

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter week 1

Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 1/2nd February was **€2071**

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.

Failte Isteach - Conversational English club :

Volunteers/participants invited
Thursdays 2pm to 3.30 pm
Birr Rugby Club R45 XW64
Contact Anna at 087 7422953; anna@offalyldc.ie

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 8th	10am	Phil McDermott, Walcot
Sat 8th	7.30pm	Patrick Dwane, Eden Road Sheila O' Callaghan and her husband Paddy, Moorpark Street Susie Pardy, Seffin
Sun 9th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 9th	9.30am	Bill Taylor, Clohaskin
Sun 9th	10.30am	Gerry Hart, Compton Row Jean Bermingham, Palmerstown, Dublin
Sun 9th	12noon	Mary Mann, Pound Street
Mon 10th	10am	Private Intentions
Tues 11th	11am	Anointing of the sick Liturgy
Wed 12th	10am	Private Intentions
Thurs 13th	10am	Private Intentions
Fri 14th	10am	Bill & Helen Carroll, Whiteford, Crinkill Private Intentions
Sat 15th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 15th	7.30pm	Noel Coughlan, High Street (MM) John Craven, Freagh, Kilcormac (MM) Daniel Shortt, Fairview (1st Ann) Eoin Eastwood, Crinkill Lily & Ranger Kelly, Pound Street sons Dinny, Willie, Jimmy, Eamon & Michael and daughter Marie Louise O' Halloran, Fairview & England Nancy Bowe, Cloughjordan Dessie Kirwan, McAuley Drive Dinny Kelly, Ballindown, Birr
Sun 16th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 16th	9.30am	Mary King (neé) Kennedy, Killeen Carrig
Sun 16th	10.30am	Mary Harty, Rath
Sun 16th	12noon	Tim Bergin, Woodlands Park Betty O' Dwyer, Cappaneale and her son Brendan O' Dwyer Michael De Forge, Moorpark Street and all deceased members of the De Forge Family Bridget & Joe Delaney, Roscrea

Please pray for the souls of

Kieran O' Donoghue, The Terrace, Crinkill & formerly Moorpark Street, Birr
Deirdre (Dee) O' Meara, London & formerly Syngesfield & Seffin, Birr
Joe Cleary, Shinrone, son of Bridget Cleary staff of Supervalu, Birr

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

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.

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

Oh ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfortess of the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Look upon me with mercy. When you appeared in the grotto of Lourdes, you made it a privileged sanctuary where you dispense your favors, and where many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. My loving Mother, obtain my request. I will try to imitate your virtues so that I may one day share your company and bless you in eternity. Amen.



Sacramental Masses

We welcome the children from Killeen N.S. & the Parish



Preparation Programme who will be participating in 7.30pm Mass, Carrig N.S. who will be participating in 9.30am Mass in Carrig. St. Brendan's P.S. who will be participating in the 10.30am Mass

Sponsored by Anonymous

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne An Cúigiú Domhnach Saor 25

Sa bhliain 1858 thaibhsigh An Mhaighdean Mhuire í féin don chéad uair don ghearrchaile bhocht Bernadette Soubirous. Tagann na sluaite go dtí an Scrín Bheannaithe gach bliain ó gach ard den domhan ag iarraidh leighis dá ngalair agus grásta dá n-anamacha. Fógraíonn na míorúiltí sofheicthe a tharlaíonn i Lourdes gach bliain cumhacht na Maighdine Muire agus í ag idirghuí lena Mac Íosa ar son daoine breoite. Is fíor an seanfhocal a deir "Tá Dia láidir agus Máthair mhaith aige". Sa bhliain 1908 d'ordaigh an Pápa Pius X an fhéile seo a chomóradh ar fud an domhain ar an 11 Feabhra.

A Mhaighdean Mhuire Lourdes guigh ar ár son. Áiméan

In 1858 Our Lady appeared in Lourdes for the first time to Bernadette Soubirous a poor girl. Many come to the Sacred Shrine every year from all over the world seeking healing of their diseases and grace for their souls. The miracles experienced here demonstrate the power of Our Lady as she intercedes with her Son on behalf of the sick. An Irish proverb says "God is strong and has a good Mother". In 1908 Pope Pius X declared that the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes would be celebrated all over the world on the 11 February.

Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us. Amen

Priests Collection

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