

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 16/17th May was **€3396.00**

We have a Tap and Donate machine at the Church's main entrance for card donations. Simply tap to choose your fund—Parish Fund, Priests Fund, or Adorations and Shrines Fund. If you do not have cash, you can pay for shrine candles at this facility. Select your amount, present your card, and wait for confirmation.

Daffodil Day 2026 - Thanks to all who supported and volunteered for Daffodil day 2026, a total of **€28,444.79** was raised for the Irish Cancer society. Your support is much appreciated on behalf of Birr daffodil day.

A magical introduction to theatre for our little people age 3+. HAY! Farmer Geenie guides scarecrow to find his feet, hands voice and legs through song and dance. With charming puppets, bird's butterfly's bees, and eggs! 50 mins of sweet, funny, inclusive and uplifting. Wednesday 27 May 10am.
www.birrtheatre.com

Holy Communion to housebound family members: If bringing Holy Communion to a family member, please leave your Pix to the sacristan or on the altar before Mass.

Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Active Retirement Association - The Group's monthly meeting is Monday May 25th @ 7.30pm in Carrig Hall. Members & Non members are welcome.

Busy Bodies Summer Camp 2026

Busy Bodies Summer Camp takes place in Killeen N.S starting on June 29th for 3 weeks. Age 3 -10 years 9.30-3pm. Phone Ann 087-9625218

Property Marking- Birr Neighbourhood Watch along with Birr Gardaí & Múintir na Tíre are holding a property marking day at Birr Mart on Friday 29th May @ 2.00pm. All are welcome. Bring your trailers, lawnmowers, bikes, tools and household items etc., to be marked.

Breakfast Fly-In The Breakfast Fly- In takes place on May 30th at Birr Airfield. All proceeds go to the Society of St. Vincent De Paul Birr. All are welcome.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 23rd	10am	Kathleen & Dan Bass, Newbridge Street
Sat 23rd	7.30pm	Mikie Donoghue, Cappaneale Michael & Sadie Campbell & daughter Majella, Moorpark St Chrissie & Podge O'Meara, Burkes Hill
Sun 24th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 24th	9.30am	Seán O'Brien, Tinnakelly, Carrig (MM) Marie Harding, Ballyduff, Rathcabbin (1st Ann)
Sun 24th	10.30am	Joe Landy, Westgate
Sun 24th	12noon	Betty Reid, Townsend Street (1st Ann) William Cooney, John's Mall Baby Declan Murphy, Sandymount Frankie Gallagher, High Street Michael & Annie Harte, New Road & sons Rody & John & daughter Mary, sons in law Jackie Burke, Denis Lockhart & daughter in law Olive Harte Vincent Sammon, John's Mall
Mon 25th	10am	Private Intentions
Tues 26th	10am	Private Intentions
Wed 27th	10am	Jack & Rose Grimes, Wilmer Road Catherine Grimes Moirra Brown, Emmett Street Ciss & Joe Hackett, Sandymount
Thurs 28th	10am	Private Intentions
Fri 29th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 30th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 30th	7.30pm	Private Intentions
Sun 31st	8.30am	Maureen Plunkett, High Street
Sun 31st	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 31st	10.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 31st	12noon	Kathleen & Jim Colohan, New Road daughters Louise, Eleanor, Marian, Mary & Ann & son John Winifred, Thomas & John Kinsella, High Street

Sponsored by T.P Sullivan Haulage

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all the Second Class pupils who received their First Holy Communion over the last two weekends in the Parish. This is such a special and joyful milestone in your lives, and we are all so proud of you. Wishing each of you God's richest blessings as you continue to grow in faith, kindness, and friendship. May the light of God always guide and protect you throughout your lives.



Pentecost

Spirit of God

You are the breath of creation, the wind of change that blows through our lives, opening us up to new dreams and new hopes, new life in Jesus Christ. Forgive us our closed minds which barricade themselves against new ideas, preferring the past to what you might want to do through us tomorrow.

Forgive our closed eyes which fail to see the needs of the world, blind to opportunities of service and love.

Forgive our closed hands which clutch our gifts and our wealth for our own use alone.

Forgive our closed hearts which limit our affections to ourselves and our own.

Spirit of new life, forgive us and break down the prison walls of our selfishness, that we might be open to your love and open for the service of your world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please pray for the souls of

Joan Kennedy, Tullamore Road & Birr Community Nursing Unit

James McCarthy (The Gor), Drumbane

Josephine Sullivan, Borrisokane, sister in law of TP Sullivan, Burkes Hill

Seamus Maher, Gloster & Birr Community Nursing Unit

"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

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday is celebrated fifty days after Easter Sunday. The Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles in the form of tongues of fire. Mary, the apostles, and the disciples of Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Apostles went out immediately spreading the good news of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Through the preaching of St. Peter three thousand were converted to the Church. The Holy Spirit gave the apostles power to go forth and renew the face of the earth. We receive the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation. On this Pentecost Sunday let us reflect on our Christianity and that we belong to Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth who helps us to lead our lives according to the truth. There is ongoing need for our prayers for those who govern in every country that they may exercise their office with justice and compassion. Lord help them to promote peace in the world. Praise be to you Holy Spirit. Fill our hearts with your love and your zeal. Make us bearers of the Good News of Christ wherever we are. May we live in God's kinship, in God's love, in God's will, in expectation of God, in friendship with God, and in God's care. Amen

Reflection

Sacred and loving Heart of Jesus hidden in the Holy Eucharist you beat for us still. You say as you said when you lived that my delight is to be with human kind now you have come to live within me. Take away my worries, my fears and my anxiety's. Fill me with your presence so that nothing may disturb me but in your love and in your peace I too may know your peace.