

# BIRR PARISH

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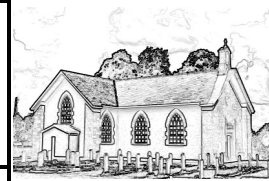
Priest on duty this week: Fr. David Carroll



St. Brendan's Birr

Fr. David Carroll—057-9120098  
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Parish Office Opening Hours  
Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday, Friday & Saturday  
9.45 a.m. –12.30 p.m.



Church of the Annunciation Carrig

Confessions will be heard on Saturday from 10.30 a.m.—11.30 a.m. and at 7.00 p.m.

Items for the newsletter must be signed and handed in or emailed (info@stbrendansbirr.ie) to the Parish Office by Tuesday at 12 noon. Please note: priority will be given to Charitable/Non-profit organisations.

### Remembered in Mass this week

Sat 30th	7.30 p.m.	Susan O'Leary (MM) Jack, Mick & Jerry Cole Mooney & Daly families Val & Elizabeth Kirwan & family
Sun 31st	8.30 a.m.	James & Julia Carter & family
	10.30 a.m.	Christy Parkinson Tommy Hutchinson & companions Kitty Doran
	12 Noon	Sheila & Danny Daly Teresa & James Murray & daughter Noreen
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Maureen Hoare
Mon 1st	8.30 a.m.	
	10.30 a.m.	Tom & Norah Maguire
	7.30 p.m.	Michael & Mary Haverty
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	
Tue 2nd	7.30 a.m.	
	10.00 a.m.	Holy Souls
Carrig	7.30 p.m.	
Wed 3rd	7.30 a.m.	
	10.00 a.m.	Matt Darcy
Thu 4th	7.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.00 a.m.	Jimmy Cordial
Fri 5th	7.30 a.m.	
	10.00 a.m.	Michael Hehir
Sat 6th	10.00 a.m.	
	7.30 p.m.	Gretta & Nellie Kelly Patrick & Winifred Mongan & family Martin McDonagh
Sun 7th	8.30 a.m.	Alice Brady Nora & Tom Maguire
	10.30 a.m.	Mary Spillane Peggy & Edward Spillane Joe Feehan
	12 Noon	Marian NEvin John & Ellen Bermingham
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Tony Micks (MM) Byrne family

### Collection Total for last Sunday - €3,913

Carrig Church - Reader for 7th November  
Lisa O'Brien

Parish Development Fund Counters -  
Sunday 7th November - M. O'Connor & Sr. Anne

### Parish Office - New Extended Opening Hours

The Parish Office will now open on  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday  
from 9.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

A gentle reminder to all the PAYE parishioners who very kindly and generously returned the CHY2 Tax Claim form for last year. If you could do so again this year it would help the parish and cost nothing to yourself. Forms are available from the Parish Office. Any new members who wish to join the scheme would be very welcome. Once again, this costs the participant nothing and is of great benefit to the Parish. We are asking taxpayers who have contributed at least €250 to Parish Funds (weekly collection, Priests Collections, Parish Development Fund, etc) during 2009 to consider enabling us to claim this relief.

Throughout the month of November we pray for all the faithful departed.

May the Lord guard their coming and going,  
May they see what no eye has seen,  
May they enjoy all that God has prepared for them,  
May they be blessed forever as members of God's family.  
Amen

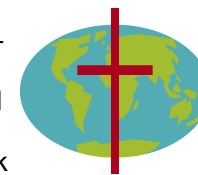
Clocks go back 1 hour this weekend.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of **Brigid Harte, Marcella Spain, mother of Liam & Nuala Hanlon, Teresa Carroll, sister of Colman & Michael Loughnane, Patricia Breen, mother of Joe, Charles Condon, brother of Bernie Kirwan**

### Mission Sunday

Sincere thanks for your generous contributions to the Propagation of the Faith collection last week. The total raised will change the lives of many in mission lands and will enable the continued work of missionaries worldwide. We are asked to continue praying for our missionary brothers and sisters as our spiritual support can provide great comfort particularly in difficult times.



**Monday 1st November is All Saints Day.** This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses in Birr will be at 8.30 a.m., 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Mass in Carrig will be at 9.30 a.m. **Please note there is no Vigil mass on Sunday evening and no 12 noon mass on Monday.**

**Monday 2nd November is the Feast of the Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed - (All Souls).** Mass in Birr will be at 7.30am, 10am. Mass in Carrig will be at 7.30 p.m. It is not a holy day of obligation.

**Blessing of Graves** will take place on **Sunday, 7th November in Carrig after the 9.30am Mass and in Clonoghill at 3pm.** Please gather in the New Cemetery in Clonoghill where prayers will begin before moving to the Old Cemetery.

**Parents who volunteered to act as co-ordinators** for the Sacramental preparation Masses please note: you can collect the appropriate rotas, readings and prayers at the Presbytery this week. Thanks for your co-operation.

**Best Wishes to Michael Donegan** as he retires from teaching. He spent the past 11 years as principal in St. Brendan's Boys P.S. We are very grateful for his dedicated service which was carried out with enthusiasm, humour and integrity. We are also very grateful for his continuous encouragement of children to take an active part in liturgies and parish life. We wish him many happy and healthy years of active retirement. We also wish Niall Crofton the very best as he takes up his new role as principal.

**Thank You** to all who participated in the Rosary Rally last week. It was very meaningful and prayerful. Sincere thanks to the children of the 5 local schools who participated and their teachers who prepared them.

**Posters, papers and prayers** are being left around our churches and we would respectfully ask all concerned to hand them into the Parish Office first, otherwise they will be removed and recycled. Thank You for helping to keep our church tidy!

No doubt you get a sticker through the letterbox every so often advertising a **collection of unwanted clothing** to help the poor and needy; sometimes the stickers have a cross or church on the sticker. In almost every case, they are not registered charities and these clothes are transported and sold elsewhere for profit. Use our local charity shops and recycling bins to get rid of unwanted clothing and household materials.

Sponsored Anonymously

**Next Friday is the First Friday of the month,** Mass in St Brendan's Birr will be at 7.30 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. and in the Church of the Annunciation, Carrig at 7.30 p.m. Confessions will be available in Carrig before Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Saturday morning immediately after Mass, with Benediction at 11am. Confessions will be available during this time. Calls to the sick and household will be at the usual times.

### Feast Days this Week

**Monday 1st** - St. Valentine Berrio-Ochoa - Bishop and martyr of Vietnam. He was martyred by beheading with St. Jerome Hermosilla and Blessed Peter Amato, by enemies of the Church. He was canonized in 1988 by Pope John Paul II

**Wednesday 3rd** - St. Martin de Porres - Was born at Lima, Peru, in 1579. At fifteen, he became a lay brother at the Dominican Friary at Lima and spent his whole life there - as a barber, farm labourer, almoner, and infirmarian among other things.

**Thursday 4th** - St. Elizabeth - Mother of John the Baptist

**Friday 5th** - All the Saints of Ireland - in the communion of saints, many and varied spiritualities have been developed throughout the history of the Churches. In their rich diversity they are refractions of the one pure light of the Holy Spirit (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

**Saturday 7th** - St. Achilles - Bishop and theologian. Was bishop of Alexandria, Egypt during the time it was one of the most powerful cities in the world.

### Community News

**Ramblers in Eireann** - Sunday, 7th November 2010. Meet at 2.00 pm at the car park, Community Centre in Lorrha for a walk led by Pat Hough. Featuring the 11th century church, the Augustinian and Dominican priories, the Norman motte and many more interesting sights. For more details visit [www.ramblesineirinn.org](http://www.ramblesineirinn.org).

**Monastic Weekend** coming soon for any person who is interested in our way of life. Please write or email us with your name and contact details and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Email [theholychild1@eircom.net](mailto:theholychild1@eircom.net) or contact Mother Prioress, St Joseph's Monastery, Mount Carmel, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

**Ofaly Local Development Company** will present information on how they can support local individuals, communities and enterprise. Information evenings will be held in St Joseph's Community Centre, Kilcormac on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 p.m. And in Coolderry on 9th November. We welcome you and your ideas. For further information contact our office at 057 9322 850.

**Ladies Retreat** in Mount St. Josephs, Roscrea on Thursday 11th November from 10.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.. All welcome. for more details contact Eileen on 9120747 or Freida on 9122674.

### Carrig/Riverstown/Killeen Active Retirement

**Group** Copies of the book 'Rolling Back the Years' is available from the Parish Office and Village Stores, Carrig. €10.

**Camcor Warriors, Special Olympics Junior Section** are back in training. New members, aged 6-16, are welcome. Contact Susanne on 0868273639.

**Knitting & Crochet Circle** takes place in Birr Library every Wednesday from 5.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.

**Newsletter sponsors** are needed for *November and December*. If you can help please contact one of the priests or the parish Office. Thank you.