

## BIRR PARISH

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### Psalter Week 3

#### Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 3/4th August was **€2,645.00**

**Eucharistic Adoration in the Adoration Chapel Monday to Friday from 10.30 - 12noon**

**Padre Pio Mass Thursday 15th @ 7.30pm. All welcome**

#### Shinrone Social Group

Shinrone Social Group Annual Trip to Knock will take place on Thursday 22nd August. The cost of the trip remains at €40 which includes lunch and evening refreshments. If you would like to book a seat on the bus contact: Anne Hannon 087 7616551, Teresa Cleary 086 0616137 or Anne O Meara 087 2410736. We will be able to stop in Birr to collect anyone who wishes to travel.

#### Volunteer Ministries in the Killaloe Diocese

Have you ever thought of enriching your faith or of equipping yourself to be able to give something to your Parish or Pastoral area? The Diocese of Killaloe is hoping to build on the success of our initial lay ministry training programme by offering training to those who feel called to give time as Catechist and as Ministers of Pastoral Care. It is hoped to begin journeying with those interested in the Autumn. These ministries will be of interest to those already involved in their parish or pastoral area or those wishing to be more involved in the life of their local Church community. This programme involves lay people working side by side with priests in key ministries in our parishes and pastoral areas. Brochures are available in your parish or on the Diocesan Webpage. Further information and application forms can be found at <https://www.killaloediocese.ie/our-diocese/lay-ministries/>

**Lough Derg Pilgrimage** - Cashel & Emly One Day Retreat Wed 4th Sept includes Holy Mass and Confessions in Knock on Tuesday 3rd, overnight stay in Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran with evening meal & B&B included. On Wednesday 4th travel to Lough Derg for one day retreat 10am - 4pm. Returning home directly with a meal in Roscommon on Wed evening. To book your place please contact the Parish Office, Birr 05791-22028.

## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 10th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 10th	7.30pm	Christy & Mary Hough, Bengal Lodge Lil Roe and her Granddaughter Rosaleen Waters, Clonoghill
Sun 11th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 11th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 11th	10.30am	<b>Dan Coolahan, Cornmarket Street, Apts. (1st Ann)</b> Johnny Hogan, Clonoghill Lower Kathleen & Sally Scully, Newbridge Street
Sun 11th	12noon	<b>Michael (Mouse) Kelly, Ballaghanoher, Banagher Road, Birr (MM)</b> <b>Mary O'Connor, Hillside (MM)</b> Margaret & Michael Kearns, Townsend House William & Catherine Delaney, Mile Tree, daughter Kathleen & son Billy and son-in-law John Hardman, Castlepollard
Mon 12th	10am	Roy & Teresa Breen, Newbridge Street
Tues 13th	10am	Gerry & Nellie Daly, Fairview
Wed 14th	10am	Brendan & Peggy Gallagher, High Street & son Frankie and all deceased family members Molly Nevin
Thurs 15th	10am	Mary Burns Kennedy & Gerard Burns
Thurs 15th	7.30pm	Padre Pio Mass
Friday 16th	10am	<b>Hugh Doyle, Croghan Road (1st Ann)</b>
Sat 17th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 17th	7.30pm	<b>Bridie Parkinson, The Terrace, Crinkill (1st Ann)</b> Fiona Guinan, Whiteford and her parents Michael & Mary Hogan Kevin Parady, High Street Bernadette Lally, McAuley Drive Nancy & Paddy Walsh Christina & Johnny Pidgeon, Ballydaly, Tullamore
Sun 18th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 18th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 18th	10.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 11th	12noon	<b>Joe Conroy, Burkes Hill &amp; Woodfield (1st Ann)</b> Tom O'Dwyer, Cappaneale Peter & Nora Costello, Sharavogue

**Sponsored by Anonymous**

## Feast of the Assumption Thursday 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 15th

#### Vigil Wednesday 14th August

St. Patrick's, The Pike @ 6.30 p.m  
 St. Ita's Coolderry @ 8pm

#### Thursday 15th August

St. Brendan's @ 10.00 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.  
 St. Mary's Shinrone @ 11am  
 St. Flannan Kinnitty @ 7pm

### 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 dhoici-méid 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 chaomhnaigh 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.

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 "Consult not your fears, but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern not yourself with what you tried and failed in, but what it is still possible to do. Now is the time to put aside past and present setbacks and failures and look with confidence to the new day called tomorrow."

*Pope John XXIII*

**Please pray for the souls of Mary Theresa (Teasie) Rosney, Lea Beg, (Boora), Blueball, Offaly mother of Angela Hogan, Roscrea Road & Breege Kennedy, Crinkill Willie Moylan, Sandymount Suite, Birr Community Nursing Unit & Shinrone**

