

BIRR PARISH

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Parish Office Opening Hours

Monday - Friday 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

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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 13/14th December was **€2284.40.**

The Christmas Priests Collection will be taken up at all masses this weekend 20/21 December. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity to this collection

Our Tap & Donate machine is back in working order and is located at the main entrance. Thank you most sincerely for your generosity.

The Adoration Room closes on Tuesday Dec 23rd and reopens on Friday January 2nd 2026.

St. Brendan’s Community School Giving Tree

St Brendan’s Community School have set up a giving tree with St. Vincent De Paul in St. Brendan’s Church. Students have prepared and placed tags on the tree which will be restocked as needed. Members of the public are welcome to take a tag and buy a small gift for the age range noted on their tag. Add the tag to your gift and place it under the tree for collection by St. Vincent De Paul members.

Birr Review 2025 now available in Supervalu, Daybreak (Horan’s) Corrib Oil & usual outlets.

GOAL Mile Birr - The annual GOAL Mile Birr will take place on Christmas Day at 1pm at Emmet Square to raise much needed funds for those most vulnerable around the world.

LAST MINUTE GIFTS - Give the gifts that last. Everyday Miscellaneous, a book of reflections, will give the reader much thought and joy as well as helping Fr. John Molloy’s Ray of Sunshine building projects in Mombasa, Kenya. available in the parish office for a donation of 8 euro.

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The Parish Office will Close Tuesday 23rd December & re-open on Monday 5th January

Sponsored by Birr Town F.C

| Remembered in Mass this Week |         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Sat 20th                     | 10am    | Charlie Brummell, Cappaneale<br>James Hehir, The Terrace, Crinkill                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Sat 20th                     | 7.30pm  | James Quinn, Scurragh<br>John Roe, Clonoghill<br>John Hogan, Newbridge Street<br>Tom Nestor, Riveroaks, Riverstown<br>Patricia & Denis Corboy, Ely Place<br>Mary & Tom Ryan, Seffin<br>Michael Clery, Castletown & his brother Jack Borris-in-Ossory<br>Annie & James Murtagh & all deceased members of the Murtagh Family                                                                                                                                                 |
| Sun 21st                     | 8.30am  | Private Intentions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Sun 21st Carrig              | 9.30am  | Private Intentions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Sun 21st                     | 10.30am | Anne Mulvey, Hillside, Birr<br>Seamus Mahon, Willie Mahon, Maureen Mahon & the Mahon Family, Cree<br>Mary & Vincent Tuohey, Drumbane and her parents John & Bridget Doyle and her sisters                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Sun 21st                     | 12noon  | <b>Ita Haines, Green Street (MM)</b><br>Tom & Mary Ellen Feenane and their sons Thomas & Morgan<br>Sarah Nugent, Green Street<br>Jodie Donoghue, Drumbane<br>O'Donoghue & Daly Family<br>Tony Doran, Ann Maughan, Patrick Maughan, Mary Maughan & Anthony Maughan<br>Billy Joyce, Crinkill<br>Jill & Paddy Tully & daughter Lorna, Crinkill                                                                                                                                |
| Mon 22nd                     | 10 am   | Private Intentions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Tues 23rd                    | 10 am   | <b>Denise Dwyer, Bengal Lodge (MM)</b><br>John Whelan, Boveen                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Wed 24th                     | 10am    | Mick & Eileen O'Regan, Moorpark Street & deceased members of the O'Regan family<br>John Tuohey, Drumbane & all deceased members of Tuohey family<br>Paddy Wall, Tom Mlnerney, Margaret Mongan & Patrick Hutchinson<br>Brendan & Margaret Hutchinson<br>Martin & Winnie Mongan & Family<br>Michael Mongan<br>Hugh & Margaret Doyle & all deceased members of the Doyle Family<br>Paddy & Winnie Mongan & all deceased members of the Mongan family<br>Vincent & Mary Tuohey |
| Wed 24th                     | 6pm     | <b>Christmas Bouquet Intentions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Wed 24th                     | 9pm     | <b>Christmas Bouquet Intentions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Thur 25th                    | 8.30am  | <b>Christmas Bouquet Intentions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Thur 25th                    | 12noon  | <b>Christmas Bouquet Intentions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Fri 26th                     | 10 am   | Private Intentions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

Christmas Mass Times

St. Brendan’s Church, Birr

Christmas Eve

Family Mass 6.00 p.m.

Vigil Mass 9.00 p.m.

Christmas Day 8.30 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 12.00 Noon

Church of the Annunciation, Carrig

Christmas Eve

Mass @ 8.00pm

Christmas Day

Mass @ 9.30am

Brendan Pastoral Area

Christmas Eve

The Pike/St. Patricks

Kinnitty/St. Flannans

Coolderry/St. Ita’s

Mass @ 6.30pm

Mass @ 7.00pm

Mass @ 8.00pm

Christmas Day

Longford/St. Finian

Ballybrit/St. John the Baptist

Roscomroe/St Molua’s

Kilcolman/St Coleman

Shinrone /St. Mary’s

Cadamstown/St Luna’s

Mass @8.30am

Mass @9.30am

Mass @10.30am

Mass @ 11am

Mass @ 11am

Mass @12noon

The Annual Ecumenical Carol Service will be held in St. Brendan’s Church, Wilmer Road, this Sunday December 21st @ 7.30pm. All welcome

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Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness,

send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people,

walking in darkness,

yet seeking the light.

To you we say, “Come Lord Jesus!” Amen

Please pray for Our Dead


John Naughton, Military Road, Crinkill

Pauline Delaney, Woodland Villas & formerly Durrow

George Balfe, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin brother in law of Willie Loughnane, Moorpark House, Sean Loughnane, Syngfield & Mary O’Gorman, Johns Mall

Martin Darcy, Kilcormac brother of Ber Carroll , Crinkill

Agnes Hogan, Birr Community Nursing Unit & Clonaslee, Laois, sister of Eileen Mahon, Lisheen, Birr



Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Christmas

Christmas is near and we must prepare for it. We look forward with anticipation and excitement to the feast of Christmas, the Birth of our Lord and we will soon celebrate with effort and commitment on Monday. The cards have been sent and the presents distributed which are signs of love. God loved each of us so much that He sent His son into the world to be our Saviour. Let us prepare spiritually from now on. Friendship with Christ is the light that leads us in this world. This prayer was said by our ancestors in preparation for the birth of the Child

Jesus. Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born, of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my petition through the intercession of Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary His Mother. Amen.

May you have a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year. This is my wish for all who read the cúinne each Sunday. May peace of the Infant Jesus, promised to people of good will be with you all who read my Cúinne each Sunday.

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Gala Christmas Concert

The Gala Concert was a huge success and we are so grateful for the contributing artists who provided a feast of entertainment.

The Folk Choir , David O Meara/Brendan Kennedy/ Seanie Guilfoyle, Dickie Donnelly, The Kinsella Family Darragh Molloy, Rachael Cleary, Emmet Scully David Mcardle, Sarah Gene Loughnane, Mairead Cashin Alan & Adam Cassidy, Miriam & Michelle O Neill Paddy Kelly, Heather Colohan, Caelum Larkin Lucie Pardy, Pete Kennedy & John Molloy

We Acknowledge

Narrator - Tommy Lyndon

Poster Design - Naomi Mooney McArdle

Ticket Logistics - Emma Nee Birr Theatre

Media Assistance - Gildas Le Pallec

Sound Supply - Kelly Sound Galway

Screen Supply - K & R Clara

Video Camera - Sean De Cleare

Sound Engineer - Alan Kelly

Stage Manager - Alan Cassidy

Green Room - Adrian Shiels

Yard Manager - Eugene & Christy O’Sullivan

Vehicles - David Corbett & Adrian Shiels

We acknowledge the help of the JP II students & members of the Pastoral Council who co-ordinated the raffle and Front of House

Raffle Sponsors

Hugo Loonam Motors, Emmas Cafe Birr

Doolys Hotel Birr, Dickie Donnelly

We are forever grateful to Dickie Donnelly of Mill Island Media who organised this wonderful event and co-ordinated the artists and logistics with his enthusiasm and energy ensuring its success.

Mile Buíochas