

## BIRR PARISH

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Parish Office Opening Hours

Monday - Friday (including Wednesday)

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**Eucharistic Adoration** has resumed in St. Brendan's Church in the main body of the church on **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday** of each week from **10.30 a.m. to 12 noon**. We ask people to stay and keep watch with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

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### Birr Parish Finance

We are **very grateful** to parishioners who have continued to make donations to St. Brendan's Parish during these strange times with restricted church attendances and a challenging economic situation. **Donations** can be made to the parish in a number of ways:

1. Parish Envelopes (Cash or Cheque)  
Donations can be placed in the locked green box in St. Brendan's church beside the candleabra. This box is opened daily,
2. Set up a standing order.
3. Electronic transfer to the Birr Parish bank account - IBAN - IE40 BOFI 9016 7724 9407 77.

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The **Parish Bereavement Group** continue to be available to people who need them via telephone. Unfortunately at the moment face to face meetings will not take place in line with HSE guidelines. If you need to talk to someone please call 089-4680926.

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### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present  
In the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite  
myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Sponsored By

**Anonymous**

## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 31st	7.30 p.m.	Carmel & Liam Ryan, Killeen
Sun 1st	10.30 a.m.	Tom & Norah Maguire Byrne & Mullaney families Maureen Hoare Hoare & O'Brien families, Cornhill
	12 noon	Brenda Deegan (MM) Marian Nevin, Anne Moloney, & Louise Noone & their parents James & Kathleen Colohan
Mon 2nd	10.00 a.m.	Holy Souls
Tues 3rd	10.00 a.m.	William & Margaret Delaney & son Joe & Delaney family
Wed 4th	10.00 a.m.	John Mahon (1st Ann)
Thur 5th	10.00 a.m.	Michael Hehir, High Street Matt D'Arcy Mary Spillane, Whiteford
Fri 6th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Souls
Sat 7th	7.30 p.m.	Martin, Nellie & Michael Ryan Peter & Judy Plunkett Alan Regan Roger Lavendar Anthony & Bridget McLoughlin & grandson Peter Hynes McLoughlin family Enda Cooke, daughter Geraldine & granddaughter Natalie Patrick & Agnes Hogan & family, New Road
Sun 8th	10.30 a.m.	Maria Madden Thomas & Mary Cox Joan & Tony O'Brien Sr. Roberta Delaney
	12 noon	Eileen Hynes & daughter Geraldine Kathleen & Willie Hennessy Martin, Kathleen & Pat Hynes Campbell, Hynes & O'Brien families Alice Brady Margaret O'Connor

### Please Pray for the Souls of



Raymond Murray, Ballindarra,  
Paddy Seery, Clonbrone,  
Paddy Nolan, Kilcormac  
and late of Ballywilliam,  
Billy Murphy, Ballinasloe,  
father of Jean Enright, Military Road.

Our **Parish Churches** are open for personal prayer, private visits or to light a candle and visitors are reminded to adhere to HSE Guidelines.

We are especially grateful to the following **shop owners** who allow us to leave newsletters for parishioners - Horan's Daybreak, Newbridge Street, Mulrooney's Gala, Wilmer Road, Carrig Stores, Corrib Oil, Banagher Road and Loughnane's Centra, Tullamore Road.

Sunday, **1st of November** is the **Feast of All Saints**.

*"We venerate the Saints ultimately to give glory to God; let us rejoice with the Saints that we have been given the promise of a place in the kingdom of heaven; and let us through imitating the Saints bring the joy of that kingdom into our daily lives."*

Monday **2nd November** is the **Commemoration of the Faithful Departed**, (All Souls).

*"Death is the end of earthly life but not of our existence (St Ambrose). We pray for the souls of the Faithful Departed, not just those we have known but all whose faith is known to God alone."*

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### November - the Month of Remembering

This Sunday, **1st November at 3.00 p.m.** you are invited to join with us via Parish Radio or on Facebook - Brendan Birr in a **service of remembering all our dead**.

You can also join with Bishop Fintan Monahan from Ennis Cathedral at the same time on the following link: <https://www.killaloediocese.ie/november-remembrance-for-the-faithful-departed/>

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### Annual Mass for the Deceased

As a result of the current COVID-19 restrictions our annual **Mass for the Deceased** where we remember all who have died in our Parish in the past year will now take place behind closed doors on **Saturday 14th November at 10.00 a.m.** This Mass will be broadcast on the radio and will be streamed on our Facebook page "Brendan Birr".

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**November Envelopes** are available in the church porches and on the altar rails of **St. Brendan's**. Envelopes with the names of your dead should be placed in the green box at the altar rails. Masses for the **Holy Souls** will be offered during the month of November.

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Under the current government restrictions the **Parish Office** will remain closed to the public until Tuesday December 1st. You can continue to book masses or order Mass Cards by contacting Emer on 057-9122028.

**With these new restrictions Mass** will continue to be celebrated behind closed doors. It will take place each morning at 10.00 a.m. and at the weekend on Saturday night Vigil at 7.30 p.m. and Sunday morning at 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon. Unfortunately no Mass will be celebrated in Carrig Church or at 8.30 a.m. on Sunday. Mass intentions will continue to be prayed for as requested and intentions booked for Carrig and the 8.30 a.m. Mass will be included in the 10.30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### Mí na Samhna.

Mí na Samhna, mí na marbh, mí titim na nduilleog. I mí na Samhna, bí linn a Íosa. Ba é seo an chéad lá den bhliain i bhféilire na gCeilteach. Bhí an bhliain Cheilteach roinnte in dhá shéasúr, solas agus dorcadhas, Bealtaine agus Samhain. Ceiliúraimid Lá Fhéile na Naomh Uile inniu. Ceiliúradh bua atá inti go bhfuil ceann scríbe sroichte ag ár muintir go léir atá imithe romhainn. Déanaimid gairdeas leis na sluaite atá imithe ar neamh, roinnt mhaith díobh aitheanta ach a bhformhór nach bhfuil. Mar is eol dúinn ón chéad leabhar Apacailipsis "is iad an dream atá gafa tríd an duainéis mhór; nigh agus gheall siad a n-éide i bhfuil an Uain." (Apacailipsis 7:14). Chosain siad agus d'fhógair siad an soiscéal i rith a saoil. Tá siad i bhfochair Dé anois ag guí ar ár son.

**Naoimh Dé, tar i gcabhair orainn.**

**Naoimh Dé, bí linn i gcónaí.**

**Naoimh Dé, tabhair dúinn do ghrá. Áiméan.**

Tugtar Mí na Marbh ar mhí na Samhna freisin. Bíonn an Eaglais de shíor ag guí ar son na marbh. Tá an mhí áirithe seo ceaptha aici mar chuimhneacháin na bhFíréan uile atá marbh, ár ngaolta, ár gcomharsana, ár gcairde agus go mór, mór iad siúd nach bhfuil duine ar bith beo fágtha acu ar an saol seo chun guí ar a son. 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. Ba mhaith an rud dúinne gan scaoileadh leis an nós ársa seo. Is é seo an ghuí a chloistear go mion minic i bpaidreacha na hEaglaise.

**Suaimehneas síoraí tabhair dóibh a Thiarna agus go lonraí solas suthain orthu. Go bhfaighe anamacha na bhfíréan go léir trácaire ó Dhia agus cónaí faoi shuaimehneas. Áiméan**

### November

November, the month of the Holy Souls, month of falling of the leaves. Lord be with us during the month of November. This was the first day of the Celtic calendar. The Celtic year was divided into two seasons, light and darkness.

Today we celebrate the Feast of all Saints. It is a victorious celebration because those who have gone before us have reached their goal. We rejoice with them. Some are recognised saints, most are not. As we know from the first book of the Apocalypse "These are the people who came through the great testing, and their robes have been washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb" (Apocalypse 7: 14). They defended and proclaimed the gospel during their lives. They are now in the presence of God praying for us.

**Saints of God come to our aid.**

**Saints of God be with us always.**

**Saints of God grant us your love. Amen.**

November is called the Month of the Holy Souls. The Church constantly prays for those who have died. This month is devoted to remembering them. At his time of year, we especially remember and pray for our loved ones, our neighbours, our friends and those who have nobody left to pray for them. It is a traditional custom to visit a church and graveyard during the month, to pray for the dead. We ought to keep these customs and practise them. We hear this prayer at Mass to remember those souls gone before us.

**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace. Amen**

**Last Week's Donations - Many Thanks  
World Mission Sunday - €190.00  
Parish Donations - €2,105.00**