

BIRR PARISH

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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 8/9th November was **€2,059.00**

Christmas Mass Bouquets are now available from the Parish Office. **€5 each, Limited packs of 6 Christmas Cards** also available from Parish office. **€5 each**

Padre Pio Mass Thursday November 20th @ 7.30pm. All welcome

New Readers' Rota;

The new readers' rota is available for collection behind the altar. Many thanks to our faithful readers. Welcome to Julia, Aine and Orla who join the reading ministry.

Birr Neighbourhood Watch are having their annual Church gate collection this weekend Saturday November 15th & Sunday 16th. Please support

Breakfast & Banter: Join us on Wednesday, Nov 19th at the Charleville Centre, Tullamore, starting at 11am., as we come together to celebrate International Men's Day. The morning will begin with a hot breakfast, followed by talks from Michael Duignan and Dr. Domhnall McGlacken-Byrne. This is a free event, but booking is essential. To secure your place, please contact 087 738 5989 or 087 699 1226.

Coffee Morning Fundraiser for Fr. Michael Walsh's Mission in Zambia. after each of the morning masses this Sunday. Please support this worthy cause generously.

St Elisabeth Convent Belarus will have a stall of icons and crafts in St. Brendan's Church **this weekend November 15/16th** to support their **work of caring for** orphanage children with psychophysical deficiencies for more than 14 years. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 15th	10am	Annual Remembrance Mass
Sat 15th	7.30pm	Gloria Hansbury, Syngefield Tommy Doherty, Crinkill Margaret Roe, Woodlands Park Carmel & Liam Ryan, Kileen
Sun 16th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 16th	9.30am	Bill & Nell Doorley & all deceased members of the Doorley Family, Lacka Carrig
Sun 16th	10.30am	Sandra Meredith, Crinkill (MM) Mary Camon, Bulfin Park Kieran Kelly, Riveroaks, Riverstown Joe Feehan, Burkes Hill Mary Loonam, Annagh, Birr
Sun 16th	12noon	Ben & Mary Ann Mahon, Seffin & all deceased members of the Mahon Family Michael Purcell, Roscrea Road John & Roma Gilmartin, John's Mall Catherine McGilton, Cappaneale Jim Fogarty, Roscrea Road
Mon 17th	10 am	Private Intentions
Tues 18th	10 am	Private Intentions
Wed 19th	10 am	Matt Clifford, Burkes Hill
Thur 20th	10 am	Lucy Gormley, Woodlands Patrick Hutchinson, Cappaneale Winifred & Paul Shields, John & Juliet McDonagh & all members of the Shields & McDonagh families Maureen O'Neill & her parents JP & Adelaide Murphy & her brothers Sean & Joe Murphy
Fri 21st	10 am	Alice O'Keeffe, Arklow
Sat 22nd	10 am	Catherine, Nancy & Helena Gaynor Paddy & Ellen Mellsop, son Ben & daughter Pauline & daughter in law Hazel
Sat 22nd	7.30pm	Mary Ann Molloy, Primrose Cottage, Boolinarig, Birr (1st Ann) Willie, Mae & the Coughlan Family, New Road, Birr Bessie Loughnane, Woodlands Joseph Daly, Clonkelly Kevin Abbott, Scurragh, Birr Lizzie Kelly, Presentation Place Michael Ryan, Murroe, Limerick, formerly Ely Place, Crinkill Gerry Garvey, Caltraduff, Ballyforan, Galway
Sun 23rd	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 23rd	9.30am	Thomas (Tommy) Hynes, Shinrone (1st Ann)
Sun 23rd	10.30am	Michael, Agnes & Cronan Parkinson, The Crescent Annie & Paddy Mannion Bobby Sheils, Whiteford Peggy & Jack McDonagh, Dublin
Sun 24th	12noon	Jennifer Coghlan, Rosse Row (1st Ann) Sean Cooke, Grove Street & his wife Cepta Mary & Jackie Burke, Burkes Hill Sheila Murdock, Presentation Place her dad Bill Dwyer Frank, Josephine & Dolores Higgins Oliver Craughwell, Woodlands & his parents & sisters Denis Parkinson, The Terrace, Crinkill

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved,
and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep,
though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae

November - Month of Remembering



Mass of Remembrance for the Deceased Residents of Shinrone Ealga Lodge Nursing Home Nov 25th @ 2.30pm
Birr Nursing Unit Nov 25th @ 7.30 p.m. Birr Nursing Unit

Save the Date!
A Christmas Concert in St. Brendan's Church on Saturday December 13th @ 7.30pm, featuring a great array of local talent. All proceeds to Birr Parish. An inspiring evening as we prepare for Christmas. Tickets available on www.midlandsbooking.ie www.birrtheatre.ie Or Contact the Parish Office
(Saturday Evening Vigil Mass will be celebrated @ 5pm)

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Féile na Naomh Uile

Ceiliúradh bua atá i bhFéile na Naomh Uile. Déanaimid gairdeas leis na milliúin atá imithe romhainn ar neamh, roinnt mhaith díobh aitheanta ach na milliúin eile nach bhfuil. Bíonn an Eaglais de shíor ag guí ar son na marbh. Tá an mhí áirithe seo ceaptha aici mar chuimhneacháin na bhFíréan uile atá marbh. Suaimhneas síoraí tabhair dóibh a Thiarna agus go lonra solas suthain orthu. Go bhfaighe anamacha na bhfíréan go léir trócaire ó Dhia agus cónaí faoi shuaimhneas. Áiméan.

Feast of All Saints

The Feast of All Saints is a celebration. We rejoice with the millions who have gone before us to heaven, some recognised saints and many others who are not. The Church always prays for the Dead. This month is devoted to the faithful departed. Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.Amen

Preparing for Sacraments 2026



We welcome the children from **Mercy**



P.S. who will be participating in 7.30pm Mass, and **Crinkill N.S.** who will be participating in 10.30am Mass

The Department of Education and Youth has launched an important survey, inviting parents, guardians, staff, and board members of primary schools to express their views on the future of our primary schools. This is a unique opportunity for members of our school communities to "have your say" and help shape the direction of education for the next generation. The link to the survey is: <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/> Bishop Fintan encourages any of the above groups to participate in the survey and share your opinion. If you are interested in change or also very importantly if you are happy with the current patronage and Catholic ethos and would like it to continue, **please ensure that voice is represented before the 16th of December.**

Please pray for Our Dead

Patrick Harris, Dublin, father of Tracy Carroll
staff of Birr Community Nursing Unit
Sr. Angela Keogh, Convent of Mercy, Nenagh

