

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter Week 4

Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 30/1st December was **€2,470.50**.

Christmas Mass Bouquets are now available from the Parish Office. **€5 each**
Pack of 6 Christmas Cards also available from Parish office. **€5 each**

History of St. Brendan's "A place in all our Hearts" by Brian Kennedy on sale in the Parish office for **€15.00**.

Padre Pio Mass Thursday December 12th @ 7.30pm. All welcome.

SVP BIRR is holding its **Annual Church Gate collection this weekend. Your support is very much appreciated.**

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

Carrig and Riverstown Christmas Card Game, Progressive 25, Tuesday 10th December, 8pm-Carrig Community Hall. Tea and refreshments will be served. All welcome

Book launch in conjunction with BIRR Historical Society. Bully's Acre - A history of BIRR's forgotten cemetery. Author Stephen Callaghan Monday December 9th @ 7.30pm in the County Arms Hotel. All are welcome

Birr Theatre & Arts Centre

This dazzling, high-energy adaptation of A Christmas Carol brings Charles Dickens' classic to life with two snazzy-suited actors playing every beloved character at breakneck speed. The ideal way to step into Christmas, perfect for families, kids (7+). Sat 21 December, 3pm. www.birrtheatre.com

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Remembered in Mass this Week

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 Square, (1st Ann) & brother Rody Harte, 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
Mon 9th	10am	Julie O' Keeffe, Wicklow
Tues 10th	10am	Nellie & Gerry Daly, Fairview & daughter in law Anne Daly, Cloughjordan Richard Flanagan, Woodlands
Wed 11th	10am	John & Annie Coolahan, their daughter Anna & their sons Michael, Paschal & Dan, Grandsons Mark & Fred & Great Grandson Dean
Thurs 12th	10am	Deceased Members of the McManus Family
Fri 13th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 14th	10am	James Hehir, The Terrace, Crinkill (1st Ann)
Sat 14th	7.30pm	Tom & Mary Ryan, Seffin
Sun 15th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 15th Carrig	9.30am	Brendan, Sarah & Vincent O' Brien Carrig
Sun 15th	10.30am	Michael Hogan, Hillside (MM) Michael & Annie Mannion, Ballinree, Killyon, their daughter & son in law Paddy & Mary Hogan, Hillside Joseph Billane, High Street
Sun 15th	12noon	Claire Grimes, Seffin (MM) Helen Liffey, Hillside (1st Ann) Virginia Duffy, Woodlands Drive Peter Hynes, Castle Gardens & his Father Martin Anthony & Catherine Lawlor, Kilcormac Sean, John & Bridget Horan, John's Mall Marie & Billy Corbey, Kilcormac Mary & Frank Dunne, Rahan Deceased members of the Heffernan & Lawlor families

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

Sr. Maeve Quinlan, Convent of Mercy, Riverside BIRR and Templederry, Nenagh
Darragh Rigney, Kilmihil, Clare, son of Liz Maher, formerly Crinkill

"I lit a candle for a friend today. The light from it to guide is way in to your arms sweet Jesus".

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

An Dara Domhnach den Aidhínt

Ní fada uainn féasta Bhreith Ár dTiarna. Is léir agus is cinnte gur tréimhse dhian ullmhúcháin saolta í dúinn go léir. Caithimid ullmhúcháin spioradálta a dhéanamh freisin. Sna heaglaisí feicfidh tú Crann leise, crann ginealaigh Íosa Chríost, agus samhail chomhartha na ndaoine a chuaigh roimhe ó Adhamh agus Éabha go dtí Muire Máthair Íosa .

Bhí ardmheas ag ár sinsir ar Mhuire toisc gur í Máthair Íosa í. Déarfadís an paidrín páirteach gach oíche roimh dhul a chodladh, Go dtugaimid ómós di sa phaidir Cheilteach seo agus sinn ag iarraidh uirthi teacht i gcabhair orainn in am an ghátair: **A Mháthair glórmhair a chíos ár ndochar agus díobháil, go scara tú do bhrat beannaithe tharainn Áiméan.**

The First Sunday of Advent

Christmas is near. It is a time of feverish preparation and buying for most. We ought to make spiritual preparation also. In the churches you will see the Jesse Tree, the genealogy of Jesus and the symbols of persons from Adam and Eve to Mary the mother of Jesus.

Our ancestors had great devotion to Our Lady and the rosary was said by them before retiring. May we honour Our Lady as we say the following Celtic prayers, asking her to be with us always. *Glorious Mother who sees our distress and deprivation; may you spread your sacred mantle over us. Amen*

Children's Prayer to St. Nicholas

Dear St. Nicholas, so kind and true, on this special day, we turn to you. With gifts and joy, you fill our hearts, bless us now as this day starts.

Guide us with your gentle hand, help us spread love across the land. May we share and care each day, in your spirit, we laugh and play.

Thank you, St. Nicholas, up above, for your kindness, grace, and love. On this day, and all year through, we celebrate the joy you bring, it's true.