

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 30/1st December was **€2,578.80**.

SVP Birr is holding its Annual Church Gate collection on 7/8th December. Your support is very much appreciated.

Birr Flower and Garden Club will hold their Christmas Gala Flower Demonstration on Tuesday December 3rd in the County Arms Hotel @ 8pm. Proceeds in aid of Motor Neurone Disease Ireland. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Admission €15.00, raffle tickets €5.00. **All welcome.**

The Rosary will be recited during Advent in the Church of the Annunciation Carrig before 9.30am Mass. All Welcome

Midland Living Links supporting those bereaved by suicide. Coffee Morning 3rd December, Conference room in St. Brendan's Church after 10.00 a.m. mass. All welcome

Sale of Work in Birr Community Nursing Unit Sunday December 1st @ 12noon. Cakes, Christmas cards & Bric Brac. All welcome

Bikeathon

Following the success of last years bikeathon organised by "Birr churches Together". It will take place again this year on **December 6/7th from 8am to 8pm**
Venue Emmett Square
 individuals, sports clubs, cycling groups are invited to take a slot cycling on a stationery bike for 20 min period. Funds raised will be donated to local charities "St Vincent de Paul, Offaly Healthy Homes Meals on Wheels Birr Nursing Unit, Birr Hospice Cancer Care
 To book a slot please contact
 Canon Arthur Minion 086-8251065

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Birr Town F.C

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 30th	10am	Tom McInerney, Killeen
Sat 30th	7.30pm	Willie & MaryEllen Coughlan & the Coughlan Family, Pound Street
Sun 1st	8.30am	Michael Maher, Crinkill
Sun 1st Carrig	9.30am	Stephen (Steve) Martin, Lacka Carrig (MM)
Sun 1st	10.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 1st	12noon	Tony Hogan, Hillside (MM) Frank Masterson, St. Brendan's Villas (MM) Rynagh Byrne, Susan Byrne & her husband Martin Byrne, Killeen & Birr John & Mary Kearns, Oxmantown Mall Sheila Murdock, Presentation Place and her dad Bill Dwyer, Fivealley Paddy O' Meara, Burkes Hill
Mon 2nd	10am	Conor Ryan, Kevin Daly & John Stapleton
Tues 3rd	10am	Private Intentions
Wed 4th	10am	Private Intentions
Thurs 5th	10am	Private Intentions
Fri 6th	10am	Frank & Carmel Egan, Glebe Street
Sat 7th	10am	Mary & Patrick Connors, Cornmarket Street
Sat 7th	7.30pm	Nellie Gallagher, Presentation Place Sean & Angela Ryan & son Emmet, Newbridge Street Eileen Ryan, Newbridge Street Marie O' Reilly, Grove Street
Sun 8th	8.30am	Willie & Kathleen Kinsella
Sun 8th Carrig	9.30am	Matthew Gleeson, Lacka
Sun 8th	10.30am	John Harte, Birr Community Nursing Unit & Emmett Street, (1st Ann) & brother Roddy Harte, Castletown , Leixlip & New Road Paddy, Mary & John Quigley, Commaket Street Chris & Seamus Kennedy, Emmett Street Gerard Wynne, Hillside and his parents Matthew & May
Sun 8th	12noon	Seamus & Triona Loughnane and the Garvey Family and daughter in law Gail Loughnane Tom & Mary-Ellen Feenane and their sons Thomas & Morgan, Fortal Patsy Garahy, Main Street

December 9th Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass 10am & 7.30pm

We celebrate Mary who from the first instance of her existence in the womb of her mother Anne, was privileged by almighty God and preserved free from all stain of original sin.

Advent is a time of waiting and preparation. The church evokes the coming of Christ in all its aspects; He has been on earth before and we believe that He will be here again. This season of Advent deepens our awareness of Christ's presence in the church today and heightens our hope and longing for his return.



Dates for Diary

Sunday December 15th

Bambamelli Sunday, we invite you to bring the figure of Baby Jesus from your family crib to church for blessing.

Tuesday December 17th @ 7.30pm

Reconciliation Service for Brendan Pastoral Area in St. Brendan's led by Fr. Michael O' Meara Kinnitty

Christmas Concert

BIRR STAGE GUILD presents
B'RRRR IT'S CHRISTMAS !!
 A concert of Seasonal Song and Christmas Cheer with Birr Sing It!
 Community Choir & Birr Stage Guild Chorus - special guests JOHN MOLLOY & CLAUDIA BOYLE ST. BRENDANS R.C. CHURCH, WILMER ROAD, BIRR
FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER 8.00pm Adults €25 Students €10 (+booking fee)
www.midlandsbooking.ie &
www.birrtheatre.com 057 9122911

Please pray for the souls of

Mary Ann Molloy (née) Deegan, Primrose Cottage, Boolinarig, Birr,
Jennifer Coughlan, Rosse Row, Birr
Thomas Hynes, Clencorrig, Shinrone father of Sharon Hynes, Drumbane
Vera Fogarty & her daughter Liz Fogarty, Durrow, Laois, mother & sister of Marie Daly, Killeen & Birr Community Nursing Unit
Ron Sothern, Killeen
Sylvia Abbott, Fortal
Philomena Mulrooney, Rath, sister of the late Mary Murray, Riverstown
Francis Reddan, Killyon, brother of the late Kathleen Bass, Newbridge Street

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne Mí na Nollag

I rith mí na Nollag bí linn a Thiarna, mí Bhreith ár Slánaitheora, mí lár an Gheimhridh, mí dheiridh den bhliain, mí na mbronntanas. Inniu an chéad Domhnach den Aidhint agus tá bliain úr, nua na hEaglaise ag tosú agus ár n-aird dírithe ar chomhlíonadh phlean Dé nuair a thiofadh a ríocht. Agus sinne Críostaithe ag feitheamh le Dia, ní le Dia anaithnid éigin, ach Dia dofheicthe a d'fhoilsigh é féin agus atá linn i gcónaí go deireadh an tsaol i gCríost agus sa Spiorad Naomh. Is ionann feitheamh le Dia dúinn agus feitheamh le comhlíonadh ghealltanas Dé, teacht ríocht Dé, ríocht shíoraí gan teorainn, ríocht na fírinne agus na beatha, ríocht na naofachta agus an ghrásta, ríocht an chirt, an ghrá agus na síochána.

Le linn na hAidhinte ba chóir dúinn iarracht a dhéanamh chun bealach an Tiarna a réiteach agus cúl a thabhairt dár bpeacaí ionas go mbeimid in ann fáilte a chur roimhe nuair a thiofadh Sé. **Guimis: A Dhia, a Athair uilechumhachtaigh, impímid ort as ucht do thrócaire, bí taobh linn i gcónaí le cabhair an Spioraid Naomh. Go dtuga Féile tréimhse na hAidhinte lúcháir, sonas agus síocháin dúinn féin, dár muintir agus don tír eile. Sin é ár nguí chugat trí Chríost ár dTiarna. Áiméan.**

Month of December

Lord be with us during the month of December, month of the Birth of Our Saviour. middle of Winter, last month of the year, month of the gifts. We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer. Today is the first Sunday in Advent; the beginning of a new Liturgical Year. Our attention is focused on the fulfilment of God's plan for us when His kingdom will come. As Christians we are waiting for God, not some unknown God but an invisible God who has revealed himself and is with us always to the end of time in Christ and the Holy Spirit. Waiting for God means waiting for the fulfilment of God's promise, the coming of God's kingdom an eternal kingdom of justice love and peace. During Advent we ought to follow the way of the Lord and repent of our sins so that we can welcome Jesus when He comes. We pray: **Almighty God in your mercy, be with us always with the help of the Holy Spirit. May the season of Advent be a time of joy, happiness, peace for each of us, our people and the country. We make our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.**