

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 28th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 28th	7.30pm	Moire & Johnny Ryan, Harry & Larry Ryan Tommy Errity & deceased members of the Errity Family Lucy Antony, India Jack, May & Patrick O'Keeffe, Crinkill
Sun 1st	8.30am	Martin McCarthy, Clonoghill Lower Elizabeth Maher, Crinkill
Sun 1st	9.30am	Sr. Fidelis O'Meara, Fadden, Carrig (Memorial Mass)
Sun 1st	10.30am	John & Anne Dwyer, La Rive, Hollypark Jack & Mary Scully, Fortal
Sun 1st	12noon	John Murdock, Presentation Place Michael Halvey, Woodlands, & deceased member of the Halvey & Leonard Families
Mon 2nd	10am	Lorraine & Celine McCarthy & parents John & Eileen McCarthy, High Street,
Tues 3rd	10am	Private Intentions
Wed 4th	10am	Private Intentions
Thur 5th	10am	Frank Coughlan, New Road, Birr Hunt Family, Sligo
Fri 6th	10am	Paddy Guinan, Burkes Hill & Clareen
Sat 7th	10am	Deceased members of the McNamara & Kenny families Martin & Molly Carroll & family George Flynn & Family James & Bridget Flynn Bill Foran, Babby Flynn & Family
Sat 7th	7.30pm	Stasia Byrne, Woods Row, Birr (MM) Ivor Corboy Banks, School Street, Crinkill Jack & Peggy Roberts & family members of the Roberts Family, Birr & Crinkill Kathleen & Michael Regan & sons David & Alan, High Street Dick Welsh & son the Sarge, High Street Mossie Kelly, Pound Street & all deceased members of the Kelly Family
Sun 8th	8.30am	Private Intentions
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Sun 8th	10.30am	Agnes Pearson, The Rocks, Birr Patricia Shelly, Cornhill Johnny & Margaret Guinan, Clonbrone & deceased members of the Mitchell Family, Fortal Thomas O'Meara, James & Margaret Horan, Beech Ave, Cree
Sun 8th	12noon	Paddy & Annie Kennedy, Fortal Sophia Scully, Meadowbrook Dick Johnston, Military Road, Crinkill

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Psalter week 2

Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 21/22nd February was **€2,650.00**

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.

Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on Thursday March 5th @ 7.30pm in the conference room.

Stations of the Cross every Wednesday after 10am Mass in St. Brendan's.

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.

Birr Flower & Garden Club will hold their March meeting on Tuesday March 3rd in the County Arms Hotel @ 8pm with a spring flower arranging demonstration by Margaret Quinn from North Dublin. All are welcome. Non-members €10, raffle tickets €5, yearly membership €45 payable now.

Midland Living Links - Coffee morning Tuesday March 3rd in the conference room after 10am Mass.

Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Active Retirement Association The Group meet every Wednesday in Carrig Hall from 2.30-4.30pm. On Wednesday Feb 25th a representative from Citizens Information will attend the group to speak about aspects of social welfare entitlements. All are welcome- members & non members

Film & Folk, an evening with Mark Lyndon & Nicky Larkin Friday, 13 March -8pm. A programme of original Irish film and music by *two Birr natives who are making waves in their respective fields*. Filmmaker Nicky Larkin will present screenings of "Sumoland" and his IFTA nominated film "PUNT" followed by singer/songwriter Mark Lyndon, his debut album "Silhouettes" - a collection of original folk music based on stories collected in the Blackwater Valley. www.birrtheatre.com

A meeting of Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Praesidium of the Legion of Mary will take place in the Conference Room at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4th March. All welcome.

Prayer for Strength

Every day I need you, Lord, but today especially, I need some extra strength to face whatever is to come.
This day, more than any other day, I need to feel you near me to strengthen my Courage and to overcome any fear.
By myself I cannot meet the challenge of the hour. We are frail human creatures and we need a Higher Power to sustain us in all that life may bring.
And so, dear Lord, hold my trembling hand.
Be with me, Lord, this day and stretch out your powerful arm to help me.
May your love be upon me as I place all my hope in you. Amen.

Pope Saint John XXIII.



A thought on Sunday

Pope Leo recently asked us to consider the following

"I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbour. Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace" - what an idea as we start Lent.

Fr. Dermot Ryan

Please pray for the souls of

Rebecca Hehir, Grove Street, Crinkill
Loreto Gallagher, Dublin, sister of Bernie Bolger, Crinkill



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

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Month of March

We say good bye to the month of February on Saturday and we greet the month of March month busy for the farmer, month of the violets, month of new life, month of St. Parick. Be with us Lord in the month of March. At this time of the year Bishop Fintan is very busy as pupils in primary schools receive the sacrament Confirmation. This is a wonderful occasion for children and we ought to support them with our prayers. The Bishop extends his hands over the candidates as a sign of the sending down of the Holy Spirit and then he prays

All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.' May they remain faithful to Christ during their lives and grow in faith and be faithful to attending Sunday Mass and the reception of the sacraments. Amen.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Dates Aug 3rd - 7th (4 nights) for those intending to travel with Fr. Tom Hannon & Phil Robinson some seats are still available. Deposit of €200pp to be paid by Monday March 2nd. Please contact Phil 086-3956299 to reserve.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Bishop Fintan will lead both our Diocesan summer and autumn pilgrimages this year. Wednesday 24th to Monday 29th June cost €990 pps and Monday 28th Sept to Saturday 3rd Oct cost €960 pps. Book directly with joewalstours.ie or tel 01 2410800. A limited number of assisted pilgrims will be accommodated in Accueil Norte Dame in the grounds of the sanctuary. For more information on this section only please contact Mary Freeman at marybfreeman@gmail.com or tel 087 9777896

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