

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.

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.

BIRR STAGE GUILD'S AUTUMN PLAY An open invitation to all to come for a reading of Martin McDonagh's play 'THE BEAUTY QUEEN OF LEENANE' at Birr Theatre & Arts Centre this coming Monday, 9th September, 8.00pm, which will be staged in November. All are welcome.

CRK Drama Group are holding a meeting in Carrig/Riverstown Hall on tomorrow night(Monday) at 8:30, to prepare for our for our new show which will take place on the first weekend in December. If you would like to appear on stage or be part of a committee come along. Beidh FÁILTE roimh gach duine. All welcome.

Offaly Hospice Coffee Morning as part of Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning is on Thursday 19th September and if you would like to Be a Host for Hospice please contact Offaly Hospice on 0868595046 for your coffee morning pack or support by attending a Hospice Coffee Morning in your area.

Birr 20:20 Group :To mark the 400 years since the Parsons family's arrival in Birr, the Birr 20:20 Group have invited Brian Kennedy to speak at the September meeting. Their presence is reflected in the town's development; in the buildings, the continuous electricity supply, employment throughout the famine, the tree lined Malls, especially the two magnificent Jerusalem Plane trees in John's Place. These gave rise to the idea of a new town planting scheme to mirror the landscaping in the castle. Come along - imagine Birr as a festival of colour, Spring to Autumn to rival Japan's Cherry Blossom Festival, and contribute ideas!

Meeting in the Civic offices, Wed 11th at 7.30.

Remembered in Mass this Week

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 Ned King & Frank McGregor
Mon 9th	10.00am	Patsy Gleeson
Tues 10th	10.00am	Deceased Eucharistic Adorers
Wed 11th	10.00am	Mary Patricia Connellan, Roscommon
Thurs 12th	10.00am	Paddy & Sheila Slattery Thomas 'Charlo' Brummell
Sat 14th	10.00am	Dan Bass & Family
	7.30pm	Tim Carey (1st Ann) James & Elizabeth Kelly Tom Pardy Bernadette & Brendan Corboy Martin Rice, Newbridge Street
Sun 15th	10.30am	Annie Smyth, Connaught Street
	12 noon	Brian Guidera, Mc Auley Drive James & Anne Kearns Mary Coolahan



Please pray for the souls of

Teresa Parkinson, Roscrea Road, Crinkill
Paul Hannon, East Barnet, London,
brother of Fr. Tom Hannon

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 11600641.



Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday - €1,851

Many Thanks

Parish Fund Collectors - September 15th

M. Breen & O. Nolan

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Dates for Holy Communion for the First Time are as follows:-

9th May, 2020 @ 11am - Crinkill N.S. and Mercy P.S.

16th May, 2020 @ 11am - Killeen N.S., St. Brendan's P.S. and Parish Preparation Programme.

31st May, 2020 @ 11am - Carrig N.S.

Date and times for Confirmation are as follows:-

23rd May, 2020 @ 11am - Crinkill N.S. and Mercy P.S. and Carrig N.S.

23rd May, 2020 @ 3pm - Killeen N.S., St. Brendan's P.S. and Parish Preparation Programme.

We thank you for your generosity to the **Priests' Collection** being taken up at all masses this weekend This collection is specifically for the **Priests Benevolent Fund**. This fund goes to the aid of sick and retired priests of the diocese. Your generosity to this collection is very much appreciated.

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on **Tuesday next 10th September at 8.00pm** in the Conference Room.

The Irish National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine Knock Sunday 8th September

Prayer for Grandparents

Heavenly Father, may saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of your Son, Jesus, be an everlasting model for grandparents. Your wisdom and word are eternal, meant for all generations. Help grandparents, we pray, as they pass on the rich traditions of the faith to their beloved family members, especially their grandchildren. Help us to know you better each day, ultimately leading us, with our family members, into eternal life with you. Amen.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Tréimhse an Chruthaithe

Tá tábhacht ar leith ag baint leis an Tréimhse Chruthaithe don Eaglais Chaitliceach, go háirithe os rud é gur thiomnaigh an Pápa Proinsias I Meán Fómhair mar Lá Domhanda Urnaí do chúram na cruinne. Leanann an tréimhse ar aghaidh go dtí 4 Deireadh Fómhair, Lá Fhéile Naomh Proinsias Assisi. Is é seo a bhí le rá ag an bPápa. "Caithfidid a chinntiú gur teaghlach daonna amháin sinn. Is é an domhan ár n-áit chónaithe. Ní Dia sinn. Bhí an domhan ann i gcónaí agus tugadh dúinn é." Le linn na tréimhse seo iarrtar orainn onóir a thabhairt don Chruthaitheoir agus gréasán na beatha a chaomhnú.

Is mó rud gur féidir linn a dhéanamh. Is féidir iarracht a dhéanamh, cosc iomlán a chur ar phlais-teach aonúsáide, ná ceannaigh ach a bhfuil uainn, níos mó úsáide a bhaint as iompar poiblí agus carranna leictreacha a cheannach más féidir. Is féidir linn staidéar a dhéanamh ar Laudato Si, ciorclán an Phápa a foilsíodh Meitheamh 2015. *A Dhia uilechumhacht, tá tú i láthair sa domhan uile sa chréatúr is lú. Glacann tú gach ní le harmacas. Doirt anuas orainn cumhacht do ghrá ionas go mbeimid in ann an bheatha agus an áilleacht a chosaint. Tabhair dúinn síocháin go mairimid mar dheartháireacha agus deirfiúracha gan dí-obháil do aon duine.*

The Season of Creation is a special time for the Catholic Church especially since Pope Francis devoted 1 September as a special Prayer Day for Care of the Earth. The season continues until 4 October the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. The Pope said we must realise that we are one human family. The earth is our home. We are not God. The Earth was here before us and was given to us. During this season we are asked to honour the Creator and preserve the network of life.

We can do many things, for example, discontinue the use of plastic, do not buy more than we need, use public transport as much as possible and consider purchasing electric cars. We can also study the Popes Encyclical published June 2015.

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. Amen