

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter week 3

Parish Finances
We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 6/7th December was **€2,268.12.**

The Christmas Priests Collection will be taken up at all masses next weekend 20/21 December. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity to this collection

Padre Pio Mass Thursday December 18th @ 7.30pm

St. Brendan's Church Choir. Practice on Thursday evening 18th December, at 8 p.m. for Christmas Ceremonies. All welcome - come sing some carols with us.

St. Brendan's Community School Giving Tree
St Brendan's Community School have set up a giving tree with St. Vincent De Paul in St. Brendan's Church. Students have prepared and placed tags on the tree which will be restocked as needed. Members of the public are welcome to take a tag and buy a small gift for the age range noted on their tag. Add the tag to your gift and place it under the tree for collection by St. Vincent De Paul members.

Birr Review 2025 now available in Supervalu, Daybreak (Horan's) Corrib Oil & usual outlets.

Join ***Sing It! Community Choir*** with guest soloist Clare Dixon, pianist Sophie Ward and conductor Gregory H. Ward for a fabulous, festive concert of Christmas favourites. Happening at St. Brendan's Church of Ireland, Saturday 20th December 7:30pm www.midlandsbooking.ie

Busy Bodies Montessori School Christmas Play Dec 14th @ in Carrig Hall @ 3pm. All welcome. All donations on the day will be given to Milford Hospice.

Dyslexia/Literacy Workshop for primary school children from 1st – 6th class. Two highly experienced primary school teachers who are also trained dyslexia tutors with The Dyslexia Association of Ireland. **Enrolment evening Tuesday 16th Dec** in Banagher Community College 4-5pm. This workshop will run every Tuesday evening 4pm-5.30pm in Banagher Community College commencing 20th Jan 2026. email literacyworkshop25@gmail.com

Remembered in Mass this Week		
Sat 13th	10am	Peter Hynes, Castle Gardens & his father Martin Joe Billane , London & High Street
Sat 13th	5.00pm	Noel Hough, UK & formerly Newbridge Street, Birr (MM) Adelaide O'Donoghue, Moorpark Street
Sun 14th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 14th Carrig	9.30am	Jack & Ciss Cashen, Ballykinash Brendan, Sarah & Vincent O'Brien, Tinnakelly Rita O'Brien & her grandson Rían O'Brien
Sun 14th	10.30am	Eamon (Ned) Sheeran, William Street (1st Ann) Mary Wynne, Hillside (1st Ann) & her husband Gerard & his parents Matthew & May Bridget Sheeran, William Street, & all deceased members of the Sheeran & Ahearne Family Liam & Joan McGlone. Seffin Billy & Phyll Murphy, Emmett Street Michael & Annie Mannion, Killyon Sean & Angela Ryan & their son Emmett Ryan
Sun 14th	12noon	John & Mary Kearns, Oxmantown Mall Sean, John & Bridget Horan Catherine & Anthony Lawlor Mary & Frank Dunne Marie & Billy Corboy & deceased members of the Heffernan & Lawlor families Matt De Forge, Townsend Street, Birr & his Son in Law, James Durrant Mary & Patrick Connors
Mon 15th	10 am	Private Intentions
Tues 16th	10 am	Private Intentions
Wed 17th	10 am	Deceased members of the Tooher Family, Birr
Thur 18th	10 am	Private Intentions
Thur 18th	7.30pm	Padre Pio Mass
Fri 19th	10 am	Private Intentions
Sat 20th	10 am	Charlie Brummell, Cappaneale James Hehir, The Terrace, Crinkill
Sat 20th	7.30pm	James Quinn, Scurragh John Roe, Clonoghill John Hogan, Newbridge Street Tom Nestor, Riveroaks, Riverstown Patricia & Denis Corboy, Ely Place Mary & Tom Ryan, Seffin
Sun 21st	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 21st	9.30am Carrig	Private Intentions
Sun 21st	10.30am	Anne Mulvey, Hillside, Birr Mary & Vincent Tuohey, Drumbane and her parents John & Bridget Doyle and her sisters
Sun 21st	12noon	Ita Haines, Green Street (MM) Tom & Mary Ellen Feenane and their sons Thomas & Morgan Sarah Nugent, Green Street Jodie Donoghue, Drumbane O'Donoghue & Daly Family Tony Doran, Ann Maughan, Patrick Maughan, Mary Maughan & Anthony Maughan Billy Joyce, Crinkill Jill & Paddy Tully & daughter Lorna, Crinkill



Preparing for Sacraments 2026

We welcome the children from **Crinkill N.S & Mercy P.S** who will be participating in 10.30am Mass



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**Advent** is a time of waiting and preparation. The church evokes the coming of Christ in all its aspects; He has been on earth before and we believe that He will be here again. This season of Advent deepens our awareness of Christ's presence in the church today and heightens our hope and longing for his return.



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Dates for Diary

Sunday December 14th
Bambanelli Sunday, we invite you to bring the figure of Baby Jesus from your family crib to church for blessing.

Wednesday December 17th
Mercy P.S Carol Service @ 1pm
Reconciliation Service for St. Brendan's by Fr. Tom Hannon @ 7.30pm

Sunday December 21st @ 7.30pm
St. Brendan's Pastoral Area Carol Service

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Join us for our  
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION CELEBRATIONS**  
**In the Pastoral Area (Birr, Kinnitty, Kilcolman & Shinrone).**

**Monday, 15th December 2025**  
**St Flannan's Church, Kinnitty Parish @7.30pm**

**Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025**  
**St Brendan's Church, Birr Parish @ 7.30pm**

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025**  
**Ballybritt Church, Kilcolman Parish @ 8pm**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2025**  
**St Patrick's Church, The Pike @ 6.30pm**

**Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025**  
**St Mary's Church, Shinrone Parish @ 11am**

A special time to receive God's grace, find peace and prepare your heart for Christmas.  
**All are very welcome.**

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Please pray for Our Dead

David Larkin, Loughleen, Carrig
George Kent, Crinkill & Birr Community Nursing Unit
Rose O'Sullivan, Westgate
Michael Whiriskey, Ardrahan, brother of Betty King, Riverstown



Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

The Month of December

Lord, be with us during the Month of December, month of the Birth of Our Saviour mid-Winter, last month of the year, month of gift giving. Today is the third Sunday in Advent; the beginning of a new Liturgical Year. Our attention is focused on the fulfilment of God's plan for us when His kingdom will come. As Christians we are waiting for God, not some unknown God but an invisible God who has revealed himself in Christ and in the Holy Spirit and is with us always to the end of time. Waiting for God means waiting for the fulfilment of God's promise, the coming of God's kingdom an eternal kingdom of justice, love and peace. During Advent we ought to follow the way of the Lord and repent of our sins, so that we can welcome Jesus when He comes. We pray:
Almighty God in your mercy, be with us always with the help of the Holy Spirit. May the season of Advent be a time of joy, happiness, peace for each of us, our people and our country. We make our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen

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### Reflection for Bambanelli Sunday Baby Jesus

God our Father, You loved us so much you sent us  
your only Son, Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, to save us and lead us back to you.  
We pray that, with your blessing, these images of Jesus might be a sign of your presence and love in our homes. Good Father, give your blessing to all who gather with us this Christmas, our family and friends. Open our hearts, that we might receive Jesus in joy, do always what he asks of us, and see him in those who need our love.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son, who came to give peace to the world. You, who live and reign forever and ever. Amen

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