

BIRR PARISH

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Monday - Saturday (excluding Wednesday)
9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

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Brendan Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

St. Brendan's, Birr - Saturday 7.30 p.m.,
Sunday 8.30 a.m., 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon

Church of the Annunciation, Carrig -

Sunday 9.30 a.m.

St. Colman's, Kilcolman - Sunday 11.00 a.m.

St. Ita's, Coolderry - Saturday 8.00 p.m.

St. John's, Ballybritt - Sunday 9.30 a.m.

St. Molua's, Roscomroe - Sunday 9.30 a.m.

St. Mary's, Shinrone - Sunday 11.00 a.m.

St. Patrick's, The Pike - Saturday 6.45 p.m.

St. Finian Cam, Longford - Sunday 9.30 a.m.

St. Flannan's, Kinnitty - Sunday 11.30 a.m.

St. Lugna's, Cadamstown - Saturday 8.00 p.m.

Young Adult Catholic Conference takes place in All Hallows College, Dublin on Saturday August 31st and Sunday September 1st 2019. This is a fantastic weekend for young Catholics. Prices range from €25-€50, accommodation available. For further details call 087 9959803.

Digitise the Nation are holding basic computer classes in Birr library Wednesday's 11th, 18th, 25th September & 2nd October. Class times 10.30am to 1pm or 2pm to 4.30pm. If interested please call 087 714 3406. All classes are free as they have been sponsored by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment.

Starting your own Business Course - commencing in Birr on Wednesday, 11 September. For more information and to reserve a place, please contact Local Enterprise Office Offaly, on 057 9357480 or download an application form from their website www.localenterprise.ie/Offaly.

Marian Hall - Bingo every Friday night at 8.30 p.m. Cards (25) every Sunday night at 8.30 p.m. All are welcome.

The Autumn Diocesan Pilgrimage leaves from Shannon Airport on **Sunday 29th September to Friday 4th October**. €699 with €20 discount for online booking at joewalshstours.ie.

Coastal Rosary for Life, Faith and Love - Join in with thousands of people all around Ireland, as we gather on our coasts, near rivers, in our churches, at grottos etc. to pray the Rosary for Life, Faith and Love on Sunday October 13th at 2.30pm. We will join in with many countries around the world. To register a location please visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text/call 087 278 6552

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 24th	7.30 p.m.	John & Bridget Delaney John & Kathleen Walsh Johnny Mann
Sun 25th	10.30 a.m.	Hayden & Leake families
	12 noon	Tom & Molly Smyth Marie Burke, Hillside Florence & James Guilfoyle
Mon 26th	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Wed 28th	10.00 a.m.	Jacqueline Quealy Quealy & McGee families
Fri 30th	10.00 a.m.	Mulrooney family, Clonoghill
Sat 31st	7.30 p.m.	Betty Dore (MM) Maureen Reedy William & Margaret Reedy Vincent & Mary Cordial Jack & Bina Walsh & grandson Eoin Eastwood
Sun 1st	10.30 a.m.	Jacqueline Quealy, Hillside
	12 noon	Eamonn Hensey



Please pray for the soul of

Fr. Tom Seymour, Nenagh.

On **Thursday 12th September, at the 10.00 a.m. Mass St. Brendan's Church** we will remember all who have been bereaved by Suicide. Everyone is welcome at this Mass, not just those bereaved by suicide. The Mass will be followed by a ceremony in the Garden of Tranquility where people will be asked to put the name of a loved one who died by suicide on the tree that was planted last year. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards in the Conference Room at the rear of St. Brendan's. All are very welcome to this special ceremony. Midlands Living Links provides support and listening service for those bereaved by suicide and can be contacted on 086 1600641.



**Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday - €1,987
Many Thanks.**

Parish Fund Collectors - September 1st
M. Hogan & C. Mulrooney

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Birr Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of the Word - New rotas are available for collection from behind the altar after Mass. Many thanks.

Parish Fund Counters - New rotas are available for collection from behind the altar after Mass. Many thanks.

Volunteer Needed to maintain the parish website and keep it up to date. Full training will be provided. If you would like to help please contact Fr. Tom or the Parish Office.

First Day of School

*I wonder what you're doing now
And if everyone is treating you kind,
I hope there is a special person,
A nice friend that you can find.
I wonder if the teacher knows
How special you are to me
And if the brightness of your heart
Is something the teacher can see?
I wonder if you think of me
And if you need a hug.
I already miss the sound of your voice
And when you give my leg a tug.
I wonder if you understand
My joy at seeing you grow,
And on this day, know my heart breaks
As out in the world, I'm letting you go!*



Schools re-open this week. Good luck to all students in our parish schools as they return this week! We wish every blessing on children beginning school for the very first time.

Comhghairdeas to All-Ireland Winner

Congratulations to Brian Hogan, Killeen, a member of the Tipperary winning All-Ireland hurling team last Sunday, on his great achievement. Brian is the son of Ken and Joan and past pupil of Killeen N.S. and St. Brendan's Community School.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Seachtain Oidhreacht Náisiúnta.

Inniu an lá deireanach de Sheachtain Oidhreacht Náisiúnta, seachtain atá comhordaithe ag an gComhairle Oidhreacht. Is í an ócáid oidhreacht is coitianta in Éirinn agus ghlac mórán daoine páirt in imeachtaí a eagraíodh i ngach paróiste. Tá oidhreacht shaibhir againn anseo in Éirinn, scéalaíocht, ceardaíocht, spórt, ceol, toibreacha beannaithe, carraigeacha an Aifrin, treoir mhar-canna, oidhreacht thógtha, flóra, fána, gnáthóga nádúrtha, aibhneacha, locha agus rudaí eile nach iad. Is cuid dár n-oidhreacht freisin ár gcreideamh Chaitliceach. Bíodh meas againn ar ár n-oidhreacht agus fonn orainn í a chaomhnú. *Moladh go deo le Dia.*

Comhghairdeas le gach aon dalta sa pharóiste a fuair toradh na hArd Teistiméireachta an Seachtain seo caite. Tréaslaímid chomh maith leis na múinteoirí agus na tuismitheoirí a chabhraigh leo an ceann scríbe seo ina saol a bhaint amach. Go raibh beannacht agus grásta Dé leo sa todhchaí agus iad ag tabhairt aghaidh ar chúrsaí i gcoláistí éagsúla nó ar ionaid oibre. Moltar do dhaoine óga drugaí mí-dhleathacha a sheachain. Tá scéalta tuamhéala-cha cloiste againn sna meáin chumarsáide faoi mhí-úsáid drugaí. Go raibh sé de mhisneach ag daoine óga an fód a sheasamh ar son an chirt agus ar son na córa. Go dtuga an Spiorad Naomh neart agus misneach dóibh nuair a bhíonn gá leis.

This is the final day of National Heritage Week organised by the National Council of Ireland. It is the most comprehensive heritage event in Ireland and many people participated in the events organised in each parish during the week. We have a rich heritage in Ireland including storytelling, craft, sport, blessed wells, Mass Rocks, monuments, flora, fauna, natural habitats, rivers and lakes. Our Catholic faith is an important part of our heritage. Let us respect and conserve it. *God be praised forever.*

Congratulations to all who received their Leaving Certificate results last week. Congratulations also to their teachers and parents who helped the students achieve their aims. May they have God's blessings and graces in the future, in college or in the workplace. Young people are advised to avoid taking illegal drugs. We have heard poignant stories in the media about their misuse. May the Holy Spirit give them the strength and courage to do what is right and resist pressure to blindly follow social influences.

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