BIRR PARISH

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> **Parish Office Opening Hours** Monday - Friday 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

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Psalter week 1

Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 10/11th May was €2,734.50.

The May Priests Collection will be taken up at all masses this weekend 17/18 May. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity to this collection

Trócaire - We acknowledge a further €1,030 that has been donated to Trócaire for their Annual Appeal. This brings the contribution to €5,545.00. if you have outstanding Trócaire boxes/envelopes please leave to parish office or sacristy. Thank you

Inviting people to celebrate 25 & 50 years of Pioneer membership please contact Parish office.

As part of the Bealtaine Festival, Birr Theatre will be pressing play on the movie title – The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry on Thursday 22 May at 2.30pm, Free Event, just book your seat www.birrtheatre.com

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.

St. Cronan's Pastoral Area, Roscrea Jubilee Walk / Pilgrimage to Monaincha Abbey on June 15th 2025. Bishop Fintan Monahan, Bishop of Killaloe, will celebrate Mass at Monaincha Abbey at 12 noon. Walk/Pilgrimage starts at 10am from St. Cronan's Church, Abbey Street. Details to follow

Birr Further Education Centre You're Invited to Our Open Day – Wednesday, May 21st | 10am–6pm-Townsend Street Explore courses like Art and Design with internationally recognised artist Vincent Devine, or learn about our new Level 6 Business module, which offers progression to Year 2 at TUS Athlone. Whether you're looking to boost your basic IT skills or try your hand at Horticulture, Sport and Adventure, Culinary Skills to name but a few. Drop in anytime between 10am and 6pm—we'd love to see you there!

Remembered in Mass this Week

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Sat 17th	11am	First Holy Communion
Sat 17th	7.30pm	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 Annie & William Smyth, Killeen
Sun 18th	12noon	Baby Declan James Murphy, Sandymount Avenue (1st Ann) Ray, Mary & Jack Murray Fr. Henry Torpey Gaetano Lally, Fairview Michael (Dublin Mick) Mooney, Pound Street
Mon 19th	10 am	Private Intentions
Tue 20th	10 am	Private Intentions
Wed 21st	10 am	Private Intentions
Thur 22nd	10 am	Private Intentions
Fri 23rd	10 am	Private Intentions
Sat 24th	11am	Dan (Donie) Carroll & his Son Martin (Carlo) Carroll, Bulfin Park Emily & Davassy Thekkan Porathor Pathrose Thomas Francis & Devassy Antony Annamma
Sat 24th	7.30 pm	Edward & Mary Sherlock & son Eddie, Curraduff
Sun 25th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 25th Carrig	9.30am	Ann & Sheila Lenihan
Sun 25th	10.30am	Frank (Frankie) Gallagher, High Street (1st Ann) Vincent Sammon Maureen Plunkett, High Street Martin & Katie Ryan, Crinkill Albert & Mary Kate Watkins Oisin Watkins Carroll Patrick Nevin Richard & Kathleen Grant
Sun 25th	12noon	Rosemary Mooney, Woodlands Jim & Kathleen Colohan, New Road & daughters Louise, Eleanor, Mary, Marion & Anne Mikie Donoghue, Cappaneale William Cooney, John's Mall Michael & Annie Harte, children Rody, Mary & John, Pound Street

Please pray for the souls of

Anne Coleman (née Kelly) Hawthorn Drive, Crinkle, Birr Eilish Austin, Dysard, Mullingar sister in law of Veronica Minnock, Clonkelly

Brid Treacy, Moneygall & Birr Community Nursing Unit **Garda Kevin Flatley**, Balbriggan



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 this Saturday May 17th due to First Holy Communion

Habemus Papum

On Thursday May 8th the eyes of the world were focused on the central balcony window of St. Peter's Basilica waiting for the announcement "Habemus Papum" (we have a Pope) naming the Cardinal selected and his chosen name Cardinal Robert Prevost was the one selected and his chosen name is Leo the XIV. His opening words were "Peace be with you" and he gave us some sense of his pontificate.

Heavenly Father we thank you for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in choosing Pope Leo as the new shepherd of your Church. Grant him wisdom like Solomon, courage like Peter and compassion like Christ.

Strengthen him with your grace as he leads the faithful in truth and love.

May his words and actions reflect Your will, bringing unity, peace, and renewal to the Church and the world.

Protect him from all harm, and bless him with health of body, clarity of mind and purity of heart.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Peter and all the Saints may Pope Leo be a faithful servant, a beacon of hope and a true Father to all. Amen

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Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Muire Máthair Dé

Muire Máthair Dé. is í Muire Banríon na bhflaitheas ,Díontóir na bhfíorlag, Farraige na daonnachta, Réaltan eolais gach seachránaigh, Bean réitigh na feirge, Idirmhínightheoir na ngearánach, Sásamh an bhreithimh, Teanga na mbalbhán , Seomra séad na suáilcí, Tuile na ngrást agus Tonn Chlíodhna na Trócaire.

Mary Mother of God

Mary is the Queen of Heaven Protector of the weak, Sea of humanity, Astronomer's knowledge of stars, Woman resolving anger, Complainant's pacifier, Satisfaction of judge, The language of the dumb, The room of blessings, The flood of graces and The Clíodhna Wave of Mercy.

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.

In the Churches Safeguarding Policy 'A Safe and welcoming Church' June 2024 Bishop Fintan Monahan pledges that the Diocese will safeguard children and young people from harm and to support them in their development as valued and integral members of the Catholic Church in Ireland. The Church's ministry will be inclusive and will uphold their rights. Consistent with Gospel values, and with civil and criminal law, those who minister will do so with dignity and integrity. honouring their calling to ensure that children and young people are welcomed, cherished and protected. following the example set by Jesus.