

BIRR PARISH

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Monday - Saturday (excluding Wednesday)
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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.

Birr Comhaltas present a concert of Irish music and song and dance by the Echoes of Erin Tour Group featuring the best traditional talent from the four provinces of Ireland in Birr Theatre and Arts Centre on Sunday 13th October commencing at 8.00pm. Tickets available at the theatre, also from Pádraig Duffy or any member of Birr Comhaltas.

Friends of Birr Community Nursing Unit are hosting a Pop up Shopping event in The Unit this Sunday 6th October from 1pm. Items on sale will include New & Pre loved Clothes & Homewares, Arts & Crafts, Home baking, Flowers, Jams & Chutneys. Raffle on the day. Come early to bag a bargain.

Restorative Justice in the Community (RJC): volunteers needed. RJC works with adults referred from the District Court and with the support of our community volunteers, to look at how they can make amends for the offence(s) and avoid future offending. Ph: 085 8812030 saraht@rjc.ie or www.rjc.ie.

The Stoma Support Group meeting will take place on Tuesday 8th October 6.30-8.30pm in the Dóchas Offaly Cancer Support Group Centre, Tullamore. Please contact Anne on 086 3074846. All are welcome.

Fundraising Concert in Aid of North Tipperary Circuit and The Peter McVerry Trust on Friday 8th November at 8.00pm in St. Cronan's Church of Ireland, Roscrea.

Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday - €2,120

Many Thanks

Parish Fund Collectors - October 13th

F. Teehan, T.P. Walsh & T. O'Meara

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 5th	7.30 p.m.	Mai Snow
Sun 6th	10.30 a.m.	Bernadette 'Dettie' Hayes (MM) Patrick Fitzgerald, Hillside
	12 noon	Joe Kerins & his parents Florence & Helen Kevin & Gretta Delaney
Carrig	9.30am	Bernie, Raymond & Derek Larkin & Larkin & Mc Garry families
Tues 8th	10.00am	Kieran & Josephine Conway Deceased Eucharistic Adorers
Fri 11th	10.00am	Nancy & Tom Talbot
Sat 12th	10.00am	Patricia O'Callaghan Christy Parson
	7.30pm	Kathleen Carry (MM) Christy Mc Loughlin & wife Mary Tom & Christina Brereton Sally Kennedy Kennedy, Hogan & Dunning families Maura Kane, The Terrace, Crinkill
Sun 13th	8.30am	Paddy Frawley
	10.30am	Teresa Parkinson (MM) & husband Christy
	12 noon	Justin O'Gorman (1st Ann) Jack & Sadie Mc Kenna



Please pray for the soul of

Móna Collins,
Hawthorn Drive, Birr

On Tuesday 8th October 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.

Tea and coffee will be served after-
wards 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.

Monastic Experience Weekend in Mount St Joseph Abbey, Roscrea from Friday 25th - Sunday 27th October for aged 10-40 who may be discerning a monastic vocation. For further information contact email vocations@msjroscrea.ie or text info to 085-8338503.

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October is Mission Month!

This year's theme, **'Together we are Mission'** invites us to move away from thinking that it is others who have a mission and to consider the part we ourselves play. Once again we are asked to consider how we might pray for and help those who devote their lives to spreading the gospel often in the poorer parts of the world and those most neglected. For more information go to www.wmi.ie.



THE EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
when your only begotten Son
Jesus Christ rose from the dead,
He commissioned His followers to
'go and make disciples of all nations'
and you remind us that through
our Baptism we are made sharers
in the mission of the Church.

Empower us by the
gifts of the Holy Spirit to
be courageous and zealous
in bearing witness to the Gospel,
so that the mission
entrusted to the Church, which
is still very far from completion,
may find new and efficacious
expressions that bring life and light
to the world.

Help us make it possible for
all peoples to experience the saving love and mercy
of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever.

Date For Diary - Joint meeting of all Pastoral Councils of the Brendan Cluster takes place on **Tuesday 8th October at 8.00 p.m.** in the Conference Room at the rear of St. Brendan's church. Bishop Fintan will be in attendance. All members are asked to attend.

Coastal Rosary for Life, Faith and Love - Garden of Tranquillity. 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 in Birr in the **Garden of Tranquillity** at the rear of St. Brendan's Church.



Sacraments 2020



Registration & Enrolment

meeting for Parents/Guardians of children preparing for **Confirmation 2020** will take place in the Marian Hall on **Thursday 10th October at 7.30 p.m.** This is an important information evening.

At least one parent should attend the meeting. If unable to attend please contact Joan Hogan (Sacramental Co-ordinator) on 089-4400853.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Lá don Bheatha 2019

Inniu Lá don Bheatha. Ceiliúrtar é go bliantúil san Eaglais Chaitliceach in Éirinn, in Albain, i Sasana agus sa Bhreatain Bheag. Is lá é atá tiomanta chun feasacht a ardú maidir le brí agus luach an bheatha dhaonna ag gach céim agus i ngach riocht.. Cuirfidh Dia glaoh orainn ina am trátha féin agus bímis ullamh agus sásta glacadh lenár mbás mar níl sa bhás ach geata isteach go saol úr nua le Dia. Tá feidhm ag gach beatha agus tá grásta ag baint léi. Tá a fhios againn go bhfuil luach ag an mbeatha nach féidir a thomhas.

Nuair a théimid i dteagmháil le mistéir an bháis sa phaidreoireacht, sa smaoineamh, san eispéireas, tóg-tar sinn isteach in ollmhistéir beatha shíoraí an Athar, an Mac agus an Mhic Spioraid Naoimh.

A Dhia tabhair dár marbh toradh a gcreideamh agus a ndílseacht agus fáiltigh rompu isteach sa fhlaithias agus tabhair dúinn féin grá mór agus ómós dár mbeatha féin. Áiméan

Today is the Day for Life. It is celebrated annually in the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raise awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. God will call us in his own time. Let us be ready and happy to die as it is the gateway to a new life with God. Every life has meaning and is grace filled. We know that life is precious and cannot be measured.

Death is not only a physical process but also a spiritual reality. God did not create us for death as we realise when we reflect in prayer on the mystery of death and we become aware of the great mystery of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

God grant our dead the merits of their faith and faithfulness and welcome them into heaven. Lord, that we always have respect for dignity of human life. Amen