

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 8/9th February was **€2,865.00**

Padre Pio Mass Thursday February 20th @ 7.30pm

Pastoral Council Meeting Thursday February 20th @ 8.15pm in the Conference room directly after the Padre Pio Mass.

Readers are requested to collect their new rota behind the altar. Thank you for your continued ministry.

Birr 20|20 in association with Offaly Sports Partnership are hosting A Public Meeting to facilitate the re-establishment of Birr Community Games In the Council Chamber Wed 19th Feb @ 7.30pm in the Council Building, Wilmer Road

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.

Patrick Feeney's Inspirational Country and Gospel Show. Fri. 21 Feb, 8pm comes to Birr Theatre & Arts Centre. www.birrtheatre.com

Carrig Tidy Town's Group their AGM will take place on Thurs evening 20th February 2025 at 8pm in Carrig and Riverstown Community Hall. The Group have a very exciting year ahead as they plan to deliver the Community Park for Carrig Village. They look forward to seeing as many as possible at the meeting and always welcome new members to come on board and be part of this exciting development.

Remembered in Mass this Week

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 & his grandparents Jack & Bina Walsh Bridget Reynolds, Grove Street Lily & Ranger Kelly, Pound Street sons Dinny, Willie, Jimmy, Eamon & Michael and daughter Marie Nancy Bowe, Cloughjordan Louise O' Halloran, Fairview & England 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 Josephine, Patrick & Gail Kelly Sr. Josephine & Pat O' Malley John Murdock, Presentation Place and his sister in law Catherine Campbell
Mon 17th	10am	Private Intentions
Tues 18th	10am	Private Intentions
Wed 19th	10am	Jimmy & Maura Hayes & Family, Townsend Street
Thurs 20th	10am	Private Intentions
Thurs 20th	7.30pm	Padre Pio Mass
Fri 21st	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 22nd	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 22nd	7.30pm	Jack, May & Patrick O' Keeffe Michael Halvey & deceased members of the Leonard & Halvey families Lisa Larkin, Riverstown Carmel & Joseph O' Hare, Birr Patrick & Mary P Flynn, Strokestown Joe Long, Cornmarket Street Brian Molloy, Boliver, Meath Michael Molloy, Meadowcourt
Sun 23rd	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 23rd	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 23rd	10.30am	Nellie & Michael Whelan and their son Michael, Moorpark Street Michael Parnell and his parents Edward & Mary, Killeen John Pilkington, Syngesfield/High St
Sun 23rd	12noon	Private Intentions



Sacramental Masses

We welcome the children from Mercy P.S. who will be participating in 7.30pm Mass.
 Crinkill N.S. who will be participating in the 10.30am Mass



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.

Priests Collection

The February Priests Collection will be taken up at all masses this weekend 15/16th February. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity to this collection

Reflection

**God of our longing
 hear our prayers
 Protect our dreams
 and listen to our silent hopes.
 Deal gently with our pain
 speak to our sadness
 and remove the barriers
 that imprison our spirit.**

**Shed your light
 where shadows are cast
 that we may feel your warmth
 and know your presence.**

**Give us courage to
 hold fast to our vision
 that we may build our world
 following your dream**

Please pray for the souls of

Sadie Nolan, Harold's Cross, Dublin, Sister in law of Mary Nolan, Sandymount Avenue, Birr
Teresa Brewer Malone (nee) Corrigan, Shinrone, mother of Jason Brewer, Scarragh, sisters of Linda Corrigan, Ashbrook Drive & Tricia Sullivan McCauley Drive



Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

An Séú Domhnach Saor
An Eocairist

I gcomaoin le Críost agus lena chéile Eochair na fuascailte is eochair na bhFlaitheas dúinn uile –
Ortha an tslánaithe is ortha an aoibhnis don chine –
Caidreamh is comhlúadar Críostaithe le Dia is le chéile –
Admhaíonn ár gcreideamh athrú an Aráin is an Fhíona –
Itear an tArán is leigheastar anamacha tinne –
Rith chun Dé ár rith de shíor is choíche Iontach linn teacht Chríost, bás Chríost, Aiséirí Chríost –
Sólás dúinne lón ár n-anama a roinnt –
Teachtaireacht shlánaitheach Íosa ár n-oidhreacht is ár ríocht.
(Ciarán Ó Coigligh, a chum don Chomhdháil Eocairisteach 2012)

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time The Eucharist

In Communion with Christ and with one another
 Key to redemption and key to heaven for each of us-
 Shield against danger and our sure hope of joy-
 Friendship and fellowship between each other and God-
 We believe bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ –
 The Eucharist heals our souls-
 Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee –
 Wonderful for us the birth, death and resurrection of Christ-
 We find comfort in sharing this Bread-
 Christ's message of redemption is our inheritance and reward.

**Sponsored by
 Anonymous**