

BIRR PARISH

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Parish Pastoral Council: A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place in St. Brendan's Church on Thursday 24th September at 8.00pm. Members invited to attend.

The ISI is the independent government body with four debt solutions to help people with all levels of problem debt - from credit cards to mortgages. It regulates debt advisors called Personal Insolvency Practitioners (PIPs). You could be insolvent if:

- you can't pay your bills in full when they are due
- You're paying a little off each bill trying to keep creditors at bay
- You've had calls and letters about missed repayments and threats of repossession.

If you are insolvent and in arrears on your home mortgage you could also be eligible for a free consultation with a PIP under the State-funded Abhaile Scheme. The purpose of that Scheme is to help people in serious arrears to find the best available solutions, with the help of professional advisors. The priority will be to find a sustainable solution that keeps a person in their home, where possible. For more information visit www.backontrack.ie or freetext GETH-ELP to 50015 for a callback.

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Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 19th	7.30 p.m.	Michael Hansbury Snr. (1st Ann), Bulfin Park Eamon Parry Brendan & Bernadette Corboy
Sun 20th	10.30 a.m.	Rose Gunning (MM) & her husband Eamonn Gerry Garahy Rosemary Mooney, Woodlands Park
	12 noon	Brian Guidera Pat O'Gorman & O'Gorman family Eileen & Mick O'Regan Shortt family
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	James Hoctor
Tue 22nd	10.00 am	Frankie Hanlon (1st Ann) James & Bridget Flynn George Flynn & Family
Fri 25th	10.00am	Irene O'Leary Sheila Jennings
Sat 26th	10.00am	Fergal Keighery
	7.30pm	William Parsons (1st Ann) Jimmy Donoghue Betty Townsend & son Paul, Bulfin Park
Sun 27th	10.30am	Teresa Parkinson (1st Ann) Patrick O'Meara, Fortal Paddy Wall John Dunican Michael, Gretta & John Reid
	12 noon	Patrick Donohue (MM) Rachel Spain, Corr na Meala



Please Pray for the Souls of
 Peter Walker, Carlow, cousin of the
 Reynolds Family, Crinkill
 Patricia (Paddy) Ryan, Borris-in- Ossory,
 sister of
 Roma Gilmartin and Aileen Anderson

Corona Virus Prayer

Dear God, I pray for healing for all affected by this deadly virus.
 Only You can move in a mighty way and do the impossible for them.
 We pray for all negative outcomes to be resolved by Your healing hands.
 Bless and embrace each and every single person and bring full healing to their bodies, minds and spirits. Amen

The **Season of Creation** or **Creation Time**, is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of **creation** as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. For the 2020 Season of Creation, the suggested theme is **“Jubilee for the Earth: New Rhythms, New Hope.”**

St. Patrick's Breastplate

I arise today, through the strength of heaven, the light of the sun, radiance of the moon, splendour of fire, the speed of light, the swiftness of wind, the depth of the sea, the stability of the earth, the firmness of rock.

I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's word to speak to me, God's hand to guard me, God's shield to protect me, God's host to save me from everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and near. Against every cruel and merciless power, that may oppose my body and soul,.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through belief in the Threeness, through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation.

Wednesday 23rd September is the Feast of Adomnán

Adomnán or Eann was a native of Donegal and became a member of the Iona Monastic Community. He was chosen as the 9th Abbot in 679 and had strong links with St. Brendan's Monastery in Birr. In 597 a great synod was convened by Abbot Adomnán in Birr with religious leaders and chieftains resulting in an accord surrounding the protection of women, children and non-combatant civilians in war. It was known as Lex Innocentium or Cáin Adomnán - the Law of the Innocents. In 1997 on it's 1300 Anniversary, Brother Anthony of Glenstal Benedictine Monastery carved a Celtic processional cross that is shared between the three Christian communities in Birr, Anglican, Methodist and Roman Catholic. Recently, a book was published by Birr man, Jim Houlihan, on the significance of this accord.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Naomh Maitiú

Duine d'Aspal Íosa ab ea Naomh Maitiú agus ceiliúrtar a lá Fhéile ar 21 Meán Fómhair. Bailitheoir cánach ab ea é. Bhí drochmheas ag na Giúdaigh ar bhailitheoirí cánach. Cuid dá aicme a bhíodh ag bailiú cánacha do na Rómhánaigh nó do Héaród. Nuair a chas Íosa ar Mhaitiú dúirt sé leis “lean mise”.

Scríobh sé a Shoiscéal as Aramais dá mhuintir féin na Giúdaigh chun a chruthú dóibh gur bh é Íosa as Nasaireit an Messiah ar labhair na fáithe faoi sa Sean –Tiomna. Luann sé mar sin ina Shoiscéal a lán de na tairngreachtaí úd i dtaobh an Messiah agus léiríonn sé mar a chomhlíonadh ina n-iomlán iad in Íosa. D'fhulaing Naomh Maitiú géarleanúint agus anbhás go háthasach ar son Íosa. **Naomh Maitiú guigh orainn inniu. Áiméan**

Ceiliúrfar Lá Fhéile Muire na Trócaire ar Meán Fómhair 24. Lá mór comóraidh is ea é do Shiúrach na Trócaire in Éirinn agus ar fud an domhain. Guímis ar a son agus iad ag saothrú agus ag moladh Dé lá i ndiaidh lae. Guímis freisin ar son a gcomhpháirtithe agus aon duine a bhí bainteach ri-amh le Shiúrach na Trócaire. Go raibh siad dílis dá ngairm. **Go raibh an neart, an t-eolas agus an grásta ó Dhia acu iad siúd atá faoina gcúram a threorú mar is ceart agus is cóir. Áiméan**

St. Matthew was one of the Apostles and his feast day is celebrated on 21st September. Matthew was a tax collector. The Jews despised those who collected taxes for the Romans or for Herod. When Jesus met Matthew, he said to him “follow me”.

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. Matthew followed Jesus and suffered torture and death willingly for the sake of Jesus. *St Matthew pray for us today. Amen.*

The feast of Our Lady of Mercy is celebrated on 24th September. It is a great day of celebrations for Sisters of Mercy in Ireland and all over the world. We pray for them and for all those associated with them that they may be faithful to their calling. **Lord may they receive strength and knowledge to guide those in their care in the ways of justice and right. Amen.**

Last Sunday's Collections - Many Thanks
 Basket Collection - €955
 Parish Development Fund - €720