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 1

Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 31/1st June was €2,172.00.

Inviting people to celebrate 25 & 50 years of Pioneer membership please contact Parish office.

St. Brendan's Oxmantown Summer Fete 2025 -Birr Rugby Club Saturday June 14th @ 1pm from 1pm-4pm. All warmly invited and welcome.

'Caring in Offaly CE scheme: Home Respite Care Worker, Vacancy No. 2394182, Birr area, 19.5 hours per week. Please contact Alison Hackett for more information on 086-0213711/ ahackett@familycarers.ie .'

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Birr Theatre & Arts Centre - Acclaimed violinist Vladimir Jablokov joined by pianist Adam Kuruc, present an evening of romance, passion, and storytelling

Friday, 20 June 8pm, www.birrtheatre.com

St. Cronan's Pastoral Areas, Roscrea Jubilee Walk / Pilgrimage to Monaincha Abbey takes place on Sunday June 15th starting at 10am from St. Cronan's Church, Roscrea. Bishop of Killaloe, Fintan Monahan, will lead the walk and celebrate Mass at Monaincha Abbey at 12 noon. Transport available from St. Cronan's Church Roscrea. Car parking at site. For more info please contact (087)1654282

"Bus for Knock Shrine Sunday June 22nd Sacred Heart Crusade Pilgrimage

Leaving St Mary's Rosary Church Nenagh on the 22nd of June, 7am, €30. Booking required to secure Seat. For more info please contact 089 4531273"

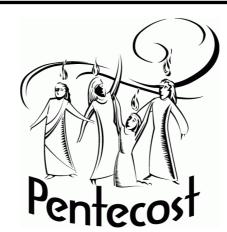
"Be Strong In The Lord" - Strengthen your Catholic Faith! Human Life International Ireland 32 County Mission Event with relics of St Thérèse & The Holy Face. Dooly's Hotel, Birr, Thurs19th June - 9:30pm.

Remembered in Mass this Week

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Sat 7th	10am	Mary Hehir & Mick & son Geoffrey
Sat 7th	7.30pm	Anne Coleman (née Kelly) Hawthorn Drive, Crinkill (MM) Patrick Sherlock, Birr Community Nursing Unit & Bengal Lodge (1st Ann) Paul & Molly Kennedy, Moorpark Street Con Phelan, Townsend Street Dan & Carmel Milne, Crinkill Michael Molloy, Meadowcourt & his son Brian Molloy, Bolliver, Meath Bella Coonan & Family, Lacka
Sun 8th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 8th Carrig	9.30am	Mary & Brendan Keeshan, Riverstown John Daly, Kilmaine & all deceased members of the Keeshan & Daly families Des Reddan & Kevin Reddan, Fadden Carrig Theresa Kennedy, Clohaskin
Sun 8th	10.30am	Donald & Margie Brady, Killeen
Sun 8th	12noon	Funeral Mass Bridget Reynolds
Mon 9th	10 am	Lucy Antony & Joseph Raphel
Tue 10th	10 am	Private Intentions
Wed 11th	10 am	Private Intentions
Thur 12th	10 am	Bridget Dolan, Wilmer Road & the Dolan Family Bridget Cleary, Riverstown
Fri 13th	10 am	Pat & Marian McCarthy & Baby John Doyle
Sat 14th	11am	Funeral Mass Margaret Ferady (née McGarry) Willie & Patricia Power, Oxmantown Mall & Fr. Jim Power
Sat 14th	7.30 pm	Natalie Browne (née Walshe) Demesne View, (MM) Patrick Cane, The Terrace, Crinkill Alf Regan, Burkes Hill, his parents & the Regan Family Eamon O' Meara, Ballindarra
Sun 15th	8.30am	Paddy & Adrian Buckley
Sun 15th Carrig	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 15th	10.30am	Gemma & Noel Ely & baby Michael, Birr Vincent Tuohey, John Doyle Patrick Tuohey, Frank Tuohey Tom McInerney & Michael McDonagh & Hugh Doyle
Sun 15th	12noon	Chrissie Hogan, Ballindarra (1st Ann) Eva Delaney, Elm Grove Sheila Phelan, Wilmer Road

Please pray for the souls of

Bridget (Bessie) Reynolds, The Terrace, Crinkill
John O' Shea, Barna, Dunkerrin, brother of Mary
Loughnane, Woodlands Park & Centra, Tullamore Road
Margaret Ferady (née McGarry), England & formerly High Street,
Birr



Spirit of God

You are the breath of creation, the wind of change that blows through our lives, opening us up to new dreams and new hopes, new life in Jesus Christ. Forgive us our closed minds which barricade themselves against new ideas, preferring the past to what you might want to do through us tomorrow. Forgive our closed eyes which fail to see the needs of the world, blind to opportunities of service and love.

Forgive our closed hands which clutch our gifts and our wealth for our own use alone.

Forgive our closed hearts which limit our affections to ourselves and our own.

Spirit of new life, forgive us and break down the prison walls of our selfishness, that we might be open to your love and open for the service of your world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lough Derg Pilgrimage

Lough Derg - 3 day pilgrimage June 23/24 & 25th . Bus leaving from Emmett Square if interested please contact the parish office 05791-22028

St. Columba/Colmcille

Feast Day June 9th

Columba was born in Gartan Co. Donegal in 521 AD and was of royal lenage. He studied under Finian of Clonard. He was one of the great inspirational leaders of the 6th Century Irish Church. He founded over 300 churches and monasteries with the monastery of Iona being the one that is most associated with him. St. Brendan of Birr and Columba were contemporaries and friends and hence the close links of the Monastery of Iona and the Monastery of Birr. He is remembered for his great love of nature and his gifts of music and singing. The city of Derry bears his name.

Sponsored by Anonymous

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday is celebrated fifty days after Easter Sunday. The Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles in the form of tongues of fire. Mary, the apostles, and the disciples of Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Apostles went out immediately spreading the good news of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Through the preaching of St. Peter three thousand were converted to the Church. The Holy Spirit gave the apostles power to go forth and renew the face of the earth. We receive the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation. On this Pentecost Sunday let us reflect on our Christianity and that we belong to Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth who helps us to lead our lives according to the truth. There is ongoing need for our prayers for those who govern in every country that they may exercise their office with justice and compassion. Lord help them to promote peace in the world. Praise be to you Holy Spirit. Fill our hearts with your love and your zeal. Make us bearers of the Good News of Christ wherever we are. May we live in God's kinship, in God's love, in God's will, in expectation of God, in friendship with God, and in God's care. Amen

Remembering those taking Exams

The State exams began on Wednesday last June 4th. We remember all our young people who are sitting their Junior Cert and Leaving Cert exams. A "Book of Intentions" where you are invited to write the names of those you wish to be remembered during these days is in front of the altar.

Prayer Before an Examination

Dear Lord, as I take this exam, I thank you that my value is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me. Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together.

Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way.

As I take this exam,
bring back to my mind everything I studied
and be gracious with what I have
overlooked. Help me to remain focussed and
calm, confident in the facts and in my ability,
and firm in the knowledge
that no matter what happens today
you are there with me. Amen.