

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 27/28th December was €1,600

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

We acknowledge the continued financial support of parishioners to the Parish Development Fund and to the Priests Remuneration Fund.

Midland Living Links supporting those bereaved by suicide. Coffee Morning 6th January, Conference room in St. Brendan's Church after 10.00 a.m. mass. All welcome

Prayer for the feast of the Epiphany

God of all heaven and earth,
From the breath of your love came
the creation of the world.

We are amazed at the vast beauty of the night sky and at the intimate nature of the love you have for us your children.
Be our daily star, Guiding our lives to search for kingdom love.

May we always follow your light of truth in all that we do,
Forever trusting, hoping and believing in your word.

Lift our eyes tonight to see your eternal life shining brightly,
Leading us home. Amen.

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Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 3rd	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 3rd	7.30pm	Agnes Pardy, Brigid Fogarty & Evan Hogan, Tommy & John Duncan, Castletown Peter Duncan, Kent,
Sun 4th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 4th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 4th	10.30am	Cathy Curley, Castlecourt Denis Guinan, Lisheen Nora & Michael Grennan, Crinkill
Sun 4th	12noon	Agnes & Jerry O'Brien, Westgate,
Mon 5th	10am	Private Intentions
Tues 6th	10am	Denis & Mary Tierney and daughters Patricia & Josephine John & Bridget Doyle, Drumbane
Tues 6th	7.30pm	Feast of the Epiphany
Wed 7th	10am	Private Intentions
Thurs 8th	10am	Private Intentions
Fri 9th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 10th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 10th	7.30pm	Vera Tobin and all deceased members of the Tobin Family
Sun 11th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 11th	9.30am	Ted & Sean Sullivan & deceased members of the Sullivan Family
Sun 11th	10.30am	Elizabeth O'Meara, Fortal Patrick & Margaret O'Meara
Sun 11th	12noon	Rose O'Sullivan, Westgate (MM) Myra & Tommy Wrafter, New Road Geoff Liffey, Hillside and his daughter Helen Liffey Gerard & Mary Hoare & their son Fintan, Moorpark Des & Eileen Talbot, Hillside

Please pray for the souls of

We pray for all our parish Dead



May you support us all the day long until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Christ Jesus, our Lord"

Happy New Year & Every Blessing for 2026

Feast of the Epiphany



We celebrate the **Feast of the Epiphany** on January 6th. It celebrates the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. We also know it as Little Christmas or Nollaig na mBan.

Tuesday 6th January Mass Times
St. Brendan's at 10.00 a.m & 7.30 p.m

"Prayer for the beginning of a New Year"



God of this New Year, we are walking into mystery. We face the future, not knowing what the days and months will bring us or how we will respond. Be love in us as we journey. May we welcome all who come our way.

Deepen our Faith to see all of life through your eyes. Fill us with Hope and Abiding trust that you may dwell in us amidst our joys and sorrows.

Thank you for the treasure of our Faith life. Thank you for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance of your walking through the day with us. God of this New Year we praise you.

Joyce Rupp

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Bliain Úr Nua.

Tá tréimhse na Nollag thart agus tá bliain úr nua thar tairseach isteach chugainn agus ag síneadh amach romhainn. Ag túis na bliana tagaimid os comhair Dé go humhail, ag gabháil buíochas leis as na grásta go léir a bhronn Sé orainn go fial sa bliaín atá imithe tharainn. Ní fios cad atá i ndán díunn sa todhchaí ach ní gá díunn bheith buartha mar beidh Dia linn. Is teaghlaigh Dé sinn go léir agus roinneann Sé gach beannacht go fial ar a chlann. Mar sin cuirimis fáilte mhór na taoide tuile roimh 2024 agus go ionraí solas do ghnúise orainn, a Thiarna, i rith na bliana. Tabhair aire díunn ó inniu go bliain ó inniu agus inniu féin.

A New Year.

The Christmas period is over and a new year is here. At the beginning of the year we come before God with great gratitude, thanking him for all the graces he has bestowed on us so generously in the past year. We do not know what the future holds but let us not worry because God will be with us. We are all God's family and He generously shares His blessings on his family. So let us warmly welcome 2026 and may the light of your countenance, Lord, shine on us throughout the year. Take care of us from today and during the year.

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain, but by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes; Not by making your path easy, But by making you sturdy to travel any path; Not by taking hardships from you, But by taking fear from your heart; Not by granting your unbroken sunshine, But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows; Not by making your life always pleasant, but by showing you when people and their causes need you most, any by making you anxious to be there to help, God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

Terence Harrington