

## BIRR PARISH

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Priest on Duty - Please call Parish Mobile - 086 3531955

Parish Office Opening Hours

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

Fr. Tom Hogan—057-9121757

Fr. Michael Reddan—057-9122470

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Fr. Antony Sajeesh - 057-9122470

Fr. Kieran Blake, Kilcolman - 057-9120812

Fr. Michael O'Meara, Kinnitty - 057-9137021

### 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.

**Public Participation Network (PPN)** the network of Community & Voluntary groups in Offaly would like to invite people from each community in the county to an information sharing event on November 28<sup>th</sup> at the Bridge House Tullamore @7.00pm. Light refreshments will be served & spot prizes on the night too. RSVP bcostello-hynes@offalycoco.ie or 0871198591.

**Banagher Drama Group** presents -The Playboy of the Western World in St. Rynagh's College of Further Education on November 14th -17th @8pm. Booking number: (087) 456 1569.

**Birr Library Events: Memory Cushion Workshop:** Wed, Oct 30<sup>th</sup>: 5.00pm-7.00pm. Booking essential. Create your personal memory cushion using a sewing machine. Required are teams of two (at least one adult) and personal materials like shirt, blouse of a loved one. Free workshop. Contact: *Birr Library* - 057 9124950.

**Carrig and Riverstown Development Association** - fundraising Halloween Table Quiz in Carrig hall on Sunday the 27th October at 3.30pm. All support appreciated.

**Age Action - FREE** beginner computer classes for over 55's in Birr Library. We are currently seeking **Course Learners & Volunteer Tutors**. Full tutor training provided. For more information contact Age Action on **01 4756989** or by email to [gettingstarted@ageaction.ie](mailto:gettingstarted@ageaction.ie)

**4 week beginner Jive Course** starting Tuesday 5th Nov County Arms 8pm. No partner required. Call Tom on 087 -3995877.

**Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday €1,965 - Many Thanks**  
Parish Fund Collectors - November 3rd  
E. Nolan & R. Delaney

### Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 26th	7.30pm	Gerry Kearns, Cappaneale Teresa, Patrick & Willie Coughlan Bridget Harte John & Pauline Hoare, Crinkill
Sun 27th	8.30 a.m.	Michel & Rose O'Brien & family
	10.30am	William Smyth, Connaught Street Oisín Watkins Carroll Albert & Mary Kate Watkins Kathleen Grant Patrick Nevin Mick Hogan, Crinkill
	12 noon	Peter Pardy, Killeen Kieran & Elizabeth Bannon, Clonoghill Kate Fox, Five Alley Jimmy Sullivan, U.S.A.
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Maureen & Patrick O'Brien, Tinnakelly
Wed 30th	10.00am	Kevin Boyle
Thurs 31st	10.00am	Tommy Hutchinson & Companions
Sat 2nd	7.30pm	Móna Collins, Hawthorn Drive (MM) Anthony & Bridget McLoughlin & Family & Grandson Peter Hynes Margaret O'Connor Liam & Carmel Ryan, Killeen
Sun 3rd	8.30am	Tom & Norah Maguire, Mill Street
	10.30am	Matt Darcy Alice Brady, Seffin Thomas Hogan, Golf Links William, Margaret & Joe Delaney, Glebe Street
	12 noon	Marian Nevin Ann Maloney Louise Noone Eileen Hynes, daughter Geraldine & Hynes Family Brien Family Campbell Family Gilmartin & Ryan Families Fred Hollywood, Killeen Kathleen & Willie Hennessy, High St.
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Byrne & Mullaney Family Maureen Hoare Hoare & O'Brien Families Michael & Eva O'Meara Michael Reddan

### Please pray for the souls of

**Urszula Przepiora, Farmleigh, Riverstown,  
Mary Gleeson, Clonoghill Lower,  
John Coleman,  
Ballyloughnane, Riverstown,  
Nicholas Kiely, Clondalkin, son of  
the late Paddy & Mary Kiely, Crinkill,  
Deirdre Lowery, Galway,  
sister of Mary Lyndon, Oxmantown Mall.**



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**Friday 1st November** is the **Feast of All Saints** and Mass times are as follows

31st October - Vigil Mass at 7.30 pm. - Birr  
1st November - 7.30 a.m. & 10.00 a.m. - Birr  
7.30 p.m. - Carrig

**Saturday 2 November** is the **Feast of All Souls** and Mass times are as follows:

10.00 a.m. - Birr

**Next Saturday is the first Saturday of the month;** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in St. Brendan's after 10.00 a.m. 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.

### Sunday 3rd November - Blessing of Graves

Carrig - after 9.30 a.m. Mass  
Clonoghill - 2.00 p.m.

**Saturday 9th November** at 11.00 a.m. - Annual Mass, remembering those from our parish who have died in the past year. Please note there is no 10.00 a.m. Mass on this Saturday morning.

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**Priests Collection** will be taken up at all masses this weekend. Please use the Purple envelope in your box of envelopes. Many Thanks.

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**The Joy of Love in Marriage** - A Marriage Enrichment Weekend offers married couples of all ages in a good relationship private time to rekindle the joy of their love. The next (residential) Weekend will be held at The Lake Hotel Killarney from **15th -17th Nov. 2019**. For info. and to book, visit <http://www.marriageencounter.ie/> or phone 064-6644319 or 086-6095168.

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**Mission Sunday - 20th October, 2019** - A very sincere Thank You for your generous donations to our collection at the end of Masses last week. A total of **€1,925** was collected. Donations can still be left into the Sacristy or Parish Office.

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**For Attention of All Distributors**  
**November Envelopes are available at the back of the altar for collection. Many thanks for your help.**

### Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

#### Spioradáltacht

Is éard is brí le Spioradáltacht ná an tslí a mhaireann duine de réir a chreidimh agus mar a théann an creideamh sin i bhfeidhm ar a saol laethúil. In *Ár bPaidreacha Dúchais* leis an Athair Peadar Ó Laoghaire feicimid samplaí glé ar nasc ár sinsir le Dia ar bhealach nádúrtha ach a raibh fíorómós leis ag an am céanna. Chothaigh siad a ngaol le Dia ar mhórán bealaí, trí urnaí laethúil, trí mholadh Dé agus trí bhuíochas a ghabháil leis as an uile ní. Chuir siad a muinín ar fad i gcumhacht Dé. Tuigimid gur féidir linn labhairt ó chroí le Dia pé tráth den lá é nó pé obair atá idir lámha againn. Is féidir linn gach nóiméad den lá a naomhú le hurnaí. Braithimid Dia gar dúinn gach lá agus braithimid air i ngach uile ní. Cuirimis ár muinín i gcumhacht agus i gcumhdach Dé de shíor. Tugaimis aire do na nósanna beaga a chuireann ár gCreideamh in iúl mar Chomhartha na Croise a dhéanamh ag dul thar séipéal nó reilig, Fáilte an Aingil a rá nuair a chloisimid an clog ag bualadh, altú a rá roimh agus tar éis béilí agus uisce coisricthe a thógáil agus sinn ag fágáil an tí. Moladh go deo le Dia na glóire. Áiméan.

Spirituality means the way a person lives according to his/her faith and how that faith affects their daily lives. An Athair Peadar Ó Laoghaire's collection of native Irish prayers *Ár bPaidreacha Dúchais* demonstrates clearly the natural but respectful way our ancestors related to God. They fostered their relationship with God in many ways, through daily prayer, praise and gratitude.

They trusted in the power of God. We understand that we can speak to God at any time of the day no matter what work we are doing. We can sanctify each minute of the day with a prayer. We feel God close to us every day and we depend on him. Let us always put our trust in the power and protection of God. Let us observe the external signs of our Faith which we have inherited, such as blessing ourselves passing a church or graveyard, praying the Angelus when the bells ring at midday and at six o'clock., say grace before and after meals and sprinkle holy water when leaving the house. May the God of Glory be praised. Amen