

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 1/2 August was **€2616.50**

One Day retreat to Lough Derg Tuesday August 18th Includes Holy Mass & Confessions in Knock on Monday 17th, overnight stay in Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran with evening meal included. Tues Aug 18th travel to Lough Derg for one day retreat 10am - 4pm please contact the parish office if you wish to travel.

Shinrone Social Group: Annual outing to Knock will take place on Thursday 20th August 2026. Cost €45 includes Bus and Lunch. Please contact Anne Hannon 087 2350549 or Teresa Cleary 086 0616137 to book your seat.

Church of the Annunciation Carrig is celebrating its Bi-Centenary on Friday September 25th 2026. If anyone wishes to be included in the celebrations please contact the Parish office 05791-22028.

Global school feeding charity Mary's Meals will hold their annual Step By Step to Feed the Next Child - Walk to Knock from 7th to 15th August. Walkers will be arriving in Birr (St. Brendan's Church) around 3.30pm on Sunday 9th Aug and will be leaving at 9am on Monday 10th Aug, heading to Ferbane. Please come out and encourage the walkers, and if you're able to do so, donate in the buckets or visit marysmeals.ie to donate online. All donations, are very welcome.

Pilgrimage to Rome with Fr. Arnold - Join Fr. Arnold for his pilgrimage to Rome from April 7th - 13th 2027 which promises to be a great trip encapsulating the spiritual, historical and cultural delights of the Eternal City. Early booking essential. Cost is €1,285 PPS Please contact Myriam Tours 057 93 55050 info@myriam.ie WhatsApp 085 179 2364

Offaly Local Development, South & West Offaly Meals on Wheels Programme, provide nutritious, home-delivered meals across South and West Offaly. **Delivery Schedule: Monday, Wednesday & Friday.** Cooling meals are available for the "next day," allowing for up to 6 days of service per week. **Cost: €7 per meals. For Further Details Please Contact:** Sinead Mob. 087 9799663 or 087-2175998.

Birr Athletic Club are hosting their 5k road race on Sunday morning Aug 16th at 10.00am, all the roads around Syngefield, Clareen road, Whiteford and Crinkle will be busy from 9.15am until approx. 11.30am and will affect people attending mass on Sunday morning, roads will not be closed but there will be delays.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 8th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 8th	7.30pm	Kathleen (Cait) Kearney, Grove Street, Crinkill (1st Ann) Lill Roe, Clonoghill & her grand-daughter Rosaleen Waters, Chicago
Sun 9th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 9th Carrig	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 9th	10.30am	Nora & Michael Grennan, Crinkill & all deceased members of the Kennedy & Middleton Families Thomas & Mary Kate Cox
Sun 9th	12noon	Phil Murphy & her husband Cyril, Station House, Cumberland Gardens Christy & Nora Cleary & Tommy Pey, Riverstown
Mon 10th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 11th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Wed 12th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thur 13th	10.00am	Gerry & Nelly Daly, Fairview
Fri 14th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 15th	10.00am	Paschal Campbell, Rock Lane
Sat 15th	7.30pm	Private Intentions
Sun 16th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 16th Carrig	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 16th	10.30am	Michael & Patricia Fallon, John's Place Fiona Guinan, Whiteford & her parents Michael & Mary Hogan Hugh Doyle, Croghan Road
Sun 16th	12noon	Joe Conroy, Woodfield Bernadette Lally, McAuley Drive Catherine & William Delaney, Miletree & son Billy & daughter Kathleen Jones Maureen & Noel Reedy, John's Mall Bridget Parkinson, The Terrace, Crinkill

Please pray for the souls of

Patricia Talbot, Cavan, sister of Gladys O'Meara, Main Street & Gay Halvey, Woodlands, Birr

Finian Daly, Tullamore, brother of the late Joe Daly, Clonkelly



Feast of the Assumption

Saturday 15th August

The Feast of the Assumption invites all of us to reflect on Mary as the radical woman. Read prayerfully the **Magnificat** (see below). Here we see this woman who hungers for a new justice on earth, one that reflects the justice of God. The God who did not overlook her is the God who dethrones the mighty and exalts the lowly. Mary voices a radical protest against what we all take for granted; that the mighty will always prevail over the weak, that the well fed nations will thrive while others starve to death, that the politically strong will always occupy the thrones of power. The Assumption of Mary is a celebration of **hope**. To that **hope** we cling. In that **hope** we rejoice!

Oh Mary assumed into heaven
- inspire us a we journey
to our true homeland. Amen.

Masses August 14th & 15th

Vigil Friday 14th August

St. Flannan Kinnitty @ 7pm
Ballybritt @ 8pm

Saturday 15th August

St. Brendan's @ 10am
St. Mary's Shinrone @ 11am
St. Patrick's The Pike @ 6.30pm

The Magnificat

My soul glorifies the Lord,
My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
Henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength
And scatters the proud hearted.

He casts the mighty from their thrones
And raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,
Sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,

the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons for ever.

Amen

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Deascabháil na Maighdine Beannaithe

Fógraíodh deastógáil chorpartha na Maighdine Muire ar neamh mar dhogma creidimh ag an bPápa Pius XII 1 Samhain 1, 1950. Tá brí an ailt creidimh seo curtha mar se ag Caiticiosma na hEaglaise Caitlicí (alt 966), i dtéacs atá tógtha ar iasacht ó dhoiciméid de chuid na Comhairle Vatacáin II, téacs atá faoi thionchar théacs an Phápa a d'fhógair an dogma. Ag deireadh,a saoil rinneadh an Mhaighdean gan Smál, a cha-omhnaigh Dia ó lorg ar bith de pheaca an tsinsir, a thógáil suas, idir chorp agus anam go glóir na bhflaithis agus í á mhóradh ag an Tiarna mar Bhanríon na cruinne, sa chaoi gurbh amhlaidh í leis an Té a rug an bua ar an bpeaca agus ar an mbás.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven was proclaimed as a religious dogma by Pope Pius XII on 1 November 1950. The Catholic Church's Catechism (section 966), in a text borrowed from Vatican Council II documents, influenced by the text of the Pope announcing the dogma, has thus added: "At the end of her life, the Immaculate Virgin, who was preserved by God from any trace of sin, was taken both body and soul to the glory of heaven and be glorified by the Lord as Queen of the universe, so that it was similar to, he who bore victory over sin and death.

Birr Library upcoming Events

Punch and Judy Puppet Show, Tuesday 11th August at 2.30pm. Booking required

VEX Robotics workshop, Thursday 13th August at 2pm. Booking required.

Embroidery workshop with Sarah Corcoran, Thursday 13th August at 10.30am – 12pm and Friday 14th August at 10.30am – 12pm. This is a two-part workshop. Booking required.

Preserve your Story, Memory Capture Lab, Wednesday 19th August 11am – 4pm

OurKidsCode: Family coding and craft workshop, Thursday 20th August 10-12pm. Registration required at www.ourkidscode.ie/bcp-registration

The Rambling House, Heritage Week Film, Thursday 20th August at 11am.

Leinster Regiment Exhibition, throughout August,

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