

## BIRR PARISH

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Monday - Friday 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

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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 23/24th August was €2452.50

**Robert Mizzell's Nashville Songbook**- Thursday 18 September - 8pm at Birr Theatre & Art Centre. [www.birrtheatre.com](http://www.birrtheatre.com)

**Midland Living Links** supporting those bereaved by suicide. Coffee Morning September 2nd. Conference room in St. Brendan's Church after 10.00 a.m. mass. All welcome

**Birr Flower & Garden Club** will hold their September Meeting on Tuesday September 2nd at 8pm in the County Arms Hotel @ 8pm. Enda Thompson Phelan from Clonohill Gardens will give a talk on flowers and also arrange garden flowers.

**Birr 20:20 Vision CLG** will be holding an Open Meeting on Tuesday 16th September in the Garden Room, County Arms Hotel to:  
\*Re-establish the Birr 20:20 Vision Ltd. Business Pillar to bring together the goodwill, talents, abilities, and resources of the business community, and to \*Introduce a new cross-pillar initiative between the Tourism and Business Pillars to work together and increase visitor numbers for the benefit of all. Guest Speaker on the evening with be Pat Crotty. All welcome, please RSVP to [info@birr2020vision.ie](mailto:info@birr2020vision.ie) before Friday 5th Sept.

#### Birr Further Education Centre

You're Invited to Our Open Day – **Wed 3rd Sep** 10am–5pm- Townsend Street R42 W902. Come along to our Open Day and meet the teachers. 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. Sport and Adventure, Culinary Skills to name but a few. Drop in anytime between 10am and 5pm—we'd love to see you there!

## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 30th	10am	Reetha Devassy, India (MM)
Sat 30th	7.30pm	<b>Kathleen Kearney, Grove St, Crinkill (MM)</b> Kathleen Donoghue & sons Jimmy & Brendan, McAuley Drive Cella Errity, Clonkelly & deceased members of the Errity & McGuinness Families Nigel Wrafter, New Road
Sun 31st	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 31st	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 31st	10.30am	Tom & Nancy Talbot, Seffin Noel & Maureen Reedy, John's Mal Leake & Hayden Families I
Sun 31st	12noon	Johnny Hogan, Clonoghill Lower Paddy Mulrooney, Clonoghill Lower Jacqueline Quealy, Hillside Eamon Hensey, Cappaneale Peter & Nora Costello, Sharavogue
Mon 1st	10am	Private Intentions
Tues 2nd	10am	Private Intentions
Wed 3rd	10am	Private Intentions
Thur 4th	10am	Private Intentions
Fri 5th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 6th	10am	Dan Bass, Ballindown, Birr & his wife Kathleen
Sat 6th	7.30pm	Michael & Teresa Milne & sons Michael & Raymond, Crinkill Eamon & Rose Gunning, Green Street
Sun 7th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 7th	9.30am	Peter & Charles King & Jimmy King, Riverstown
Sun 7th	10.30am	Terence Guinan, Grove Street Dettie Hayes, High Street
Sun 7th	12noon	<b>Michael Delaney, Elmgrove, Birr (MM)</b> Carmel Danagher, Castletown Cross

### Please pray for the souls of

**Mark Molloy**, Formerly Main Street, Birr & Delvin, Westmeath   
**Cyril Kelly**, Liverpool and formerly New Road, Birr son of the late Murt & Nell Kelly, New Road, Birr & brother of Catherine O'Dwyer, Cappaneale  
**Patricia Regan (née Sheils)** Banagher & formerly High Street, Birr sister of Mary Kinirons & Angela Hall, High Street & the late Ann Kirwan, Newbridge Street

## Blessed Carlo Acutis

The Brendan Pastoral Area (parishes of Birr, Kilcolman, Kinnitty & Shinrone) warmly invites all parishioners and the wider community to a special Celebration of the Eucharist in honour of the canonisation of 15 year old Blessed Carlo Acutis,

**Venue: St Brendan's Church, Birr**  
**Date: Saturday 6th September**  
**Time: 7.30pm**

This will be joyful celebration with participation from the Brendan Pastoral Area Youth Group and the Brendan Pastoral Area Choir

Carlo was a normal teenager who loved hanging out with his friends who also had a deep relationship with the Lord with particular devotion to the Eucharist and Our Lady. Carlo was a computer genius who used his talents to create a website showing all the miracles that occurred through the Eucharist. As least two miracles have been attributed to Carlo since his death. Fifteen year old, Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonised on the 7th September 2025 by Pope Leo XIV in Rome.

## New School Year Blessing

**Young People and Parents are invited to bring their school bags to Mass next weekend and place the bags on the Altar rails or sanctuary area where a prayer of blessing will be imparted on them for the success of the year ahead.**

Dear Lord,

As our students begin a new school year, I pray that you will keep them in your care.

Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well. Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.

Help them to be kind to others and lead others to be kind to them.

Give their teachers patience and understanding and help them teach what is just and true.

Send your angels to guide and guard our children and to keep them from all harm.

Open their young hearts to your presence and enfold them in your peace and protection.

Hold them in the palm of your hand and bring them home safely at day's end.

Amen.

## Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

### Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá tar éis Comaoineacha

Féach, a Íosa cheannsa, ró-mhilis, caithim mé féin ar mo ghlúine I d'fhianaise; agus guím agus achainím ort le mór-mhian m'anama, go ndaingne óchta i mo chroí beo-smaointe creidimh, dóchais agus carthanachta agus fíor aithreachais ar son mo pheacaí, maille le rún daingean mo leasuithe, agus smaoitím i m'intinn féin agus meabhraím go domhain le dian ghrá agus dubhrón anama ar do chuig chréachta ró-luachmhara, ag coinneáil roimh m'intinn na focail úd a chuir Dáivi i do bhéal fá dtaoibh duit féin a Íosa mhaith: "Do phol said mo lámha agus mo chosa, chuntais siad mo chnámha uile."

### Prayer after Communion

Behold, O kind and most sweet Jesus, before Thy face I humbly kneel, and with the most fervent desire of soul, I pray and beseech Thee to impress upon my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, true contrition for my sins and a firm purpose of amendment. With deep affection and grief of soul, I ponder within myself, mentally contemplating Thy five wounds, having before my eyes the words which David the Prophet spoke concerning Thee: "They have pierced my hands and my feet, they have numbered all my bones."

### BIRR YOUNG VOICES 2025/2026

For all boys and girls who like to sing! Birr Young Voices is a multi-cultural choral group involving children from many primary schools in the midland region. TIME : Thursdays 4pm Junior 8-11 years; 5pm Senior 11-14 years. VENUE : Birr Theatre & Arts Centre, Oxmantown Mall, Birr €20 enrolment fee - no other costs. Enrol by 15th Sept starts 18th Sept. Enrolment forms available online at [www.birrfestivalofmusic.com/birryoungvoices](http://www.birrfestivalofmusic.com/birryoungvoices). Also at Birr Theatre and Birr Library. Enquiries 087 2836675

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