

## BIRR PARISH

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*Parish Office Opening Hours*

*Monday - Friday 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.*

### Psalter week 3

#### Parish Finances

**We acknowledge and thank parishioners** for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 11/12th April was **€2078.50**

**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.

**Legion of Mary in the Parochial Basement every Wednesday @ 7.30pm.**

**Trócaire** - Now that the Lenten Season has concluded we invite you to return your Trócaire box or offerings to the Parish office or to the sacristy before or after Mass or alternatively there is an option to donate through the Tap & Donate. Your support for Trócaire is very much appreciated at these difficult times. To date €2540.00 has been contributed

**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](http://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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**HEAVEN** by Balally Players & written by Offaly's playwright **Eugene O'Brien**, follows Mal and Mairead, a middle-aged couple returning to Mairead's hometown for a family wedding. Full of warmth, regret, tenderness and small moments of grace. It's a play about ordinary people trying to make sense of where they've come from and where they're going, finding something close to redemption in the process. **Sunday, 26 April - 8pm.** [www.birrtheatre.com](http://www.birrtheatre.com)

**ALONE** work with all older people, including those who are lonely, isolated, frail or ill, homeless, living in poverty, or are facing other difficulties. We provide an integrated system of Support Coordination, Practical Supports, Support & Befriending, a variety of Phone Services, Social Prescribing, Housing with Support, and assistive technology. We're looking for Volunteers in your area, Join us and let's combat loneliness together. To sign up please visit [alone.ie/volunteers](http://alone.ie/volunteers) or call 0818 222 024

## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 18th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 18th	7.30pm	<b>Michael Hogan, Meadowville (MM)</b> Kathleen Ryan, Emmet Street Margaret Lawlor, New Road Nancy & Martin Hogan, High St & all deceased members of the Hogan Family Annie Coughlan, Fairview Peter Judge, Fairview Teresa O'Brien, Brosna
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	<b>Frank McNamara, Elmgrove (MM)</b> Michael Doran, Clonoghill Upper & his son Paul James Martin, Cappaneale Park Brendan Murphy, Syngesfield
Mon 20th	10am	Private Intentions
Tues 21st	10am	Francis Kennedy, Newbridge Street
Wed 22nd	10am	Private Intentions
Thur 23rd	10am	Private Intentions
Fri 24th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 25th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 25th	7.30pm	<b>Ann Hogan, The Swan, Main Street, Birr (MM)</b> Derek Maher, Cappaneale Park John & Mary Doyle & Son Nicholas & daughter Geraldine, Fairview Kit Molloy, Clonaslee Val Hogan, Clonaslee
Sun 26th	8.30am	Margaret & Paddy Corrigan, Castle Street, Birr
Sun 26th	9.30am	<b>Elizabeth Kennedy (née McCormack), Lacka, Carrig (MM)</b> Martin Carney, Carrig Village
Sun 26th	10.30am	<b>Rody Carroll, Killeen (MM)</b> Hellena Cleary, London
Sun 26th	12noon	Sheila Connors, Newbridge Street Anthony Nevin & his son Anthony Nevin Jnr

**Please pray for the souls of**

**Gary Ward**, Banagher & Scurragh, Birr



**Sponsored by Birr Town F.C.**

## Regina Caeli (O Queen of Heaven) Prayer

Marian hymn that is used during the Easter Season in place of the Angelus to honour the virgin Mary and her joy at her son's victory over death.

Regina Caeil is the Latin title for "Queen of Heaven" is an ancient 12th century devotion

associated with St. Gregory the Great who heard the Angels chant the first 3 lines on Easter morning.



Regina Caeli, laetare, alleluia.  
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.  
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.  
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.  
Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.  
Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.  
For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.  
Has risen, as he said, alleluia.  
Pray for us to God, alleluia.  
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.  
For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

**Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Active Retirement Association** - The group meet every Wednesday in Carrig Hall from 2.30-4.30pm for Line Dancing, Board Games. On the 3rd Wednesday of the month Bingo is played. On Wednesday April 22nd a guest speaker will speak to the group on Health & Safety in the home which is open to non-members & members. New members are always welcome.

**Birr 20|20 Vision** is working with multiple partners to establish a **Family Resource Centre** in Birr. This is a community hub that provides multiple supports through providers for children, families and individuals from early childhood through to later life, offering programmes, advice, connections to services and onsite support that strengthens wellbeing, inclusion and empowerment in our community. Have your voice heard at this event on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April in the County Arms Hotel** Morning session 11.15am, evening session 7.15 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

### An Tríú Domhnach den Cháisc

Inniu, an Tríú Domhnach den Cháisc.. Bíonn Críost aiséirithe in éineacht linn de shíor. Ba cheart dúinn éisteacht go humhail lena bhriathar trí mheán na Scrioptúr, freastal ar Aifreann agus Comaoineach Naofa a ghlacadh. A Thiarna, is tú an Finné fíordhílis. Cuir ar chumas d'Eaglaise fianaise a dhéanamh leat gan stad gan staonadh. Áiméan.

### Third Sunday of Easter

Today is the Third Sunday of Easter. The risen Christ is always with us. We ought to listen humbly to his word in the Scriptures, attend Mass and receive Holy Communion. Lord, you are the faithful and true witness, the first-born from the dead. May The Church never cease to proclaim you to the world. Amen.

## Easter

**In the beginning  
The Lord God planted a garden  
Facing the rising sun.  
Adam was the gardener,  
And all was very good  
Until, worming its way  
into his mind the idea  
Came that he could  
Do things his way.**

**And the rest was trouble.**

**But in another garden,  
The risen Son, Adam renewed,  
Appearing as a gardener  
Brought new beginning,  
Showed that through God's grace  
All can be life**

*Ann Lewin*