

BIRR PARISH

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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 4/5th April was **€4,105.00**.

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.

Padre Pio Mass next Thursday April 16th @ 7.30pm. All welcome.

Trocaire Boxes people are asked to leave their Trocaire Boxes to the Parish Office or to the Sacristy before or after Mass or alternatively there is an option to donate through the Tap & Donate. Thank you for your generosity.

Legion of Mary in the Parochial Basement on Friday April 17th @ 7.30pm.

Birr Flower & Garden Club will meet in the County Arms Hotel on Tuesday April 14th @ 8pm. Ealma Purcell from the Poppy garden Meath, will give a talk on her garden from the beginning with interesting flowers and shrubs. All welcome, non members €10, raffle €5.

National Epilepsy Week 2026 takes place on 18th May - 25th May. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek.

Carrig Tidy Towns Group would like to welcome you to their annual **'Breakfast Event'** in Carrig and Riverstown Community Hall on Sunday 19th April 2026 at 10.00 am. Donations given on the morning go to support the various projects underway at the moment. Your support is always appreciated.

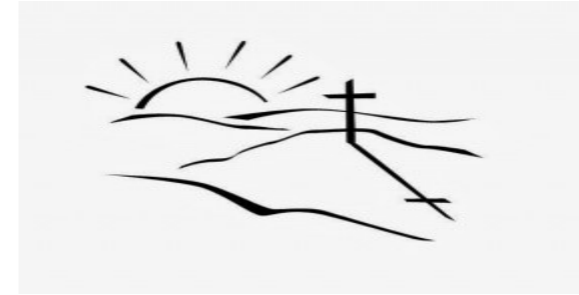
All are welcome to **Birr Historical Society's** upcoming lecture which takes place on **Monday April 13th at 8pm in Dooly's Hotel, Birr.** Speaker Dr. Stephen Mandal is the co – owner of the Irish Heritage School located in Birr. Stephen will speak on the topic of "The Formation of the Landscape of the Monastic Midlands" with particular focus on the geology, geomorphology and archaeology of these sites. The Society holds their meetings on the second Monday of the month at 8pm and new members are welcome.

Sponsored by Birr Town F.C.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 11th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 11th	7.30pm	Mary McDermott, Brendan Villas & Newbridge Street (MM) Emlyn Gallagher, Seffin Avenue (MM) Jack & Bina Walsh & Grandson Eoin Eastwood Jim & Lily Reid, Athy Mary & Christy Hough & Son Michael, Bengal Lodge & his son Noel Hough, UK & Newbridge Street Christy Loughnane, Woodlands Margaret, Michael & John Molloy, Shinrone Patricia O'Donoghue, Moorpark Street & California Michael Ryan, Burke's Hill Martin Mongan & all deceased members of the Mongan family
Sun 12th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 12th	9.30am	Mamie Gleeson, Lacka, Carrig Carrig
Sun 12th	10.30am	Mary Sheils, Whiteford Celia Hart, Compton Row Mark Dooley, Killyon
Sun 12th	12noon	Elsie & Paddy Gillen Betty & Lawrence Nee Jim Normile Phyl McDowell, Mellsop Street William, Teresa & Donie Hanley & Anna Pey & deceased members of the Hanley & Pey Families Bridie Smyth, Killeen Sean Kinirons, High Street Brendan Nolan & Joe Colgan Tom McLnerney, Killeen
Mon 13th	10am	Private Intentions
Tues 14th	10am	Private Intentions
Wed 15th	10am	Private Intentions
Thur 16th	10am	Private Intentions
Thur 16th	7.30pm	Padre Pio Mass
Fri 17th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 18th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 18th	7.30pm	Michael Hogan, Meadowville (MM) Kathleen Ryan, Emmet Street Margaret Lawlor, New Road Nancy & Martin Hogan, High St & all deceased members of the Hogan Family
Sun 19th	8.30am	John Molloy, Shinrone
Sun 19th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 19th	10.30am	John Kennedy & his baby son John, Cornmarket St & his Mother Mary Kennedy, Knockshegowna James Parsons, Mulhuddart Dublin & Crinkill
Sun 19th	12noon	Frank McNamara, Elmgrove (MM) Michael Doran, Clonoghill Upper & his son Paul James Martin, Cappaneale Park Brendan Murphy, Syngefeld

An Easter Prayer



Christ our life, you are alive in the beauty of the earth In the rhythm of the seasons in the mystery of time and space Alleluia

Christ our life, you are alive in the tenderness of touch in the heartbeat of intimacy in the insights of solitude Alleluia

Christ our life, you are alive in the creative possibility of the dullest conversation the dreariest task the most threatening event Alleluia

Christ our life, you are alive to offer re-creation to every unhealed hurt to every deadened place to every damaged heart Alleluia You set before us a great choice. Therefore we choose life. The dance of creation soars and surges through the whole creation. It sets gifts of bread and wine upon our table.

This is grace, dying we live. So let us live



Divine Mercy Sunday April 12th

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 2.45pm followed by Mass at 3.00pm. Novena of the Divine Mercy beginning on Good Friday and finishes on April 12th

Please pray for the souls of
Betty King, Riverstown, Birr
Seán Plunkett, High Street, Birr
Pat McMahon, Ballyporeen, father of John McMahon, Fadden Carrig
James English, Enniscorthy, Wexford father of Majella O'Meara, Cree, Birr
Sean Carroll, Boveen, Coolderry & Birr Community Nursing Unit

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

An Dara Domhnach den Cháisc / Domhnach na Trócaire

I Mí Aibreáin, bí linn, a Thiarna .Is í Inniu an Dara Domhnach den Cháisc. Tá Íosa aiséirithe ó mharbh agus tá áthas agus lúcháir chroí orainn. Tá ár Slánaitheoir ina rí ar an gcruithú. Tá Sé inár measc ag fógairt arís agus arís eile go bhfuil lá na fuascailte tagtha. Inniu ceiliúrtar Domhnach Thrócaire Dé. Is é Naomh Eoin Pól a bhunaigh an fhéile seo i mí na Bealtaine 2000. Spreagadh deabhóid Trócaire Dé trí scríbhinní Siúr Faustina, bean rialta ón bPolainn a fuair bás sa bhliain 1938 agus í in aois tríocha trí bhliain. Ní aon rud nua an teachtaireacht maidir le Trócaire Dé. Ach meabhraíonn sé dúinn gur mhúin an Eaglais i gcónaí sa Scriptorium agus sa traidisiún go bhfuil Dia trócaireach agus go bhfuil maithiúnas ar fáil do gach peaca. Tá a thrócaire i bhfad níos mó ná aon pheaca. Níl le déanamh againn ach teacht os comhair Dé go humhail agus muinín a bheith againn as a thrócaire. Is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá inniu: A Thobair na Beatha, Trócaire Dé glanrúnda, imchluadaigh an domhan uile agus doirt Tú féin anuas orainn. Áiméan.

Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

Lord, be with us during the month of April. Today is the second Sunday after Easter. Jesus is risen from the dead and we are full of joy. Our Saviour is king of creation. He is among us proclaiming again and again that the day of redemption has come. Today is also Divine Mercy Sunday. It was instituted by St John Paul in May 2000. The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina a Polish nun who died in 1938 aged thirty-three years. The message of God's Divine Mercy is nothing new. The Church has always taught through Scripture and through tradition that God is merciful, and that forgiveness is available for all sins. His mercy is much greater than any sin. Let us come before God humbly and with confidence in his Divine Mercy. We can say this prayer today: O fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. Amen,