

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 25/26th January was **€2,331.00**

Envelope Collections

This year's boxes containing the envelopes for the Parish Development Fund, Priests' Collection and other annual collections are now available for distribution. Distributors are asked to collect their boxes from the Conference Room after Mass. It must be noted that not every area has a distributor and some boxes will remain undistributed. If you do not receive a box and would like one, please contact the Parish Office.

C.R.K. Active Retired Assoc. ART CLASSES

In Carrig Hall starting Thursday 23rd January for 5 weeks, from 10 to 12 . Contact Margaret 0871343108.

Birr Flower & Garden Club our first meeting for 2025 will take place in the County Arms Hotel at 8pm on Tuesday February 4th. We welcome Dermot Ward, a local horticulturist who will give an illustrated talk on trees and shrubs for your garden. Visitors welcome €10, membership €45 for the year.

Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Active Retirement Group - meet every Wednesday from 2.30-4.30pm activities include Board games, Boccia bowls, Bingo, Linedancing, Day trips, Chair yoga on Friday's 12-1pm if interested contact Mary 086-8792096. New members welcome.

Divine Mercy Conference, R.D.S, Dublin. Day Return Bus (from McDonald's, Roscrea) Sat. 22nd Feb. Fantastic speakers including His Excellency Archbishop Farrell, Fr Pat Collins, Fr Jim Blount and many more. €70 for bus and entry ticket: Karen: 087 4160385 or Seamus : 087 2752578 €40 deposit via Revolut ,PayPal or post secures bus.

Birr Historical Society Talk - 'Unstitching the 17th Century Shinrone Gown'. Winner of County Heritage Award 2024. Monday February 10th @ 8pm in the County Arms Hotel.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 1st	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 1st	7.30pm	Eileen Cahill, Bulfin Park Kieran & Phil O' Brien, Carrig
Sun 2nd	8.30am	Joseph O' Brien, Brosna
Sun 2nd	9.30am	Patrick & Eleanor O' Neill, Kinnitty Carrig
Sun 2nd	10.30am	Doreen Smith & her parents Christy & Teresa Parkinson Daniel & Bridget Hogan, Mount Palmer
Sun 2nd	12noon	Kevin Purcell, Croghan House, Birr (MM) Mary Jordan, Burkes Hill & deceased members of the Cole, Mahony & Jordan families Martin Connolly, Fairview
Mon 3rd	11am	Funeral Mass
Tues 4th	10am	Billy Kirwan, Newbridge Street
Wed 5th	10am	Mary Morris, John's Place
Thurs 6th	10am	Private Intentions
Fri 7th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 8th	10am	Phil McDermott, Walcot
Sat 8th	7.30pm	Patrick Dwane, Eden Road Sheila O' Callaghan and her husband Paddy, Moorpark Street
Sun 9th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 9th	9.30am	Private Intentions Carrig
Sun 9th	10.30am	Gerry Hart, Compton Row
Sun 9th	12noon	Mary Mann, Pound Street

Please pray for the souls of

Veronica Easterbrook, Luton, England, sister of John Wrafter, Burkes Hill
Bridget Teague, Longford, sister of James McDonnell, Lavender House, Cree, Fortal
Angela Broderick, Rathdowney, niece of Mary Fogarty, Roscrea Road

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

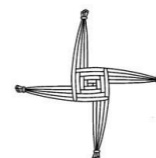


Priests Collection

The February Priests Collection will be taken up at all masses next weekend 8/9th February. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity to this collection

Blessing of Saint Brigid's Crosses

Feast Day February 1st



Father of all creation and Lord of light, you have given us life and entrusted your creation to us to use it and to care for it. We ask you to bless these crosses made of green rushes in memory of Holy Brigid, who used the cross to recall and to teach your Son's life, death and resurrection.

May these crosses be a sign of our sharing in the Paschal Mystery of your Son and a sign of your protection of our lives, our land and its creatures through Brigid's intercession during the coming year and always. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Saint Brigid's Blessing

May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell
Bless every fireside every wall and door
Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof
Bless every hand that toils to bring it joy
Bless every foot that walks its portals through
May Brigid bless the house that shelters you.

Feast of our Lady of Lourdes Parish Anointing - Feb 11th

February 11th is the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes and is world day of Prayer for the sick. The late Pope John Paul II began its tradition on this day in Parish communities across the world of celebrating the Sacrament of Anointing. To those who are ill or suffering, facing surgery or because of age. People are anointed with the oil of the sick and prayed over. **Mass will be celebrated at 11am and the sacrament of the sick administered.** Also carers are invited to participate with the blessing of hands of carers.

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Inniu Lá Fhéile Muire na gCoinnle.

D'ofráil an Mhaighdean Mhuire a Mac do Dhia sa Teampall agus d'ofráil sí colúir mar chomhartha a saorghlanta. Bhí an deasghnáth seo riachtanach de réir dlí na nGiúdach. Ba mhór an t-áthas a bhí ar Shíomón agus é ag tógáil an Linbh Íosa ina bhaclainn. Ghabh sé buíochas le Dia. Bhí Anna sa Teampall freisin agus chreid sí sa Tiarna ag tabhairt moladh Dó. Beannaítear coinnle ar an lá seo ag cur i gcuimhne dúinn gurb é Íosa solas an domhain.

Tá Lá Fhéile Naomh Blaisius ar 3 Feabhra. Easpag ab ea Naomh Blaisius ar Shebaste san Arménia. D'fhulaing sé splíontaíocht agus dícheannadh é sa bhliain 317 le linn an Impire Licinius. Leighis sé gasúr a bhí i mbaol báis ag cnámh éisc a chuaigh i bhfostú ina scornach. Beannaítear scornacha ar an lá seo.

Today is Mary's Candlemas Day

Today we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. Our Lady offered her Son to God in the Temple. As was the Jewish custom she also offered pigeons, a sign of her purification. Simeon was happy as he took the child in his arms and thanked God. Anna was also in the Temple and she believed and praised God. Candles are blessed on this day to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world.

The feast of St. Blaise is on February 3. He was a Bishop in Armenia. He cured a boy who was choking on a fish bone. He was martyred in 317 during the reign of the Emperor Licinius. Throats are blessed on this day and at the weekend masses.

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