

## BIRR PARISH

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**Parish Office Opening Hours**  
Monday - Friday 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

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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 31/1st February was **€2,565.00**

**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.

#### Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Active Retirement

**Association** - The Group meet every Wednesday in Carrig Hall from 2.30-4.30pm . A representative from Cornmarket Insurance will visit the group on Wednesday Feb 11th @ 2.30pm to speak about health insurance. Everybody is welcome to attend - members & non members.

**Marian Hall Bingo** every Friday night starts @ 8.30pm Sharp. Prize money on offer €2,800 with a jackpot of €3,000 on 45 calls or less if not won €300 cash prize. All welcome to play Bingo in a friendly atmosphere.

All are welcome to Birr Historical Society's upcoming lecture which takes place on Monday night, 9th February at 8pm in Dooly's Hotel, Birr. (R42 KC56) Dr. Denis Shine, co-owner of the Birr based Irish Heritage School, will update us on research at a number of Midland sites including the widely reported story concerning the recent and very important discovery of human remains at the Lemanaghan Monastic site. These have been carbon dated to the early Christian period and have generated much interest among locals and the wider archaeological world. The Society holds their meetings on the second Monday of the month at 8 p.m. New members are always 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 7th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 7th	7.30pm	Bridget Reynolds, Grove Street, Crinkill 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, Lougheen
Sun 8th	10.30am	Gerry Hart, Compton Row
Sun 8th	12noon	Michael & Betty O'Brien, Crinkill & deceased members of the O'Brien & O'Connor families Maureen & Patrick Maher, Crinkill
Mon 9th	10am	Private Intentions
Tues 10th	10am	Private Intentions
<b>Wed 11th</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass of Healing &amp; Anointing of Sick</b>
Thur 12th	10am	Private Intentions
Fri 13th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 14th	10am	Helen & Bill Carroll, Whiteford
Sat 14th	7.30pm	Eoin Eastwood & Grandparents Jack & Bina Walsh Dessie Kirwan, McAuley Drive Daniel (Dan) Shortt, Fairview Michael De Forge, Moorpark Street & deceased member of the De Forge Family Private Intentions Lily & Ranger Kelly, Pound Street & All deceased members of the Kelly Family
Sun 15th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 15th	9.30am	Mary King, Killeen
Sun 15th	10.30am	<b>Mícheál Conroy Portlaoise (1st Ann)</b>
Sun 15th	12noon	Betty & Tom O'Dwyer & their son Brendan O'Dwyer, Cappaneale

**Please pray for the souls of**  
**Stasia Byrne**, Woods Row, Birr  
**Geraldine Barniville**, Donnybrook, Dublin & Formerly Birr, sister of Jim Houlihan, John's Mall  
**John Colahan**, London & formerly New Road, Birr brother of Brian Colahan, Burkes Hill & Morgan Colahan, Presentation Place, Birr



**February Priests Collection** will be taken up at all masses next weekend **14/15th February**. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity to this collection.

## 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 this tradition on this day in Parish communities across the world of celebrating the Sacrament of Anointing for 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

## Every Day God

In our resting ....  
In our rising ....  
In our hoping ....  
In our waiting ....  
In our dreaming ....  
In our daring ....  
In our searching ....  
In our sharing ....  
God of laughter....  
God of sorrow....  
Home and shelter....  
Strong and patient ....  
Star of the morning ....  
Timeless healer ....  
Flame eternal ....  
Moon of evening ....  
Word of gladness ....  
Word of mercy ....  
Word of friendship ....  
Word of challenge ....  
Gentle Father ....  
Faithful Brother ....  
Tender Sister ....  
Loving Mother ....  
Our beginning ....  
Our enduring ....  
Our unfolding ....  
Journey's ending ....  
Alleluia ....Now and always ....  
Alleluia ....  
Through all ages ....

## Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

### Muire Lourdes

Sa bhliain 1992 d'fhogair An Pápa Eoin Pól 11 go mbeadh Feabhra 11 mar Lá Domhanda na nEaslán gach bliain. D'iarr sé ar dhaoine ar fud na cruinne guí ar son daoine atá breoite agus ag fulaingt.

Ceiliútar Taibhsíú na Maighdine Muire do Naomh Bernadette ar 11 Feabhra. Sa bhliain 1858, thaispeáin An Mhaighdean Mhuire í féin do Bernadette Soubirous, cailín bocht ceithre bliana déag d'aos. Níl áit ar bith ar fud an domhain ina bhfuil Críostaíthe, nach bhfuil cáil ar Lourdes de bharr na sluaite, a thugann cuairt ar an Scrín bheannaithe ag iarraidh leighis dá ngalair agus grásta dá n-anam. Is mó duine atá ag fulaingt de bharr breoiteachta. Iarann an Eaglais orainn guí ar son daoine atá breoite ar an lá seo.

Agus sinn ag smaoineamh orthu, is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá:  
A Mhuire Mháthair, mo mhíle grá tú  
Mo choimirce chúnta in am gach gá tú  
Mo dhochtúir leighis, tinn agus slán tú.  
Tá an paidir seo a leanas ón Traidisiún:  
A Íosa, glan mo chroíse  
Go gléghan gach lá,  
A Íosa, cuir m'intinn faoi léirsmacht do ghrá.  
Déan mo smaointe go fíorghan agus briathra mo bhéil,  
Is a Thiarna, 'Dhia dhílis, stiúir choíche mo shaol. Áiméan.

## Mary of Lourdes

Pope John Paul II initiated World Day of the Sick, in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is celebrated on 11 February. In 1858 Our Lady appeared for the first time to Bernadette Soubirous a poor girl, fourteen years of age. Many come to the Sacred Shrine each year from all over the world seeking healing and spiritual grace. We are all aware of people who are ill and we remember them especially on this feast day as we pray Mother Mary your love protects me in all distress. You are my physician in sickness and health. Comfort all those who suffer. Be with them always. Amen. The following prayer is from oral tradition:

Jesus, cleanse my heart each day and make it spotless,  
Jesus, rule my mind by the power of your love.  
Make truly clean my thoughts and the words of my mouth, and, dear Lord God, direct my life now and forever. Amen.

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