

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.

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.

Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock on September 29th. Bus leaving from Emmet Square. Please contact 0579120482 or 086 1515324 for further details.

Birr Historical Society: Local Historian Margaret Hogan will speak on 'The Year 1919', at our meeting in the County Arms Hotel, on Monday 16th September, at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome..

Culture Night Walk: To celebrate Culture Night Friday 20th September, join Brian Kennedy and Jimmy Shortt, at St. Brendan's R.C. Church, at 4.00 p.m. They will take you on a leisurely stroll through 200 years of Birr Ecclesiastical History. All are welcome to this free event.

Bereavement Information Evening Venue: Milford Care Centre, Castletroy, Limerick Date: Thursday, 26th Sept 2019 Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm (Registration from 6:45pm) Milford Care Centre and Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for this event. We would appreciate if you could RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Wednesday 25th September 2019 or contact us on 01 4045378 – 085 2888 888.

West Offaly Training are running some great courses in the Autumn - Hairdressing starting 25th September, ECDL starting 23rd September, professional photography through smartphones workshop 25th September and Afterschool Coding 2nd October. Manual Handling/Abrasive Wheel training (weekly). Call 0579152003 for details.

Remembered in Mass this Week

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| Sat 14th | 7.30pm | Tim Carey (1st Ann) James & Elizabeth Kelly Tom Pardy Bernadette & Brendan Corboy Martin Rice, Newbridge Street |
| Carrig | 9.30am | James Hoctor |
| Sun 15th | 10.30am | Annie Smyth, Connaught Street Anne Calvey |
| | 12 noon | Brian Guidera, Mc Auley Drive James & Anne Kearns Mary Coolahan |
| Thur 19th | 10.00am | Ann Kilcommin (Nee Donoghue), Coldblow, Shinrone |
| Sat 21st | 10.00am | James & Brigid Flynn, High Street |
| | 7.30pm | Eamon Pardy (1st Ann) Jimmy Donoghue, Mc Auley Drive Maisie & Dan Finnerty, Crinkill Eamon Gunning The Mc Intyre & Gannon Families |
| Sun 22nd | 10.30am | Gerry Garahy |
| | 12 noon | Pat O'Gorman & O'Gorman Family Eileen & Mick O'Regan & Shortt Family John Dunican Greta & Michael Reid & son John |

Please pray for the souls of



Bernadette (Dettie) Hayes, High Street

Ray Nolan, Ely Place, Crinkill

Kathleen Carry, Compton Row, Birr

Tax Back Scheme

Under the Charities Act, parishes can claim tax back for people who have contributed over €250 to the parish in a year. If you are interested in allowing the parish to avail of this scheme, at no cost to yourself, we ask you to collect the revenue form from the Parish Office and return same signed. Sincere thanks to those who have already returned their forms.

Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday - €2,130

Many Thanks

Parish Fund Collectors - September 22nd

P. O'Gorman & R. O'Brien

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Walking Together

From the 1st September until the Feast of St. Francis on October 4th all Christian churches are encouraged to celebrate the Season of

Creation, an annual celebration of prayer and action inviting us to think more deeply about what is happening at present to the Earth and the destruction of the environment which threatens our world. The theme this year is *"Walking Together"*. As pilgrims let us walk together awakened to the wonder of the Earth, Our Common Home, and the web of life which it shelters. Let us encourage one another during the Season of Creation by praying with and for creation; encouraging small actions in our homes and parishes to try to live more sustainable lives.

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

Sunday 15 September is the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. The order of the Servants of Our Lady, founded in 1254, established the feast we celebrate today. It was the aim of the order to spread devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows. We can reflect during the week on Our Lady's Seven Sorrows which are:

1. The Prophecy of Simeon.
2. The Flight into Egypt
3. The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple.
4. The Meeting of Mary and Jesus on the Via Dolorosa
5. The Crucifixion of Jesus on Mount Calvary.
6. The Piercing of the Side of Jesus with a spear.
7. The Burial of Jesus.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Naomh Maitiú

Is é 21 Meán Fómhair, an Satharn seo chugainn Lá Fhéile Naomh Maitiú. Bailitheoir cánach ab ea Maitiú go dtí an lá úd ar sheas Íosa ag oifig na cánach agus dúirt sé leis "Lean mise". Bhí drochmheas ag na Giúdaigh ar an aicme seo dá muintir a bhailíodh cánaigh do na Rómhánaigh nó do Héaród. Roghnaigh Íosa fear den aicme sin le bheith ina Aspal, ina dhuine den dárág. Dheimhnigh Íosa leis an rogha sin an fhírinne a d'fhógair sé nach iad na fíreín ach na peacaigh a tháinig sé chun iad a shábháil. Ba é cara "bailitheoirí na cánach agus na bpeacach é". (Mait 11:19). Lean Maitiú Íosa an lá sin agus d'fhulaing go háthasach spídiúlacht agus anbhás ar son Íosa.

Scríobh Naomh Maitiú a shoiscéal in Aramaic dá mhuintir féin, na Giúdaigh, chun a chruthú dóibh gurbh é Íosa ó Naisaireit an Meisias ar labhair na fáithe faoi sa Sean-Tiomna. Luann sé dá réir sin a lán de thairngreacht úd i dtaobh an Meisias agus léiríonn sé, cé mar do chomhlíonadh ina n-iomlán iad in Íosa. Is é naomh Maitiú patrún bailitheoirí cánach agus cuntasóirí.

Next Saturday 21 September in the Feast of St. Matthew. Matthew was a tax collector until that day when Jesus stood in the tax office and said, "Follow me". The Jews despised those who collected taxes for the Romans or for Herod. Jesus chose one of this class to be an Apostle, one of the twelve. Jesus confirmed by that choice that he had come to save the just and the sinner. He was a friend of "tax collectors and sinners". (Matthew 11;19) Matthew followed Jesus and suffered torture and death willingly for the name of Jesus. Saint Matthew wrote his Gospel in Aramaic for his own people, the Jews, to prove to them that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah whom the prophets foretold in the Old Testament. He shows how the prophesy was fulfilled in Jesus. Saint Matthew is the patron of tax collectors and accountants.