

## 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 2/4

#### Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 7/8th February was **€2188.00**

**February Priests Collection** will be taken up at all masses this weekend **14/15th Feb.**

We thank you most sincerely for your generosity to this collection.

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.

**Padre Pio Mass Thursday February 19th @ 7.30pm.**  
 All welcome.

The Rosary will be recited before 9.30am Sunday Mass in the Church of the Annunciation Carrig during the season of Lent. All are welcome.

**Discover Our Blessed Mother, Mary, in the Legion of Mary.** Come to an introductory meeting in the Conference Room at **7.30pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.** Call Pat at 087 2500820 for further information.

#### Crinkill LGFA

Gaelic 4 Girls is a 10 week fun and inclusive programme designed to introduce girls aged 7 - 12 to Ladies Gaelic football. Programme starts **Mon March 2nd @ 6pm** in Crinkill GAA grounds. Cost €12 includes a Gaelic 4 Girls training top. If your daughter is interested please contact Aileen - 087 2218757 or Brendan - 086 1076790.

**Declan Nerney: Still Going Strong Tour.** Irish country music icon has been inducted into the Irish Country Music Hall of Fame. A Lifetime of Music, Charm, and Heartfelt Storytelling. Birr Theatre & Arts Centre Sat 21 Feb @ 8pm. [www.birrtheatre.com](http://www.birrtheatre.com)

**Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2026** Our parish/community will once again support the Trócaire Lenten Campaign during Lent 2026. Trócaire works with some of the world's poorest communities, helping families to overcome poverty, injustice and the effects of climate change. Trócaire boxes will be available at the back of the church from this weekend. We encourage every household to take a box and support this important work throughout Lent. You can return your Trócaire box during Holy Week. Online donations can also be made at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org). Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

## Remembered in Mass this Week

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 Intention Lily & Ranger Kelly, Pound Street & son Dinny Kelly & 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 Michael Delaney, Burkes Hill & all deceased members of the Delaney family
Mon 16th	10am	Private Intentions
Tues 17th	10am	Private Intentions
<b>Wed 18th</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
<b>Wed 18th</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
<b>Wed 18th</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
Thur 19th	10am	Maura & Jimmy Hayes & deceased family members
Thur 19th	7.30pm	<b>Padre Pio Mass</b>
Fri 20th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 21st	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 21st	7.30pm	<b>Jack Ryan, Emmett Street (1st Ann)</b> Louise O'Halloran, Fairview & England Joe Long, Cornmarket Street Lisa Guiffoyle, Riverstown Brian Molloy, Boliver, Meath Michael Molloy, Meadowcourt
Sun 22nd	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 22nd	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 22nd	10.30am	Michael Parnell & his parents Edward & Mary Parnell, Killeen Michael & Nellie Whelan & son Michael, Moorpark Street
Sun 22nd	12noon	<b>Nancy Buckley, Military Road, Crinkill (1st Ann)</b>

### Please pray for the souls of

**Michael (Mick) Dunne**, Church Road, Borrisokane, father of Michèle Maher, Clonraskin, Carrig, Birr & uncle of Carmel Guiffoyle, Meadowbrook, Birr  
**Catherine O'Rourke**, Monasterevin, Kildare sister of John Hogan, Croghan, Margaret Feehan, Syngefield, Birr & Michelle O'Brien, Carrig  
**Anne Connolly (née Cordial)**, Moate formerly Cappaneale, Birr pre-deceased by her parents Michael & Una Cordial, Cappaneale  
**Paul Leahy**, Scarry, Birr Road, Kilcormac, father of Cllr. John Leahy



## Sacramental Masses

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



## Ash Wednesday - Lent

**Wednesday next February 18th** is Ash Wednesday the start of the joyful season of Lent. Ashes are blessed and distributed on this day **@ 7.30am & 10am Mass in St. Brendan's and at 7.30pm Mass in St. Brendan's**. Ashes will be available for people to take home and place on each other's foreheads reminding us of this special time (Lent) of blessing and renewal. Lent time is the 40 days before Easter, traditionally people have taken on a commitment or denied themselves of a luxury sweets/food/ alcohol etc. The prayer that accompanies the placing of the blessed ash "turn away from sin and believe in the good news"

## St Valentine

Saturday we celebrate the feast of St. Valentine, well known as the patron saint of lovers. He was reputed to have been a priest and physician who was martyred in or near Rome in the year 269 A.D.



One of the most important gift we can give to anyone is the gift of appreciation. Saying Thank You is really easy and everyone loves to feel appreciated.

## Eight Gifts that don't cost a cent.

**The Gift of Listening:** But you really must listen. Don't interrupt, don't plan your response. Just Listen.

**The Gift of Affection:** Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds.

**The Gift of Laughter:** Share jokes and funny stories. You are saying "I love to laugh with you".

**The Gift of Solitude:** There are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of peace to each other.

**The Gift of Favour:** Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.

**The Gift of a Written Note:** This can be a simple "Thanks for the help." A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime.

**The Gift of a Compliment:** A simple and sincere "you look great in red", "you did a super job" or "that was a great meal" can make someone's day.

**The Gift of a Cheerful Disposition:** The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone, or even just a smile.

## Temperance Sunday

Temperance Sunday This Sunday February 15th the Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday is Temperance Sunday. We are invited to reflect on the gift of temperance and the struggle so many individuals and families have with alcohol and drugs. We remember the prayer of the fellowship "Lord grant me the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, courage to change the things we can and wisdom to know the difference"

## Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

### The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time The Eucharist

In Communion with Christ and with one another

Key to redemption and key to heaven for each of us-

Shield against danger and our sure hope of joy-

Friendship and fellowship between each other and God-

We believe bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ –

The Eucharist heals our souls-

Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee –

Wonderful for us the birth, death and resurrection of Christ-

We find comfort in sharing this Bread- Christ's message of redemption is our inheritance and reward.

## Do you want to Fast this Lent?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

**Fast from hurting words ... and say kind words,**

**Fast from sadness ... and be filled with gratitude,**

**Fast from anger ... and be filled with patience,**

**Fast from pessimism ... and be filled with hope,**

**Fast from worries ... and have trust in God,**

**Fast from complaints ... and contemplate simplicity,**

**Fast from pressures ... and be prayerful,**

**Fast from bitterness ... and fill your hearts with joy,**

**Fast from selfishness ... and be compassionate to others,**

**Fast from grudges ... and be reconciled, Fast from words ... and be silent so you can listen!**

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