

## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 21st	10am	Rebecca Hehir, Grove Street, Crinkill (MM)
Sat 21st	11am	Confirmation Crinkill N.S/ Killeen N.S & Parish Preparation Programme
Sat 21st	3pm	Confirmation St. Brendan's P.S./ Mercy P.S. & Carrig N.S.
Sat 21st	7.30pm	Patrick Gleeson, Green Street, Birr (1st Ann) Tony Fahey, Burkes Hill & his son in law Barry Kelly, Woodlane, Birr
Sun 22nd	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 22nd	9.30am	Bill O'Meara, Fadden Carrig
Sun 22nd	10.30am	Conor Brady, Emmett Street (1st Ann) Helen Hogan, Killeen Martin & Teresa Freeman & daughter Lorraine Byrne, Enniscorthy
Sun 22nd	12noon	Noel Watkins, Cayman Islands & Birr Michael Quealy, Hillside Kieran & Don Horan, Castle Street & all deceased members of the Horan & Ahearne families William & Ann Hough, Townsend Street Noreen Behan, Riverstown
Mon 23rd	10am	Private Intentions
Tues 24th	10am	Private Intentions
Wed 25th	10am	Private Intentions
Wed 25th	7.30pm	Pastoral Area Penitential Service
Thurs 26th	10am	Private Intentions
Fri 27th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 28th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 28th	7.30pm	Michael Flanagan, Bulfin Park Herbert Hennessy, Seffin & his parents Willie & Kathleen Thomas & Roseanne O'Brien, Aharney, Tullamore
Sun 29th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 29th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 29th	10.30am	Bernie Bracken, Castletown, Fortal (1st Ann) John & Kathleen Kinnarney, Freagh, Kilcormac
Sun 29th	12noon	Private Intentions

### Please pray for the souls of

Michael Hogan, Meadowville, Birr  
Ann Hogan (née Smyth), The Swan, Main Street, Birr  
Rody Carroll, Killeen, Riverstown, Birr  
Francis (Frank) McNamara, Elmgrove, Birr  
Evelyn Gavin, Mullingar sister of the late Dettie Hayes, High Street  
Maura Mathews, Blackrock, Louth, sister of Breda Bergin, Woodlands, Birr



## Birr Parish Income & Expenditure 2025

<b>Income</b>	
Basket Collection/ Parish Development Fund/ Tap & Donate/Shrines	€181,787
Weddings /Bequests / Novena Collection	€10,085
Income from Parish Properties/ Marion Hall	€20,493
Donations/Sponsorship/ Retreats/ History Book/ Insurance Claim	€5,314
CHY3 Revenue & VAT Refund	€15,897
St Brendan Window (Grant)	€12,718
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>€246,294</b>
<b>Expenditure/ Administration</b>	
Wages	€27,219
Accountancy Fees (Audit)/Legal Fees / Bank Charges	€5,436
Diocesan Levy (Accruals 2025)	€32,607
CHY3 Revenue Refund 1/3 to Priests Collection	€4,500
Insurance	€11,640
New Printer & Coin Separator Machine	€11,395
Parish Office Consumables/Phone/ Publications/Newsletter	€16,335
<b>Total</b>	<b>€109,133</b>
<b>Parish Activities</b>	
Parish Functions/Hospitality/Speakers / Miscellaneous	€12,538
Liturgical Celebrations/Altar Supplies / Shrine Candles	€14,412
Youth Catechetics/ Faith Formation / Novena	€4,722
<b>Total</b>	<b>€31,672</b>
<b>Parish Property</b>	
Maintenance/Requisites	€35,315
St. Brendan's Window(Aria Stained Glass)	€12,718
Renovations to the Presbytery House	€35,916
Heating/Electricity/Water/Refuse/LPT/Security/Sound	€25,218
<b>Total</b>	<b>€109,167</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>€249,972</b>
<b>Summary</b>	
Total Income	€246,294
Total Expenditure	€249,972
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>-€3,678</b>
<b>Other Collections</b>	
Priests Collection Fund including CHY3 refund Transfer	€57,719
December Concert	€13,084
Trocaire	€5,545
Lourdes / Holy Place	€1,075
Mission Sunday	€1,310

**We thank you for your continued support and generosity especially during these challenging times**

## Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

### An Magnificat

Móránn m'anam an Tiarna, agus rinne mo spiorad gairdeas i nDia mo Shlánaitheoir. Óir dhearc sé le fabhar ar ísle a bhanóglai; mar féach, déarfaidh na glúine uile feasta gur méanar dom. Óir rinne an Té atá cumhachtach nithe móra dom agus is naofa a ainm, agus tá a thrócaire ó ghlúin go glúin dóibh seo ar a mbíonn a eagla. Thaispeáin sé neart a láimhe: scaip sé an dream a bhí uaibhreach i smaointe a gcroí. Leag sé prionsaí óna gcathaoireacha, agus d'ardaigh sé daoine ísle; Líon sé lucht an ocrais le nithe fóna, agus chuir sé na saibhre uaidh folamh. D'fhóir sé ar Iosrael a sheirbhíseach, ag cuimhneamh dó ar a thrócaire - de réir mar gheall sé dar n-aithreacha - d'Abrahám agus dá shliocht go brách. Aiméan.

### The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**Celebration of Thanksgiving for Ministry Eucharistic Ministers & Ministers of the Word Brendan Pastoral Area**  
We warmly invite you to an evening appreciation for your ministry  
Guest Speaker - Maureen Kelly  
Tues March 24th @ 7.30pm  
Birr Pastoral Centre, Birr Church, Wilmer Road

**Sponsored by Anonymous**

## BIRR PARISH

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Fr. Michael O'Meara, Kinnitty - 057-9137021

### Psalter week 1

#### Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 14/15th March was **€2628.00**  
**St Patricks Day Basket Collection €1589**

**Easter Mass Bouquets** now available from the Parish office contribution of €5.00. Thank you

### Penitential Service

**Pastoral Area Penitential Service for Easter takes place Wed March 25th @ 7.30pm in St. Brendan's led by Fr. Michael O'Meara All welcome.**

**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.

**Ministry of the Word - Readers are requested to collect their new Readers' Rota from behind the altar. Many thanks to all our readers for their faithful service. We welcome Aaron and Eve to the rota.**

Join us in the theatre to welcome Cliona Hagan, a beloved name on the Irish country music scene. Her love for performing, connection with her fans, and commitment to her craft continue to drive her as one of the leading voices in modern Irish country music. Birr Theatre & Arts Centre Sunday 29 March, 8pm  
[www.birrtheatre.com](http://www.birrtheatre.com)

Lourdes Pilgrimage: I have just secured 8 extra seats for our pilgrimage. Those interested in joining with us on August 3rd. (5 days) please contact Phil 0863956299

Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on Thursday 26th March. Please visit [purpleday.org](http://purpleday.org).

**Carrig and Riverstown Development Association** will hold its AGM on Thursday the 26th March at 8pm in Carrig & Riverstown Community Hall. On the night guest speaker George Graham from Awareness Head to Toe, and a sheep farmer from Co. Wexford, will speak about the challenges of Mental Health in Rural Ireland. George is a renowned speaker on the issue and will share his own story and how communities can help address the stigma that surrounds Mental Health in Rural Ireland. All are welcome to come along and we encourage as many as possible to attend this important event