

BIRR PARISH

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Season of Creation

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."**



A Prayer for Our Earth

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,
 that we may sow beauty,
 not pollution and destruction.
 Touch the hearts
 of those who look only for gain
 at the expense of the poor and the earth.
 Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
 to be filled with awe and contemplation,
 to recognize that we are profoundly united
 with every creature
 as we journey towards your infinite light.
 We thank you for being with us each day.
 Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
 for justice, love and peace.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving will be celebrated at Masses in St. Brendan's Church next weekend, 3rd and 4th October.

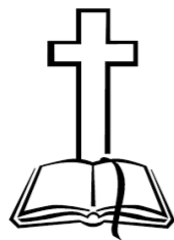
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Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 26th	7.30pm	William Parsons (1st Ann) Jimmy Donoghue Betty Townsend & son Paul, Bulfin Park
Sun 27th	10.30am	Teresa Parkinson (1st Ann) & husband Christy Patrick O'Meara, Fortal Paddy Wall John Dunican Michael, Gretta & John Reid
	12 noon	Patrick Donohue (MM) Rachel Spain, Corr na Meala
Wed 30th	10.00 a.m.	Móna Collins (1st Ann)
Thur 1st	10.00 a.m.	Bridget Hutchinson Winifred Murphy
Fri 2nd	10.00 a.m.	Maud & Raymond Hoare & son Brendan
Sat 3rd	10.00 a.m.	Christy Parsons, Grove Street
	7.30 p.m.	Cella Errity (MM) Mai Snow Michael & Rosaleen Brien, Pound Street & Burkes Hill
Sun 4th	12 noon	Agnes O'Brien (1st Ann) Tom McInerney & McInerney family Jimmy & Else McInerney Paddy & Judy Tuohey

Please Pray for the Souls of



Eamon Spain, Clareen,
 Michael Bowes, Carrigaline,
 Cork and late of Connaught Street.
 Nuala Claffey (nee Heffernan), Ferbane,
 sister of Brendan Heffernan,
 Newbridge St.,
 Martha Grogan, Dublin
 and late of Station House, Birr,
 sister of Eileen and Michael Grogan.

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

Buíochas

This weekend **Ger Roberts** retires as our sacristan after nearly 30 years of service to the Parish of Birr. Ger began his involvement with St. Brendan's with his maintenance of the church grounds. People will have memories of the annual floral display that Ger created with hanging baskets and flower beds.

Ger assisted the late Tim Bergin, the former sacristan in this church with the opening and closing of the church and other tasks. On Tim's retirement in 2009 Ger was appointed sacristan of St. Brendan's

We thank Ger for the diligent way he has carried out his role over the years. He had a great sense of liturgical seasons and always had the appropriate banners and decorations in place. He has given faithful service to our parish and had everything in pristine condition for the various masses and services.

We wish him every blessing and good wishes for future days.

Next Friday, 2nd October is First Friday. Mass is at 10.00 a.m. in St. Brendan's and at 7.30 p.m. in the Church of the Annunciation, Carrig.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in St. Brendan's on Saturday with **Benediction at 11.00 a.m.**

Eucharistic Adoration resumes in St. Brendan's Church on **Tuesday 6th October** in the main body of the church. It will take place on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon.** We ask people to stay and keep watch with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

October is Mission month and we ask people to keep all missionaries at home and abroad in their prayers.

Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 4th October - Day for Life Celebration
Saturday 7th & 14th November - Remembrance Masses for those who have died during the year.

Total of last 2 Sunday's Collections -
 Many Thanks

Basket Collection - €2,005
 Parish Development Fund - €1,485

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Lá Fhéile Michíl 29 Meán Fómhair.

Ceiliúrtar na Naoimh Micheál, Gabriel agus Raphael Ardaingil ar 29 Meán Fómhair. Ba é Naomh Micheál ceannaire na n-aingeal a bhí dílis nuair a d'éirigh aingeal an uabhair amach in aghaidh Dé. "Ansin bhris cogadh amach sna flaithis, níor mhór do Mhicheál agus dá chuid aingeal troid leis an dragan. D'fhreagair an dragan agus a chuid aingeal an cath, ach níor rug siad bua, agus ní bhfuarthas a n-ionad sna flaithis feasta." Apoc. 12:7.

De réir an traidisiúin tá baint aige le muir is le tír. Marcaíonn sé ar mhuintir capaill bháin sciath ina lámh chlé agus sleá trí-mhéarach ina lámh dheas agus é ar tí an dragún a mharú. I nDeireadh Fómhair 1884 thit an Pápa Leo X111 i laige tar éis dó Aifreann a cheiliúradh agus ní de bharr taom croí nó stróc. Bhí dath an bháis air rud a scanraigh gach duine a bhí i láthair. Tar éis tamaill tháinig sé chuige féin agus dúirt sé leis na daoine go bhfaca sé radharc uafásach. Chonaic sé an diabhal agus a chuid aingil ag troid ar fud an domhain chun anamacha a bhreith leo ach ina dhiaidh sin chonaic sé Naomh Micheál á gcaitheamh isteach in Ifreann. Chum sé an phaidir seo a leanas agus dúradh é tar éis gach Aifreann ar fud an domhain go dtí 1969 nuair a rinneadh athruithe sa Liotúirge tar éis an Dara Comhairle Vatacánach.

A Naoimh Micheál Mhichíl Ardaingil, cosain sinn in am an chatha, bí mar dhéan againn in aghaidh ur-chóide agus chealgaireachta an diabhail. Go mbagraí Dia air, impímid go humhal. Agus déan-sa a cheannfort na sluaite neamhaí an t-áibhirseoir a theilgean síos go hIfreann, trí chumhacht Dé, agus ina theannta sin na hanspioraid eile atá ag imeacht ar fud an domhain le fonn anamacha a chuir i mbealach a gcaillte, Áiméan

Feast of St. Michael

The feast day of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels is celebrated on 29 September. Saint Michael was the leader of the angels who were faithful when the other angels through pride rebelled against God. "Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven." Apoc. 12:7.

According to tradition he is associated with sea and land. He rides a white horse with a shield in his left hand and a three fingered spear in his right hand about to kill the dragon.

In October 1884 Pope Leo X111 collapsed after saying Mass, but not from a heart attack or stroke. He was the colour of death and scared all those present. When he recovered, he told the people he had seen a terrible sight. He saw the devil and his angels fighting all over the world to bring souls with them into hell, but later he saw Saint Michael casting them into hell. He composed the following prayer and it was said at the end of every Mass worldwide until 1969 when changes were made in the Liturgy after the Second Vatican Council.

Saint Michael the Archangel defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.