

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 5/6 April was **€2,337.00**

Easter Mass Bouquets are available in the Parish office for €5.00.

The Adoration Room will close Thursday April 17th and will re-open Tuesday April 22nd. Thank you.

The Rosary will be recited in the Church of the Annunciation Carrig on Sunday, 9th March - Sunday, April 20, 2025 before the 9.30am Mass. All Welcome.

Stations of the Cross will take place during Lent on Wednesday's after the 10am Mass.

Birr Historical Society - Dame Nellie Melba (1861-1931) was one of the most distinguished Australian singers of her generation. Find out about her fascinating life. **Talk on Monday April 14th @ 8pm in County Arms Hotel.**

Lourdes Jubilee Pilgrimages 2025

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Fintan will depart Shannon Airport on Wednesday 25th June for 5 days. €955 pps includes full board. Our Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage is from 29th September to 4th October €935 pps includes full board. To reserve a seat please contact JOE Walsh Tours 89 Harcourt St. Dublin 2 DO2WY88 Tel: 01 2410800 or jowalshstours.ie for more details.

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Wednesday 16th April at 7.30pm in the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles.** This event is free and open to all bereaved parents death was. You do not need to register in advance.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 12th	10 am	Seán & Dilly Hanniffy
Sat 12th	7.30pm	Jim & Lily Reid, Athy James Donoghue, Bulfin Park Kathleen Ryan, Emmet Street Tom McInerney, Killeen Patricia O' Donoghue, Moorpark Street & California Michael Ryan, Burkes Hill
Sun 13th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 13th	9.30am	Mamie Gleeson, Lacka
Sun 13th	10.30am	Sean Kinirons, High Street Joe Colgan, Rath
Sun 13th	12noon	Michael Doran, Clonoghill Upper (1st Ann) & Son Paul Doran Paddy Kearns, Military Road Phyl McDowell, Townsend Street
Mon 14th	10 am	Private Intentions
Tue 15th	10 am	Private Intentions
Wed 16th	10 am	Eammon & Rose Bell, Ferbane Road, Cloghan
Wed 16th	7.30pm	Chrism Mass
Thurs 17th	10 am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 17th	7.30pm	Our Lord's Supper
Thurs 17th	8pm	Our Lord's Supper
Fri 18th	10 am	Morning Prayer
Fri 18th	12noon	Stations of the Cross - Garden of Tranquillity
Fri 18th	3pm	Passion of the Lord
Fri 18th	7.30pm	Passion of the Lord
Sat 19th	10 am	Morning Prayer & Blessing of Food
Sat 19th	9pm	Easter Vigil
Sun 20th	8.30am	Easter Mass Bouquets
Sun 20th	9.30am	Easter Mass Bouquets
Sun 20th	10.30am	Easter Mass Bouquets
Sun 20th	12noon	Easter Mass Bouquets

Please pray for the souls of

Margaret White, Carrig



May you support us all the day long until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Christ Jesus, our Lord"

Chrism Mass

You are warmly invited to the **Chrism Mass on Spy Wednesday April 16th at 7.30 pm in St Brendan's Church this year. The parishes of the Brendan Pastoral area Shinrone/Ballingarry, Kilcolman, Kinnitty & Birr are hosting this event. The Holy Oils for use in the Sacraments across the Diocese of Killaloe are blessed at this Mass by Bishop Fintan. A choir from the four parishes will provide the music and singing at the Liturgy with various representatives taking part in the Mass. All are welcome to this special Diocesan event with refreshments afterwards in the hall of the Mercy Primary School beside the church.**

Easter Ceremonies

Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m.
Carrig Our Lord's Supper 7.30 p.m.
Birr Our Lord's Supper 8.00 p.m.
Exposition 9.00 p.m.
Night Prayer 9.45 p.m.

Good Friday

Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m.
Birr Stations of the Cross 12 noon -
Garden of Tranquillity
Christians Together Meeting at the
Foot of the Cross
Emmett Square @ 2.00pm
Led by Canon Arthur Minion, Rev. Nigel Gill,
Fr. Tom Hogan & Fr. Arnold Rosney
Birr Passion of the Lord 3.00 p.m.
Carrig Passion of the Lord 7.30 p.m.

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer & Blessing of Food 10.00 a.m.
Birr Reconciliation 10.30 - 12 noon
Birr Easter Vigil 9.00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Dawn Mass 5.30 a.m.
Kilcomman Graveyard Shinrone
Kinnitty/Glenregan @ 5.45am
Normal Sunday Mass Times Birr
8.30am, Carrig @ 9.30am, 10.30am & 12noon

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week which includes Spy Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. During this week we are invited to open our hearts and minds and welcome Christ in our lives. This Sunday we focus on the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. In today's Gospel hear that Jesus is riding a donkey. The crowds around him follow him on his way to Jerusalem. They carried large palms while shouting and singing "Hosanna, Hosanna" In this way they showed him homage. They wanted to make him king. But before the end of the week many were shouting, 'Crucify Him'. 'Crucify Him'. Jesus took our sins unto Himself and showed His love for us on Calvary. *We can say this prayer during Holy Week: By your Death on the Cross, you redeemed the unfortunate children of Eve. Blessed ever since is the sign of our sanctification. Amen.*

Divine Mercy Sunday April 27th

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 27th

The Donkey

When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.

By G. K. Chesterton

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