

## 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 15/16th November was **€2,264.00**

**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**

**Rosary in honour of the Holy Souls** will be recited before 9.30am Mass in the Church of the Annunciation Carrig Sunday Nov 30th. All welcome

#### BIRR FESTIVAL of MUSIC presents

**Handel's MESSIAH** The Cambiata Choir & Orchestra, conductor Niall Kinsella Soloists John Molloy, Sarah Richmond, Sean Tester, Kelli-Ann Masterson. SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER 5.00pm St. Brendan's R.C. Church, Wilmer Road, Birr €25 - Booking [www.birrfestivalofmusic.com](http://www.birrfestivalofmusic.com)

#### Coffee Morning- Thank you.

**Marie & John O'Halloran** wish to extend warm and sincere gratitude to all those who donated money, sponsored cakes and goodies, helped on Sunday, or otherwise participated in the event. It was a great success and raised just over €7,000 on the day. The full proceeds will go directly to the charity under the leadership of Fr. Micheal Walsh for distribution where most needed in Pemba, Southern Province, Zambia. Thank you again for your generous support.

#### Irish National Opera Presents: The Bartered Bride Saturday, 29 November 2025 : 8pm`

One bride. Two suitors. Set in a busy Czech village bound by tradition and tangled in secrets, *The Bartered Bride* is a fast-paced comic opera where two young lovers attempt to rewrite the rules. To be together, they need to outwit a meddling matchmaker, sidestep an unwanted marriage contract, and survive the arrival of a traveling circus. Singing the role of Kecal is local stalwart **John Molloy**. [www.birrtheatre.com](http://www.birrtheatre.com)

**Fundraising Concert in St. Cronan's R.C. Church** Roscrea On Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Presenting James Kilbane with James Flatley A Country Gospel Evening & Festive Celebration. Proceeds towards the New Church Heating System Tickets €20 available from Parish Shop, the Sacristy and the Parish Office 0505-31835

## Remembered in Mass this Week

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| Sat 22nd           | 10am             | Catherine, Nancy & Helena Gaynor<br>Paddy & Ellen Mellsop, son Ben & daughter Pauline & daughter in law Hazel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Sat 22nd           | 7.30pm           | <b>Michael Ryan, Murroe, Limerick, formerly Ely Place, Crinkill (MM)</b><br><b>Mary Ann Molloy, Primrose Cottage, Boolinarig, Birr (1st Ann)</b><br>Willie, Mae & the Coughlan Family, New Road, Birr<br>Bessie Loughnane, Woodlands<br>Joseph Daly, Clonkelly<br>Kevin Abbott, Scurragh, Birr<br>Lizzie Kelly, Presentation Place<br>Gerry Garvey, Caltraduff, Ballyforan, Galway |
| Sun 23rd           | 8.30am           | Private Intentions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Sun 23rd<br>Carrig | 9.30am           | <b>Thomas (Tommy) Hynes, Shinrone (1st Ann)</b><br>Deceased members of the Tooher Family                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Sun 23rd           | 10.30am          | Michael, Agnes & Cronan<br>Parkinson, The Crescent<br>Annie & Paddy Mannion<br>Bobby Sheils, Whiteford<br>Peggy & Jack McDonagh, Dublin                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Sun 23rd           | 12noon           | <b>Jennifer Coghlan, Rosse Row (1st Ann)</b><br>Sean Cooke, Grove Street & his wife Cepta<br>Mary & Jackie Burke, Burkes Hill<br>Sheila Murdock, Presentation Place<br>her dad Bill Dwyer<br>Frank, Josephine & Dolores Higgins<br>Oliver Craughwell, Woodlands & his parents & sisters<br>Denis Parkinson, The Terrace, Crinkill                                                  |
| Mon 24th           | 10 am            | Deceased members of the Daly family, Fairview & Banagher<br>Mooney Family, Fairview                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Tues 25th          | 10 am            | Frances Byron, Seffin<br>Eileen McCarthy, High Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Wed 26th           | 10 am            | Rita Flynn                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Thur 27th          | 10 am            | Private Intentions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Fri 28th           | 10 am            | Private Intentions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Sat 29th           | 10 am            | John McCarthy, High Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Sat 29th           | 7.30pm           | <b>Gerry Cleary, Ely Place, Crinkill (MM)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Sun 30th           | 9.30am<br>Carrig | Rynagh, Susan & Martin Byrne, Killeen                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Sun 30th           | 10.30am          | Private Intentions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Sun 30th           | 12noon           | <b>Sr. Maeve Quinlan, Convent of Mercy , Riverside, Birr (1st Ann)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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## 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](http://www.midlandsbooking.ie)  
[www.birrtheatre.ie](http://www.birrtheatre.ie)**

**Or Contact the Parish Office**

*(Saturday Evening Vigil Mass will be celebrated @ 5pm)*

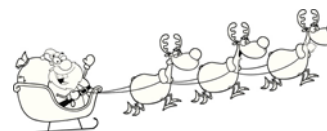
## November - Month of Remembering



**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**

## Birr Tidy Towns



**Family Day event in Green Street  
Birr on Saturday 29th November.  
2-6 Visit Santa and Mrs Clause,  
ride on the Christmas Train, face  
painting, meet Jess the clown, and  
much more. Afterwards head to the  
square and listen to some  
Christmas songs before Santa  
arrives to turn on Birr  
Christmas Lights.**

## Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

### Celtic Spirituality

According to Celtic Spirituality our ancestors were devoted to God. They had a prayer for every occasion. The following are two of their prayers for safety:

God between me and the water that may drown me,  
God between me and the fire that may burn me,  
God between me and death in debt,  
God between me and a road accident. Amen  
May the girdle of Jesus and Mary  
Be around us on our journey  
May we have a safe trip  
And benefit from every inch. Amen

**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 your voice is represented before December 16th.**

### St. Cronan's Association Christmas Fair – Wednesday 3rd of December.

St. Cronan's Association is delighted to welcome you to our annual Christmas Fair on Wednesday, 3rd of December, from 11.00am to 4.00pm at St. Cronan's, Roscrea (E53 WY98).

A warm festive atmosphere for all ages Visit Santa in Our New Christmas Grotto! This year, we are introducing a magical Santa's Grotto, where children can meet Santa between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. A small fee will apply. Come along, enjoy the festive spirit, and support a wonderful community event. Everyone is welcome!

### Please pray for Our Dead

**Ita Haines**, Green Street, Birr  
**Michael Carey**, Coolderry, brother of Bernie Molloy, Burkes Hill, brother in law of Mary Nolan, Sandymount & Margie Carey, Barroncourt  
**Liam Shelley**, Barna, Moneygall, father of Medran Shelley, principal of Carrig N.S.  
**Sean Dermody**, London late of Fivealley, brother of Therese Kennedy, Woodlands Park, Birr & Joe Dermody, Fivealley  
**Vera Rafferty**, Cloghan & Laurel Suite, Birr Community Nursing Unit

