

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 30/31st August was €2,725.00

Eucharistic Minister
The new Eucharistic Minister rota is now available, please collect your rota behind the altar. Many thanks to all our Eucharistic Ministers for their continued faithful dedication to their Ministry.

Robert Mizzell’s Nashville Songbook- Thursday 18 September - 8pm at Birr Theatre & Art Centre. www.birrtheatre.com

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. Also at Birr Theatre and Birr Library. Enquiries 087 2836675

Give Blood - Marian Hall, Birr
Tues 9th Sept 2.30pm to 5pm & 7pm - 9.30pm
Wed 10th Sept 2.30pm to 5pm & 7pm - 9.30pm
Thurs 11th Sept 12 - 2pm & 4pm - 7.30pm
Give Blood you may save a life.
Old & new donors most welcome.

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 before Friday 5th Sept.

Remembered in Mass this Week			
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 Josie & John Roberts	
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	Funeral Mass Rita Boyd Michael Delaney, Elmgrove, Birr (MM) Carmel Danagher, Castletown Cross Mary & Johnny Morris, Newbridge Street	
Mon 8th	10 am	Private Intentions	
Tues 9th	10 am	Vincent & Hughie Tuohey Mick Roche, Ashbrook Drive Billy & Patsy Gleeson, Moorpark St	
Wed 10th	10 am	Private Intentions	
Thur 11th	10 am	Kathleen Carry, Compton Row	
Fri 12th	10 am	Sheila & Paddy Slattery, Nenagh & grandson Charlie Brummell, Cappaneale	
Sat 13th	10 am	Private Intentions	
Sat 13th	7.30pm	Mary Ann Daly, Cappaneale (1st Ann) Tom Pardy, High St Bernadette & Brendan Corboy, Boherdeel, Crinkill Joe & Phil Shortt, Bulfin Park & Annie Shortt, Killeen Tom & Betty Lally & daughter Ita & Martin Burrows	
Sun 14th	8.30am	Private Intentions	
Sun 14th	9.30am Carrig	Tim Carey, Barroncourt,	
Sun 14th	10.30am	Ray Nolan, Ely Place	
Sun 14th	12noon	Tom & Molly Smyth Killeen Bernadette Kirwan, Ballindarra	

Please pray for the souls of
Rita Boyd, Oxmantown Mall, Birr

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”

Blessed Carlo Acutis, who will be canonised on September 7th 2025 by Pope Leo XIV in Rome, is affectionately known as the “patron saint of the internet”.

Prayer to Saint Carlo Acutis

Oh God, Our Father, thank you for giving us Carlo, a model of life for young people, and a message of love for all. You made him fall in love with Your Son Jesus, making the Eucharist his “highway to heaven.” You gave him Mary as a beloved Mother, and you made him, through the Rosary, a cantor of tenderness. Receive his prayer for us. Look above all upon the poor, whom he loved and assisted. Grant me, through his intercession, the grace that I need
(Here make your request).

Prayer of Saint Carlo Acutis

“Oh God, make me productive grain, efficient grain, effective grain. Jesus, make me a grain of wheat so that I can reach your Eucharistic reality, by which I really and truly live.

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**I Sit Beside the Fire and Think**

I sit beside the fire and think  
Of all that I have seen  
Of meadow-flowers and butterflies  
In summers that have been;  
Of yellow leaves and gossamer  
In autumns that there were,  
with morning mist and silver sun  
And wind upon my hair.  
I sit beside the fire and think  
Of how the world will be  
when winter comes without a spring  
That I shall ever see  
For still there are so many things  
That I have never seen:  
In every wood in every spring  
There is a different green.  
I sit beside the fire and think  
Of people long ago,  
And people who will see a world  
That I shall never know.  
But all the while I sit and think  
Of times there were before,  
I listen for returning feet  
And voices at the door.

*JRR Tolkien*

**Sr. Eileen - Cúinne**

**Meán Fómhair**

Cuirimis fáilte roimh mhí Mheán Fómhair, mí na torthúlachta, mí bhainte an arbhair, mí filleadh ar scoileanna agus coláistí. **I Mí Mheáin Fómhair, bí linn a Thiarna.** De réir an tseanfhocail, dá fhad é an lá tagann an oíche. Tá deireadh le laethanta saoire an tSamhraidh Tá múinteoirí, daltaí agus mic léann dírithe ar an bhfoghlaim .Tús maith leath na hoibre Guímis ar son ár múinteoirí agus ár lucht teagaisc a thugann aire do spiorad an aosa óig agus a thugann chun foirfeachta é. Beannaigh iad ina gcuid oibre, a íosa. Molaimid don aos óg aird a dhíriú ag tús na scoil bhliana ar an gcomhairle seo a leanas ón mbéaloideas. Na trí nithe nach féidir leo casadh go brách: lá ó scoil, Domhnach ón Aifreann, lá ó cheird. Ní ualach do dhuine an léann agus seo an-chomhairle ó fhile anaithnid: I d’óige oscail do mheabhair, Is bailigh an fhoghlaim leat; Óir an glór nach dtuigeann an ceann Is cuma é ann ná as.

**September**

We welcome September, month of fruitfulness, month of harvesting, month of returning to schools and colleges. **Be with us Lord during the month of September.** According to the proverb however long the day night will come. The holidays are over. During the past few days teachers, pupils and students have returned to schools and to their studies. Let us remember them and pray for all those who work as educators and who help young people achieve their full potential. Jesus, bless them in their work! We advise students to remember the following from Irish lore: Three things you can never get back: a day absent from school, a Sunday without Mass and a day away from one’s trade. Learning is no burden and it is worth listening to this anonymous poet’s advice:  
*In your youth, open your mind, And acquire an education; For knowledge, your intellect does not understand Is useless.*

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