

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter week 4

Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 24/25 January was **€2,698.00**

A Tap and Donate machine is now at the Church's main entrance for card donations. Simply tap to choose your fund—Parish Fund, Priests Fund, or Adorations and Shrines Fund. Select your amount, present your card, and wait for confirmation.

Tax Back Scheme All who donate €250 or above and pay tax can avail of a tax back refund for the parish by signing the CHY3 form available from the Parish office you may signed up previously and it may need to be updated

Envelope Collections This year's boxes containing the envelopes for the **Parish Development Fund, Priests' Collection** and other annual collections are now available for distribution. Distributors are asked to collect their boxes from the Conference Room after Mass. It must be noted that not every area has a distributor and some boxes will remain undistributed. If you do not receive a box and would like one, please contact the Parish Office.

Birr Flower & Garden Club will hold their first meeting of the year on Tuesday Feb 3rd in the County Arms Hotel @ 8pm when we welcome Fergal Fitzpatrick from Borris-in-Ossory for an informative talk with hints and tips to start your gardening year. All are welcome non-members €10 & Raffle tickets €5. Yearly membership fee €45 payable now.

Movie Icons Show, is a live journey of music through the soundtracks of some of cinema's most memorable moments. This live show is perfect for anyone who loves movies and the music that made them unforgettable. Birr Theatre & Arts Centre - Friday 6 Feb 8pm.

Birr Festival of Music presents Ballymore Connect Choir with "SPRING SERENADE" A warm and uplifting programme of music from stage & screen @ St. Brendan's COI, Oxmantown Mall Saturday 7th Feb 4.00pm. €15 (Children €5) Booking 057 9122911

Public Information Evening on Tues 3rd Feb in Ballyegan Hall (R42K002) at 8pm to discuss the imminent Ballincor Wind Development Planning Application. All are welcome.

Ex servicemen and women National Organisation in conjunction opened a veteran support service for retired members of the defence forces and reserve defence forces. All members serving and retired are welcome and can avail of the service we are open every Thursday from 10.30 to 12.30 in the family resource centre Arden view Tullamore

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 31st	10am	Catherine Hayden, Woodroe, Birr May Sherlock, Lords Park
Sat 31st	7.30pm	John Joe Richardson, Kilcolman, Birr (MM) Kieran O'Donoghue, Moorpark Street & Crinkill (1st Ann) Eileen Cahill, Bulfin Park Jack Ryan, The Terrace, Crinkill Kieran & Bridget Ryan, Ridgehills
Sun 1st	8.30am	Joseph O'Brien, Brosna
Sun 1st	9.30am	Dilly Martin, Lacka (MM)
Sun 1st	10.30am	Daniel & Bridget Hogan, Mount Palmer
Sun 1st	12noon	Mary Jordan, Burkes Hill & all deceased members of the Mahony, Cole & Jordan Families Mary & Jonny Mann & deceased members of the McDonald & Mann Families Martin Connolly, Fairview Michael Maher, Roscrea Danny Maher, Australia Terry Hctor, Hilltop, Crinkill
Mon 2nd	10am	Tessie Creamer, Mill Street
Tues 3rd	10am	Private Intentions
Wed 4th	10am	Private Intentions
Thur 5th	10am	Private Intentions
Fri 6th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 7th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 7th	7.30pm	Sheila O'Callaghan, Moorpark Street Patrick Dwane, Eden Road Kieran & Phil O'Brien, Carrig Susie Pardy, Seffin
Sun 8th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 8th	9.30am	Bernadette & Tom Turner & son Gareth Turner Bill Taylor, Loughreen
Sun 8th	10.30am	Gerry Hart, Compton Row
Sun 8th	12noon	Michael & Betty O'Brien, Crinkill Maureen & Patrick Maher, Crinkill

Please pray for the souls of

Aoife Larkin, Borrisokane daughter of Ann Heffernan, former principal of Mercy P.S, Birr
Tommy O'Dwyer, Borrisoleigh, Co. Tipperary, father of Lorraine Carroll, deputy principal of Killeen N.S.
Teresa Mannion, Clara, Co. Offaly aunt of Martin Walsh, The Crescent, Birr
Sr. Fedelis O'Meara, Presentation Sisters Kilcock, Co. Kildare & formerly of Fadden, Carrig
Nuala Kenny, Shannon Harbour, mother of Marina Walsh staff of Birr Community Nursing Unit & Kinnitty
Dermot Carey, Drumraney, Athlone & The Laurel Suite, Birr Community Nursing Unit
Bernard Hickey, Boyle, Roscommon & formerly Oxmantown Mall Birr
Frank Fogarty, Newbridge, Co. Kildare formerly of Hollybrook, Fortal, Birr

Prayer to St. Brigid



Bridget, you were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness.

You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious. And may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made. Bridget, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen.

Candlemas Day

Monday February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation on Candlemas Day. Traditionally on this day candles are blessed for use at home and in church. People have very generously donated candles for Church use. Benediction candles are the most suitable (Blessed candle). This also is a day of prayer for Consecrated Religious.

Parish Anointing - Feb 11th St Brendan's

Wednesday February 11th is the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes and is world day of Prayer for the sick. The late Pope John Paul II began its tradition on this day in Parish communities across the world of celebrating the Sacrament of Anointing. To those who are ill or suffering, facing surgery or because of age. People are anointed with the oil of the sick and prayed over.

Mass will be celebrated at 10am and the sacrament of the sick administered. Also carers are invited to participate with the blessing of hands of carers

Christmas Gala Concert - Buíochas

The Gala Concert December 13th was a tremendous success. Our sincere thanks to all who supported, to the various participants and to Dickie Donnelly who co-ordinated and inspired this event.

The total raised was **€13,084.00.**

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Mí Feabhra

Mí Feabhra, mí na Féile Bríde, mí na n-uan, mí an Charghais, mí na dTrí Shíon – báis-teach, gaoth agus sneachta. Tá laethanta gruama an Gheimhridh thart. Seo í tréimhse na bliana ina mbíonn borradh agus fás faoi na plandaí agus cheana féin, tá na plúiríní sneachta, na crócas agus lus an chromchinn os cionn talún.

I mí Feabhra, bí linn a Thiarna agus go dtugaimis moladh agus glóir duit de shíor. Áiméan

Lá Fhéile Bríde, lá speisialta ar fud na hÉireann. Tá cáil ar Naomh Bríd mar gheall ar a féile, a carthanacht agus a cúram do na heasláin. Ba mhaith lena hathair cleamhnas a dhéanamh di ach theastaigh uaithe a maighdeanas a choisreacan do Dhia. Mar a rinne Naomh Pádraig, bhain Bríd úsáid as an nádúr mórtimpeall uirthi le teagasc a thabhairt faoi Íosa. D'úsáid sí brobh luachra le cros a dhéanamh, agus tá an nós seo againn in Éirinn go dtí an lá atá inniu ann. Feictear na crosa i dtithe ar fud an domhain.

Is é seo a leanas an phaidir a deirtear ag beannú na gcros "**Go raibh beannacht an Athar, an Mhic agus an Spioraid Naoimh ar na crosa seo, ar na háiteanna ina bhfuil siad agus ar gach duine a fhéachann orthu.**" Áiméan.

Month of February

February, St Brigid's month, the beginning of Spring, month of the lambs, month of three kinds of weather: rain, wind and snow. The gloomy days of Winter are over. This is the time of year when the plants thrive and grow and already the snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils are above ground. **Lord, be with us during the month of February and may we praise and glorify you forever. Amen**
The feast of Saint Bridget is a special day in Ireland. Saint Bridget was famous for her hospitality, charity, and care of the sick. Her father wanted her to marry but she wanted to consecrate her life to God. Like Saint Patrick, Bridget used nature to teach about Jesus. She made a cross from rushes and this custom has prevailed in Ireland. St. Brigid's crosses are to be seen in houses throughout the world. This prayer can be said to Saint Bridget: **May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless these crosses, the places where they are kept and everyone who sees them and praises him. Amen**

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