage

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 scrioptúr sa liotúirge. Tugann léacht an Bhíobla an sean agus an nua an bhrí ba chiall leis céaduair agus faoi mar is féidir sin 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, 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

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 its meaning and how this can be adapted to today's circumstances, or even your questions. This is not just a touch of mind, because Christ is present with his Spirit and with his grace.

And, of course, it is present in a particular way in the Eucharist, in the breaking of the bread, an act that reminds us of the many meanings of break the bread for Jesus himself, with his life and after His resurrection.

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

Safeguarding. Pope Francis reminded us that, 'in the Confiteor, we ask forgiveness not only for the wrong we have done, but also for the good we have failed to do'

In the past, the Catholic Church in Ireland failed in its duty to protect children and young people. Church policies have focused on establishing consistent standards to prevent abuse and assist the Church on its journey to learn from the mistakes of the past and ensure that children's safety is a core part of its mission.