

BIRR PARISH

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Monday - Friday (including Wednesday)

9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Online Donations for October - €850.00

Last Week's Donations - Many Thanks
World Mission Sunday - €580.00
Parish Donations - €1,385

Remembered in Mass this Week

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 Sean & Mary Torpey
	12 noon	Eileen Hynes & daughter Geraldine Kathleen & Willie Hennessy Martin, Kathleen & Pat Hynes Campbell, Hynes & O'Brien families Alice Brady Margaret O'Connor
Mon 9th	10.00 a.m.	Michael Loughnane, Castletown, Fortal (MM)
Tues 10th	10.00 a.m.	Deceased Eucharistic Adorers Frank Tuohey, Drumbane Joe Feehan
Wed 11th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Souls
Thur 12th	10.00 a.m.	Fintan McManus Paddy & Sheila Slattery
Fri 13th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Souls
Sat 14th	7.30 p.m.	Gloria Hansbury, Syngesfield Tommy Doherty, Crinkill
Sun 15th	10.30 a.m.	Mary O'Callaghan John Murdon Des & Bridget Wilson Roy & Teresa Breen
	12 noon	Gilmartin & Ryan families Michael Purcell Connie Gormley & daughter Lucy



Please Pray for the Souls of

Kathleen Gallagher, Syngesfield,
Sinead O'Brien, Riveroaks, Riverstown,
Mary Walsh, Shinrone, mother of Tess
O'Rourke, McAuley Drive, Margaret Kelly,
McAuley Drive and the late Lizzy Kelly,
Enrico Perna, Italy and late of Connaught Street.

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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".

A Prayer of Remembrance

God, thank you for the special people in our lives whom we are remembering in a special way during the month of November.

We thank you for being a compassionate God who walks with us in the our dark moments of grief and loneliness.

We are thankful for all who continue to love and support us through our grief. Lord, continue to be a light for us, giving us hope, direction and courage.

May we now live our lives treasuring the memories of those special people we have known and loved and help us to bring light and hope to others.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Spiritual Communion - What is this?

The church has an ancient practice known as "Spiritual Communion." A Spiritual Communion is different from an actual or Sacramental Communion in which we receive the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. To make a Spiritual Communion is to make a "communion of desire" when receiving the Lord in Holy Communion is not possible. Pope Saint John Paul II was a great advocate of Spiritual Communion. He wrote in his encyclical Ecclesia de Eucharistia: "It is good to cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the Sacrament of Eucharist. The Church recommends making Spiritual Communion as often as possible." There are many prayers that can be used to make Spiritual Communion and to stir up a holy desire for that union with Jesus. The most famous prayer and the one we recite is by St. Alphonsus Liguori, founder of the Redemptorist Order.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot now 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.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Lá Fhéile Lorcán Naofa Uí Thuathail.

Ceiliúrtar Lá Fhéile Lorcán Naofa Uí Thuathail ar an 14 Samhna gach bliain. Rugadh é i gCaisleán Diarmada, i gCill Dara sa bhliain 1128. D'fhreastal sé ar scoil i nGleann Dá Loch. Buachaill cráifeach, staidéarach ab ea é. Rinneadh Ardeaspag ar Bhaile Átha Cliath é sa bhliain 1162 agus leath a chlú agus cáil mar naomh as ucht na bpionós a ghearradh sé air féin agus an grá a bhí aige do na boicht. Nuair a tháinig na Normannaigh go hÉirinn rinne sé gach iarracht ar chearta a thíre a chosaint. Bhí sé ar a shlí chun socrú síochána a dhéanamh le hAnraí 11 nuair a d'éirigh sé breoite sa Normainn agus fuair sé bás ann. Sa bhliain 1442 tógadh a chloigeann agus a chnámha go Sasana agus cuireadh i Chorley, Lancashire, iad, ach cailleadh iad in am Anraí VIII. Ní fhacthas ó shin iad. Is patrún e ar Bhaile Átha Cliath é.

Iarraimid air guí chun Dé a bheannacht a chur ar mhuintir na hÉireann agus ar mhuintir Bhaile Átha Cliath ach go háirithe. Naomh Lorcán guí ar ár son. Áiméan

Feast of St. Lawrence O'Toole

The Feast of St. Lawrence O'Toole is celebrated on the 14 November. He attended school in Glendalough. As a young boy he was religious and studious. He became Archbishop of Dublin in 1162 and his fame as a saint spread because of his self-penance and love of the poor. When the Normans came to Ireland, he made every effort to defend the rights of his country. He was on his way to make a peace settlement with Henry 11 when he became ill in Normandy and died there. In 1492 his head and bones were buried in Chorley, Lancashire, but were lost during the reign of Henry V 11. They have not been seen since. Saint Lawrence is the patron saint of Dublin.

We ask him to intercede for God's blessing on the people of Ireland and in particular for the people of Dublin. Saint Lawrence pray for us.

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 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.

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