

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 Stage Guild presents -The Beauty Queen of Leenane by Martin McDonagh in Birr Theatre & Arts Centre from 7th to 9th November. Tickets €14/€16. See www.birrtheatre.com or 057-9122911.

Midlands Science is hosting a free workshop in Birr library this November 15th as part of the annual Science Week celebrations. The workshops are suitable for age 7 + will give the children with ASD, their parents and siblings a practical and enjoyable experience of science in a supportive workshop environment. Anyone 4 Science are an experienced team of science outreach educators who have expertise in working with children on the ASD spectrum. Check www.midlandsscience.ie for details and booking

An Evening of Flowers with Richard Haslam on Tuesday, 12th November at 7.30 pm. in the Church of Ireland. €10 in aid of church funds. All are welcome.

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 28th 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.

Please pray for the souls of



Joseph Dunican & daughter Noreen,
Knockbarron, Kinnitty,
Kevin Brennan, Castleiney,
brother-in-law of Rena Haverty.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 2nd	7.30pm	Móna Collins, Hawthorn Drive (MM) Anthony & Bridget McLoughlin & Family & Grandson Peter Hynes Margaret O'Connor Liam & Carmel Ryan, Killeen Sofija Asirova, Jelena Jarosevic, Salomon Levin Georgie & Terry Lynskey
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 Families Maureen Hoare Hoare & O'Brien Families Michael & Eva O'Meara Michael Reddan
Mon 4th	10.00 a.m.	Fr. Sean Malone & his father Thomas
Tues 5th	10.00 a.m.	Michael Hehir, High Street Mary Spillane
Wed 6th	10.00 a.m.	Tommy & Pat Reynolds
Thur 7th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Souls
Fri 8th	10.00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
Sat 9th	7.30 p.m.	Joe Gallagher (1st Ann) Martin, Nellie & Michael Ryan Pádraig Pyne Peter & Judy Plunkett Alan Regan Roger Lavender Enda Cooke, daughter Geraldine & granddaughter Natalie Patrick & Agnes Hogan & Hogan family Tommy Doherty, Crinkill
Sun 10th	8.30 a.m.	Holy Souls
	10.30 a.m.	Frank Tuohey, Drumbane (1st Ann) Thomas & Mary Cox Maria Madden Joe Feehan
	12 noon	Damien Martin Deegan Phyll & Billy Murphy Joan & Liam McGlone John & Margaret Smyth
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Holy Souls

November Remembrance Envelopes and cards for the names of your beloved dead are available in church porches and can be placed in the special box at the altar.

A very sincere **Thank You** to all who donated to our **Priests Collection** that was taken up last weekend. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Envelopes can still be handed in to the Sacristy or Parish Office.

Sunday 3rd November - Blessing of Graves

Carrig - after 9.30 a.m. Mass

Clonoghill - 2.00 p.m.



Rosary in Clonoghill - Members of the Legion of Mary will recite the Rosary in Clonoghill cemetery on Sundays 10th, 17th and 24th November at 3.00 p.m. All are welcome.

Next Saturday 9th November at

11.00 a.m. we will celebrate our **Annual Remembrance Mass**, remembering those from our parish who have died in the past year. Please note there will be **NO 10.00 a.m. Mass** on Saturday morning.



"We all love to be remembered.
But if we want to be remembered,
we have a duty also to remember.

Memory is a powerful thing.
Wrongly used it brings death.

Rightly used it brings life,
and is a form of immortality.

It keeps the past alive.

Those we remember never die;
they continue to walk and talk with us.
May the Lord Bless you and keep you.
May the Lord let His face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look kindly on you
and give you peace."

(Reflection by Flor McCarthy SDB)

The **priests of the diocese** are meeting in Galway from **10-13 November** in an assembly called **'Making Meaningful & Hopeful Connection with Others'**. On these days instead of 10.00 a.m. Mass there will be a lay-led liturgy including distribution of the Eucharist.

Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday €1,525 -
Many Thanks
Parish Fund Collectors - November 10th
M. O'Connor & Sr. Anne

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí na Marbh.

Mí na Samhna, mí na marbh, mí titim na nduilleog, tús na bliana Ceiltí. I mí na Samhna, bí linn a Dhia. Is í intinn an Phápa don mhí seo ná: *Go dtaga meon chun comhrá, chun teagmhála, agus chun ath-mhuintearais amach as an Neasoirthear, áit nach mór do phobail éagsúla a saol a chaitheamh i dtéannta a chéile.* Bíonn an Eaglais de shíor ag guí ar son na marbh agus tá an dara lá de Shamhain ceaptha aici d'anamacha na marbh go mór mór dóibh siúd nach bhfuil duine ná deoraí fágtha acu ar an saol seo chun guí ar a son. Cuimhnimid an mhí seo go háirithe ar ár ngaolta, ár gcomharsana, ár gcairde, daoine dár bpobail agus daoine eile atá imithe ar shlí na fírinne.

Bhí sé de nós i gcónaí ag ár sinsear cuairt a thabhairt ar shéipéal agus ar reilig i rith na míosa agus guí ar son na marbh. Is maith an rud na gnásanna seo a choimeád beo agus a chleachtadh. Is mór an sólas dúinn nach bhfuil ár ngaolta imithe uainn ach imithe romhainn agus lá éigin beimid ina bhfochair i bParthas na nGrást. Is é seo an ghuí a chloistear go minic i bpaidreacha na hEaglaise san Aifreann.

Suaimhneas síoraí tabhair dóibh a Thiarna agus go lonraí solas suthain orthu. Go bhfaighe anamacha na bhfíreán go léir trócaire ó Dhia agus cónaí faoi shuaimhneas. Áiméan

November, the month of the Holy Souls, the falling of the leaves, the beginning of the Celtic Calendar. The Pope's intention for this month is: *That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.* The Church continually prays for the dead. The 2 November is devoted to the holy souls, especially those who have nobody to pray for them. At his time of year we especially remember and pray for our loved ones, our neighbours, our friends, people in our community and others who have gone home to the care of God in Heaven.

It is an ancient custom to visit a church and graveyard during the month to pray for the dead. We ought to keep these customs and practise them. It is comforting to realise that our relatives have not gone away from us but gone before us and some day we will be with them in Paradise. We hear this prayer at Mass to remember those souls gone before us.

**Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord and may perpetual light
shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.**

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