

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 10/11th January was **€3,037.00**

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

Mercy Primary School is now accepting applications for enrolment for Sept 2026.

Parents can access our Enrolment Application Form on our school website www.mercyprimaryschool.ie under Forms and Policies or by phoning the school on 057 9120259 between 10am and 2.30pm. Forms must be returned to the school by 18/02/2026.

The Annual General meeting of Birr Neighbourhood Watch will take place on Thursday January 29th @ 8pm in Dooly's Hotel. All are welcome.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Dates August 3rd - 7th (4 nights)

Hotel Astrid, Price €763.00pps.
 Spiritual Director Fr. Tom Hannon
 Group leader - Phil Robinson 086-3956299
 Early booking for Seats & Accommodation

A Catholic Praise and Worship Night will take place on Saturday 21st February at 7:00pm in Emmanuel House, Clonfert, Galway, Eircode H53E5N6. The evening will include praise and worship music, prayer, and time before the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome

Reminder Progressive 25: Lusmagh Camogie Club are running a weekly Progressive 25 game, every Friday @ 8.30pm in Lusmagh Parish Hall. All Welcome.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 24th	10am	Phil McDermott, Walcot, Birr
Sat 24th	7.30pm	Pauline Delaney, Bengal Lodge (MM) Liam Martin, Cappaneale Alice & Philip Brady, Riverstown & Seffin Carmel Moore, Meadow Ville Ann (Bonny) Bergin, Emmett Street
Sun 25th	8.30am	Kevin & Kitty Whelan, Templeogue, Dublin
Sun 25th	9.30am	Patrick & Eleanor O'Neill, Kinnitty Thomas, Mary T & Maretta White, Carrig
Sun 25th	10.30am	Michael Mulrooney, Johns Place & his parents in law Michael & Patricia Fallon, Johns Place Hogan Family, Newbridge Street George Boyd, Woodlands Drive Kathleen Whelan, Boveen
Sun 25th	12noon	Donal Ryan, Leinster Villas & Darty Dublin Teresa & Joe Sharkey, New Road Dan Meleady Jimmy & Frances Hogan, Green Street Sheila Carter, Bulfin Park Thomas (Tucker) Pardy Michael & Elizabeth Lally, deceased members of the Lally Family & great grandson Leon Maloney Coughlan
Mon 26th	10am	Private Intentions
Tues 27th	10am	Helen Coughlan, Crinkill
Wed 28th	10am	Eamon Connolly, Burkes Hill & deceased members of the Connolly Family
Thur 29th	10am	John & Sheila O'Meara, Rathcabin
Fri 30th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 31st	10am	Catherine Hayden, Woodroe, Birr May Sherlock, Lords Park
Sat 31st	7.30pm	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

Please pray for the souls of

Brendan King, Cemetery Road, Crinkill
 Steve Crofton, Parkmore, Roscrea father of Niall Crofton Principal of St. Brendan's P.S Birr

"I lit a candle for a friend today. The light from it to guide its way in to your arms sweet Jesus"



We welcome the children from **Mercy P.S** who will be participating in 7.30pm Mass, & **Crinkill N.S** who will be participating in the 10.30am Mass



Candlemas Day

February 2nd Monday next is the Feast of the Presentation 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 religious women and men.

Prayer for Religious

'Being for others' is the core vision of their lives.
 'Being for others' follows a life of radical simplicity lived in a vowed promise of freedom.
 'Being for others' follows a single-hearted love that is inclusive of all, especially the poor.
 'Being for others' follows a shared community life of service, availability and hospitality.
 'Being for others' follows a communal discernment and prayer of quiet stillness and silence.
 'Being for others' follows new ways to be credible and convincing witnesses of the Gospel.
 'Being for others' follows like Mary, the suffering sword which is heart-rending and painful.
 'Being for others' follows and believes in the faithful promise of a God who visits his people.
 May we 'be for others' as a kind and gentle light in dark times of doubt and fear.

John Cullen

St Blaise Feast Day February 3rd

Saint Blaise lived in the 4th century at a very difficult time for Christians under the emperor Diocletian. Christians were persecuted resulting in thousands of executions. Blaise was a Bishop in present day Armenia and eventually was executed by the authorities. The tradition of having our throats blessed on his Feast day has continued because of his kindness to a child who was choking with a fish bone.

"Through the intercession of St Blaise Bishop and martyr may you be free of sickness of the throat and takeaway the evil through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Domhnach Briathar Dé.

D'fhogair an Pápa Proinsias go mbeadh Domhnach Briathar Dé á cheiliúradh go bliantúil ar an tríú Domhnach Saor i mí Eanáir. Tá iliomad guthanna agus glórtha mórhimpeall orainn agus tá géarghá le Briathar Dé a chloisteáil thar aon ghlór eile a dúirt an Pápa. Chun cabhrú linn mhol sé dúinn an Bíobla, nó an Leabhar Aifrinne a bheith ar fáil taobh linn.

A Thiarna, iarraimid ort cabhrú linn ár gcreideamh agus naofacht a chleachtadh agus sinn ag machnamh ar Briathar Dé.

An Satharn seo chugainn Lá Fhéile Bríde, Muire na nGael, Patrún Naofa na hÉireann agus de réir an traidisiúin is é túis an earraigh é. Bhí creideamh láidir ag Bríd. Chuir sí a hiomtaoibh go hiomlán i nDia agus tháinig Sé i gcabhair uirthi.

A Bríde a Mhuire na nGael, A Bríde scoil tharam do bhrat, Agus coinnigh faoi do chumhdach mé, Go raibh mé leat i bhflaitheas Dé.

Sunday of the Word of God.

Pope Francis declared the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as Sunday of the Word of God. We are surrounded by voices and sounds from a variety of places and devices and we need to hear the Word of God more than any other voice. To help us, he advised us to keep a copy of the Bible or our Sunday Missal close at hand.

Lord, we ask you to help us grow in faith as we meditate on your Word, so that we may grow in holiness through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next Saturday we celebrate the Feast of Saint Brigid, Mary of the Gael. Patron Saint of Ireland and according to tradition the beginning of Spring. Brigid had a strong faith. She put her trust in God and God helped her.

Bríde, Mary of the Gael, Bríde envelop me in your cloak, Keep me under your protection, Until I am with you in God's Heaven. Amen

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