

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter week 2

Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 8/9 March was **€2,929.50**

The Rosary will be recited in the Church of the Annunciation Carrig on Sunday, 9th March - Sunday, April 20, 2025 before the 9.30am Mass. All Welcome.

Feast of St. Joseph Mass on Wed March 19th @ 7.30pm in St. Brendan's with the Cluster Choir. All welcome

Padre Pio Mass Thursday March 20th @ 7.30pm

Stations of the Cross will take place during lent on Wednesday's after the 10am Mass with the exception of Ash Wednesday & Spy Wednesday

Glory Days – Bruce Springsteen Tribute bringing this iconic rock and roll music to those who crave the boss! **Saturday, March 29 - 8pm.** John Spillane, musician, songwriter, performer, recording artist, storyteller, poet and dreamer! The beloved Cork singer-songwriter comes to Birr Theatre Friday, 4 April - 8pm. All details and more www.birrtheatre.com

Lourdes Jubilee Pilgrimages 2025

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Fintan will depart Shannon Airport on Wednesday 25th June for 5 days. €955 pps includes full board . Our Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage is from 29th September to 4th October €935 pps includes full board. To reserve a seat please contact JOE Walsh Tours 89 Harcourt St. Dublin 2 DO2WY88 Tel: 01 2410800 or jowalshstours.ie for more details.

Birr 20|20 Vision AGM will be held on 19th March at 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber on Wilmer Road. Anyone who would like to get involved is welcome to attend. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 5-9th August Pilgrims who have not booked and intend to travel please contact Phil Robinson 086-3956299. As seats and single rooms are limited.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 15th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 15th	7.30pm	Teresa Shortt & her parents Daniel & Elizabeth & brothers Tom & John Willie Shortt & Bridget, Seffin John & Frances Hoare & Sr. Josephine Grimes Peter & Pauline O'Meara, Clonkelly
Sun 16th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 16th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 16th	10.30am	Helen Hogan, Killeen Martin & Teresa Freeman, Enniscorthy and daughter Lorraine Byrne, Boston
Sun 16th	12noon	Nancy Buckley, Military Road, Crinkill (MM) Noel Watkins, Cayman Islands & Birr (1st Ann) Teresa Campbell (1st Ann) & her husband Paddy, Townsend Street
Mon 17th	8.30am	Arthur Elliott
Mon 17th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Mon 17th	10.30am	Michael Mongan, Millbrook Park Noel & Maureen Reedy, John's Mall Desmond Mooney, Dublin
Mon 17th	12noon	Private Intentions
Tues 18th	10 am	Private Intentions
Wed 19th	10 am	Kieran Mooney, Dublin
Wed 19th	7.30pm	Feast of St. Joseph
Thurs 20th	10 am	Private Intentions
Thurs 20th	7.30pm	Padre Pio Mass
Fri 21st	10 am	Private Intentions
Sat 22nd	10 am	James & Bridget Flynn & Family George Flynn & Family Babby Flynn & Bill Foran & Daughter & Grand-daughter Martin & Molly Carroll, Seffin & Sons & Daughters
Sat 22nd	7.30pm	Jack Ryan, Emmet Street (MM)
Sun 23rd	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 23rd	9.30am	Kevin Deane, Clohaskin, Carrig (1st Ann)
Sun 23rd	10.30am	Noreen Behan, Riverstown
Sun 23rd	12noon	John Kinnarney (1st Ann), Freagh & his wife Kathleen Elsie & Paddy Gillen Laurence & Betty Nee Michael Quealy, Hillside Bridie Smyth, Killeen Terry Hooct, Hilltop, Crinkill

Please pray for the souls of

Tony McLoughlin, Birmingham & formerly of 3 Eden Road, Birr
Mabel Wallace, Shinrone



Happy St. Patrick's Day

Beidh Lá 'le Phadraig ann Dé Luain seo chugainn.

Mass times

St. Brendan's 8.30am , 10.30am & 12 noon



Church of the Annunciation Carrig 9.30 a.m.

Please take care as you celebrate St Patrick's Day, spend some time reflecting on the great tradition of faith handed to us through the ages since St Patrick's time. How might you pass on this gift to others? St. Patrick brought together Celtic tradition and Christianity in a wonderful blend. In these modern times as care for the earth and all of creation is so important, why not use this part of his great prayer as you set out each day.

**I arise today, through
The strength of heaven,
The light of the sun,
The radiance of the moon,
The splendour of fire,
The speed of lightning,
The swiftness of wind,
The depth of the sea,
The stability of the earth,
The firmness of rock.
I arise today
Through a mighty strength,
the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness
of the Creator of creation.**

Confirmation Day

This weekend the sacrament of Confirmation was administered to 95 girls & boys from the sixth classes of our Parish schools. We congratulate the young people on this milestone in their young lives. We acknowledge the huge work in preparation made by the class teachers and school communities. We congratulate parents and families on this special day in the life of family. As a parish community we thank Joan Hogan Pastoral worker and sacramental co-ordinator for all the work and organisation over the year.

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Ceiliúramid Lá Fhéile Naomh Pádraig

Éarlaimh na hÉireann inniu, ní hamháin in Éirinn ach ar fud an domhain mhór. Tógadh mar sclábháí é go hAontroim áit ar chaith sé, sé bliana ag aoireacht muc. Bhí sé mar nós aige guí chun Dé céad uair sa lá agus céad uair san oíche. D'éaligh sé go dtí an Fhrainc agus oirníodh ina shagart é agus ina dhiaidh sin rinneadh easpag de. D'fhill sé ar Éirinn agus chraobhscaoil sé Soiscéal na Críostaíochta. Tugann an fhéile deis dúinn buíochas a ghabháil le Dia as an tseoid luachmhar seo a bhronn Naomh Pádraig orainn. Gabhaimid buíochas chomh maith dóibh siúd idir chléir agus tuath a scaip an Creideamh ar fud an domhain. Bhí Pádraig umhal de shíor i láthair Dé. Sa Confessio cuireann sé é féin in aithne dúinn mar seo "Mise Pádraig, peacach róthútach, an té is lú de na fíréin go léir agus an té is mó a bhfuil dímheas ag a lán..." Tugaimis ómós dó mar is cóir. Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig ar chlann mhór dhomhanda na nGael, sa bhaile agus ar fud na cruinne, ar ár lá náisiúnta ceiliúrtha féin. Guímis Lúireach Phádraig go minic:

**Críost do mo chumhdach inniu, ar nimh ar loscadh, ar bháthadh, ar ghoineadh;
Go dtaga chugam luach mo shaothair.**

St. Patrick's Day

Today we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, the Patron Saint of Ireland. He will be honoured not only here but throughout the world. Saint Patrick was brought as a slave to Antrim where he spent six years tending pigs. He tells us he prayed to God a hundred times a day and the same at night. He escaped to France, was ordained a priest and later a bishop. He returned to Ireland and preached the Gospel of Christ to the Irish people. We remember to thank God for this precious gift on St. Patrick's feast day. We also thank God for all those who brought and still bring the Christian message to people throughout the world. Patrick was humble in the presence of God. In the *Confessio* he introduces himself "I Patrick, wretched sinner, least among men, despised by many...". Let us honour him appropriately. Happy St. Patrick's Day to Irish people everywhere in the world, on this our national feast day. Let us recite *St. Patrick's Breastplate* often:

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