

## BIRR PARISH

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*Parish Office Opening Hours*  
Monday - Friday 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

### Psalter week 2

#### Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 2/3rd May was **€2468.00**

### Comhgairdeas

On Saturday night May 2nd Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Eireann celebrated its 75th Anniversary Soiree in the company of An Uachtarán Catherine Connolly as guest of honour. 12 people were acknowledged for their contribution to the fostering of traditional Irish Music with special awards. Our own Paddy Duffy Woodlands Drive was one of the recipients for his great work with Midland Radio 103 - "Coppers & Brass" Programme. We thank Paddy for his life time of work with the promotion of Irish Music & Dance.

### Lough Derg Pilgrimage -

**3 day pilgrimage June 29th, 30th & 1st July.** Bus leaving from Lidl Carpark if interested please contact the parish office 05791-22028

#### LEGENDS OF AMERICAN COUNTRY SHOW

Three superb singers, one fantastic live band! This upcoming tour will showcase highly acclaimed tributes to Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, Don Williams, Patsy Cline, Hank Williams and many more. One thing is for sure, if it's Country music you like then this is the show for you!  
Sunday, 17 May 8pm [www.birrtheatre.com](http://www.birrtheatre.com)

#### Carrig and Riverstown Active Retirement Group.

Day Trip to Lismore Castle & Gardens  
An excursion to Lismore Castle and Gardens is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th. The itinerary includes morning tea and an evening meal at the Horse & Jockey Hotel, with visits to Mount Melleray Abbey, Cahir, and the scenic Vee Gap.  
Transport Details: Kearns Bus departs at 10:00 am from Lidl Carpark, Loughnane Filling Station, and Birr Square, and at 10:20 am from Carrig Hall. The Bus costs €20 for non-members, Castle Entry costs €14.50 and meals provided at your own expense. All are welcome to join. Please contact 087 1264925 for further information. The weekly Wednesday meetings have finished for the summer and will resume in September.

#### Support your upcoming Local Blood Drive!

Marian Hall, Birr On Tues 12th and Wed 13th May from 2.30pm to 5.00pm & 7.00pm to 9.30pm also Thurs 14th May from 12pm to 2.00pm & 4pm to 7.30pm

## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 9th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 9th	11am	<b>First Holy Communion Ceremony Crinkill N.S. Killeen N.S. &amp; Parish Preparation Programme</b>
Sat 9th	7.30pm	<b>Brendan Kelly, London (MM) his sister Anne Coleman, Hawthorn Drive, (1st Ann) &amp; brothers Jack Kelly, Tipperary (1st Ann) &amp; Cyril Kelly, Liverpool, (1st Ann)</b> Tim Hutchinson Joe & Sally Kennedy, Elm Park Sean & Frances Hogan & daughter Catherine O'Rourke Madge Lally, Dove Grove
Sun 10th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 10th	9.30am	Aidan King, The Gables, Riverstown
Sun 10th	10.30am	<b>Séan Plunkett, High Street (MM) Gary Ward, Banagher &amp; Scurragh (MM) Teresa Campbell, Birr Community Nursing Unit (1st Ann)</b> Donald & Margie Brady, Killeen
Sun 10th	12noon	Martin Hynes & his son Peter, Castle Gardens Paddy Kearns, Military Road, Crinkill Sarah Turley, Elm Park, Birr
Mon 11th	10am	Private Intentions
Tues 12th	10am	Private Intentions
Wed 13th	10am	Private Intentions
Thur 14th	10am	Sean & Maureen Dunphy Liam & Joan Dunphy, The Crescent
Fri 15th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 16th	10am	Dan (Donie) Carroll & his son Martin (Carlo) Carroll, Bulfin Park
Sat 16th	11am	<b>First Holy Communion Ceremony St. Brendan's P.S &amp; Mercy P.S</b>
Sat 16th	7.30pm	<b>Natalie Browne (née Walsh), Demesne View (1st Ann)</b> Billy Watson, Rosse Row Edward & Mary Sherlock & son Eddie Sherlock, Curraduff Paddy Digan, James Hegarty & William Hegarty Nancy Moody, Glebe Street
Sun 17th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 17th	9.30am	<b>First Holy Communion Carrig N.S.</b>
Sun 17th	10.30am	Valerie McIntyre, Demesne View Martin & Katie Ryan, Crinkill Mary Hutchinson & her husband Tom, St. Brendan's Villas
Sun 17th	12noon	Mary Murray & Jack Murray Fr. Henry Torpey Winifred, Thomas & John Kinsella, High Street

## First Holy Communion

Please keep all the young people in your prayers as they prepare for the next milestone in their faith journey.



## First Holy Communion Ceremonies 11.00am

**Saturday 9th May** - Crinkill N.S, Killeen N.S. & Parish Preparation Programme

**Saturday 16th May** - St. Brendan's P.S & Mercy P.S

**Sunday 17th May** - Carrig N.S.  
(In Carrig Church @ 9.30am)

## Queen of the May

Bring flowers of the rarest  
Bring flowers the fairest,  
From garden and woodland  
and hillside and dale;  
Our full hearts are swelling,  
Our glad voices telling

The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Refrain: O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today! Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

Their lady they name thee, their mistress proclaim thee. Oh, grant that thy children on earth be as true; as long as the bowers are radiant with flowers as long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.

Sing gaily in chorus, the bright angels o'er us re-echo the strains we begin upon earth; their harps are repeating the notes of our greeting, for mary herself is the cause of our mirth.

### Please pray for the souls of

**Nuala Murray**, Roscomroe, Ballybritt, Kinnitty, mother of Vonnie Dalton, Pastoral Minister of the Brendan Pastoral Area  
**Sarah Deirdre (Der) Garahy**, London & Fortal, Birr  
**John O'Rourke**, Killucan, Mullingar & New York, husband of Assumpta McEvoy, Derrinlough & brother of Hugh O'Rourke, Riverstown



*"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

### Machnamh don tSeachtain.

Glac sos chun machnaimh a dhéanamh, is foinse an nirt é.

Glac sos chun léitheoireachta a dhéanamh, is cloch chúinne na heagna í.

Glac sos chun spraoi a dhéanamh, is é rún an chroí óig.

Glac sos chun bheith suaimhneach, is deis é bheith i láthair Dé.

Glac sos chun bheith san airdeall, is deis é bheith cabhrach.

Glac sos chun bheith grámhar, is olltabhartas é ó Dhia.

Glac sos chun bheith gealgháireach, is fuinneamh anama é.

Glac sos chun bheith cairdiúil, is bealach an tsonais é.

Glac sos chun aislinge cothaíonn sé feasacht.

Glac sos chun urnaí, is é an chumhacht is mó ar domhan.

### Reflection for the week.

Take time to think, it is the source of power.

Take time to read, it is the foundation of wisdom.

Take time to play it is the secret of staying young.

Take time to be quiet, it is the moment to seek God.

Take time to be aware, it is the opportunity to help others.

Take time to love and be loved, it is God's greatest gift.

Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.

Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness.

Take time to dream, it is what the future is made of.

Take time to pray, it is the greatest power on earth.

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