

BIRR PARISH

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Parish Office Opening Hours

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.

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.

Crochet Class Returns - Tuesday 17th (all levels) and Thursday 19th (beginners) September from 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. in the Conference Room at the rear of St. Brendan's Church. For more details contact Jacinta on 087 6480987. All levels are welcome.

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 joewalsh-tours.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

Play Days Playschool, Emmet Street, Birr. Re-opening on Monday 2nd September. For further details contact Deirdre Dooley on 086 4057182 or Ann Kelly on 086 1954743.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 31st	7.30 p.m.	Betty Dore (MM) Maureen Reedy William & Margaret Murdock Vincent & Mary Cordial Jack & Bina Walsh & grandson Eoin Eastwood
Sun 1st	10.30 a.m.	Jacqueline Quealy, Hillside Josie Lawlor
	12 noon	Eamonn Hensey
Mon 2nd	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Tue 3rd	10.00am	John & Babe McGuirk
Sat 7th	7.30pm	Alice Higgins (1st Ann) Mick Roche Teresa & Michael Milner & sons Michael & Raymond Corrigan Family
Sun 8th	10.30am	Dinny, JohnJoe, Marie & Pat Sheeran & Family
	12 noon	Bessie Fleury, Fortal (1st Ann) Peter & Charles King Carmel Danagher, Castletown



Please pray for the soul of

Ray Murphy, Rostrevor, Co. Down,
father of Barbara Ann Headon, Sharavogue.
Noel Houlihan, Faddenmore, Carrig.

On Tuesday 10th 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 - €1,300
Many Thanks.

Parish Fund Collectors - September 8th
J. Kirwan & R. Scully

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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.

Next Friday, 6th September is the First Friday of the month; Mass will be at 10am in St. Brendan's, Birr and at 7.30 p.m. in Carrig. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in St. Brendan's on Saturday with **Benediction at 11 a.m.** Calls to the sick and housebound will take place during the coming week - if you or someone you know would like a call please contact the priest on duty 086 3531955.

A **Priests' Collection** will be taken up at all masses next weekend, **7th & 8th September.** This collection is specifically for the **Priests Benevolent Fund.** This fund goes to the aid of sick and retired priests of the diocese. Please be as generous as you can to help those who gave many years of service to the people of the diocese.

Smile! An English Foreman was interviewing an Irish University student for a summer job on a building site. To test his general knowledge he asked him the difference between a girder and a joist. "Well", said the student "Girder (Goethe) wrote Faust and Joist (Joyce) wrote Ulysses"

A **Blessing of 'School Bags'** will take place at the end of 10.30am Mass on Sunday next 8th September. All children are invited to bring their school bags to this mass for a special blessing at the start of the new school year.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Meán Fómhair

Cuirimis fáilte roimh mhí Mheán Fómhair, mí na tor-thúlachta, mí bhainte an arbhair, mí fillte ar scoileanna agus coláistí. **I mí Mheáin Fómhair, bí linn a Thiar-na.** Is í intinn an Phápa don mhí seo ná: Go n-oibri polaitheoirí, eolaithe, geilleagraithe as lámh a chéile chun farraigí agus aigéin na cruinne a chosaint.

De réir an tseanfhocail, dá fhad é an lá tagann an oíche. Tá deireadh le laethanta saoire an tSamhraidh. Tá múinteoirí, daltaí agus mic léinn dírithe ar an bhfoghlaim arís. Tús maith leath na hoibre. Guimis ar son ár múinteoirí agus ár lucht teagaisc [a thugann aire do spiorad an aosa óig](#) agus a thugann chun foirfeachta é. Beannaigh iad ina gcuid oibre, a Íosa. Molaimid don aos óg aird a dhíriú ag tús na scoil bhliana ar an gcomhairle seo a leanas ón mbéaloideas. Na trí nithe nach féidir leo casadh go brách: lá ó scoil, Domhnach ón Aifreann, lá ó cheird.

Ní hualach do dhuine an léann agus seo an-chomhairle ó fhile anaithnid:

I d'óige oscail do mheabhair,

Is bailigh an fhoghlaim leat;

Óir an glór nach dtuigeann an ceann

Is cuma é ann nó as.

Is í seo paidir an mhúinteora

Cuir ar mo chumas múineadh le heagna, mar cabhraim i múnlu na haigne. Ullmhaigh mé chun múineadh le fírinne, mar cabhraimse i múnlu coinsiasa. Spreag mé chun múineadh le fíis mar cabhraimse i múnlu na todhchaí. Cuir ar mo chumas múineadh le grá mar cabhraimse i múnlu an domhain. Aiméan.

September

We welcome September, month of fruitfulness, month of harvesting, month of returning to school and college. **Be with us Lord during the month of September.** The Pope's intention for September is: That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

According to the proverb however long the day night will come. Summer holidays are over. Teachers, pupils and students have again focused on learning. A good start is half the work. Let us pray for our teachers and educators who help young people achieve their full potential. Jesus, bless them in their work. We advise students to remember the following from Irish lore: Three things you can never get back: a day absent from school, a Sunday without Mass and a day away from one's trade. Learning is no burden and it is worth listening to this anonymous poet's advice: *In your youth open your mind and acquire an education, for knowledge your intellect does not understand is useless.*

This is a teacher's prayer: **Enable me to teach with wisdom as I shape the mind. Prepare me to teach with truth as I shape conscience. Encourage me to teach with vision as I help shape the future. Enable me to teach with love as I help shape the world. Amen.**