

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 18/19th October was €2357.50

Annual Mass of Remembrance
Saturday 15th Nov at 10.00 a.m.
remembering all who have died in our Parish during the past year. All are welcome.

The Rosary will be recited in the Church of the Annunciation before 9.30am Sunday Mass during the month of October. All Welcome

A Social History of Carrig, Riverstown and Killeen by Tony Dargan will be launched in the Carrig/Riverstown Community Hall on **Friday 7th November at 8 p.m.** Beidh fáilte roimh gach duine.

Birr Theatre and Arts Centre welcome you to a wonderful talk by ornithologist- Seán Ronayne, in his show- Nature Boy. A native of Cobh, Seán has taken on the mission to record the sound of every bird species in Ireland – nearly 200 birds! **On Friday, 7 November, 8pm, Sean invites us to follow him on a journey of birdsong & belonging.** www.birrtheatre.com

Caring in Offaly CE Scheme: Home Respite Care Worker, Vacancy No. 2415731, Birr area, 19.5 hours per week. Please contact Alison Hackett for more information on 086-0213711 / ahackett@familycarers.ie.

Progressive 25: Lusmagh Camogie Club are running a weekly Progressive 25, commencing **Friday 31st October @ 8.30pm** in Lusmagh Parish Hall. All welcome.

Bridge Lessons for Beginners will begin in Ballyegan Hall on Wednesday November 5th @ 8pm. Contact 086-8363566

Sponsored by Anonymous

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 25th	10am	Kieran Mooney, Dublin
Sat 25th	7.30pm	Johnny Bracken, Compton Gardens, Birr (MM) Mary Smith & her son Ian Smith, Bulfin Park
Sun 26th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 26th	9.30am	Steve Martin, Lacka, Carrig (1st Ann) Patrick & Maureen O'Brien, Tinakelly
Sun 26th	10.30am	Oisin Watkins Carroll Albert & Mary Kate Watkins Kathleen & Richard Grant Patrick Nevin
Sun 26th	12noon	Peter Pardy, Killeen Paddy Seery, Clonbrone Ray Murray Dan & Maisie Finnerty, Crinkill
Mon 27th	10 am	William Smyth, Connaught Street
Tues 28th	10 am	Joseph Sherlock, LordsPark, Rathcabbín
Wed 29th	10 am	Private Intentions
Thur 30th	10 am	Private Intentions
Fri 31st	11 am	Mass of Anointing
Fri 31st	7.30pm	Mass of Anointing
Sat 1st	10 am	Bridget Callaghan, Newbridge Street (1st Ann)
Sat 1st	7.30pm	Freda Brophy, Sandymount Crest (MM) Anthony & Bridget McLoughlin, Eden Road McLoughlin Family & Grandson Peter Hynes Sally & Joe Kennedy, Elm Park
Sun 2nd	8.30am	Byrne Family, Carrig & the Mullaney Family, Sligo
Sun 2nd	9.30am	Sinead O'Brien, Riverstown Maureen Hoare & daughter Veronica and all deceased members of the Hoare & O'Brien families, Cornhill
Sun 2nd	10.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 2nd	12noon	Frank Masterson, Brendan Villas (1st Ann)

Please pray for Our Dead
Noel Hough, Essex, England & formerly Newbridge Street, Birr son of Catherine Hough, Bengal Lodge, Birr & the late Michael Hough

November Novena 2025

In Honour of the Holy Souls

Weekend Masses in St. Brendan's
October 25th & 26th & November 1st & 2nd concluding with Cemetery Sunday
November 2nd @ 2.30pm

Weekday Masses in St. Brendan's
October 27th - October 31st @ 7.30pm

Speakers at the Novena

Nikki Hayes, Dublin

Challenges of Addiction
Weekend Masses of Oct 25th & 26th

Fr. Bryan Shortall, Dublin

Monday October 27th

Frank Murphy, Millford Hospice

Care for those in the final stage of life
Monday October 27th

Niamh Brennan, Mayo

Spiritual Director & Guide
Tuesday October 28th

James Sexton, Shannon

Joy through Entertainment
Wednesday October 29th

Fr. Richard Gibbons, Rector of Knock Shrine

Thursday October 30th

Fr. Peter Burke PP Ferbane

Fr. Tom Hannon

Friday 31st October there will be two celebrations of Healing & Anointing at 11am & 7.30pm Masses

We encourage everyone to attend these sacred moments.

Geraldine Mullen, Donegal

Hope through Tragedy
Weekend Masses of Nov 1st & 2nd

Special Events

Veneration of the Glove of Padre Pio

Monday October 27th @ 7.30pm

Masses of Healing & Anointing

Friday October 31st @ 11am & 7.30pm

(Note - Saturday 1st of November is a Holy Day of Obligation).

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Five Finger Prayer

This is a method of prayer composed by Pope Francis some years before he was elected Pope

1. The thumb is closest finger to you. Start by praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a "Sweet Obligation."

2.The next finger is the index finger. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.

3. The following finger is the longest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God's guidance.

4. The fourth finger is the ring finger. Even though it may surprise you, it is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers.

5.And finally, we have our smallest finger, the smallest of all. Your little finger should remind you to pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups you will be able to see your own needs but in the proper perspective, and also you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way. May you succeed when you pray in this way.



Blessing of Graves

Carrig - Nov 2nd After 9.30am Mass

Clonoghill - Nov 2nd @ 2.30pm

We invite everyone to attend either ceremony as part of your November Novena.