

BIRR PARISH

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Advent Prayer

God of power and mercy,
open our hearts in welcome.
Remove the things that hinder us
from receiving Christ with joy,
so that we may share his wisdom
and become one with him
when he comes in glory,
for he lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Dates For Your Diary

A **Remembrance Mass** for residents of **Birr Community N.U** who have died in the past year (2020-2021) takes place in St. Brendan Church on Tuesday 30th November at 7.00 p.m.

Each Tuesday of Advent, after 10.00 a.m. Mass, there will be a short reflection held in the Conference Room. All are welcome.

Next Friday, 3rd December, is First Friday. Mass will be at 10.00 a.m. in St. Brendan's and 7.30 p.m. in Carrig. If any housebound parishioners or sick parishioner would like to receive the sacrament at home or have a visit from a priest of the parish, especially for First Friday, please contact the **Parish Office on 05791 22028** or **Priest Mobile Emergency No. 087 3515294**.

The excellent book entitled "**Graveyards and Churches of Carrig and Loughneen**" is now available to buy in the Parish Office at a cost of €15. It would make an excellent gift for a loved one at home or abroad. It is also available from SuperValu, Carrig Village Store, Loughneen Centra and Arrabawn Store

Society of St. Vincent de Paul annual collection takes place on December 4th and 5th. Your support is very much appreciated.

Christmas Mass Bouquets are now available from the Parish Office. €5 each.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 27th	7.30 p.m.	Gertie Spain (MM) Mahon & O'Meara families Tommy Doherty Joe Daly, Clonkelly Mary & James Fox, Hillside Eddie Coughlan Seamus Davis
Sun 28th	10.30 a.m.	Mary Kearns (1st Ann) Bobby Sheils Bernie Sheeran, William Street Anna Fagan & Gretta Feighery
	12 noon	Bridget "Bea" Irwin (1st Ann) & her husband John Agnes & Gerry O'Brien, Westgate Oliver Craughwell, Woodlands Park, his parents Martin & Agnes & sisters Mary & Veronica
Mon 29th	10.00 a.m.	John McCarthy & daughters Celine & Lorraine
Fri 3rd Carrig	7.30 p.m.	Matthew Gleeson, Lacka
Sat 4th	7.30 p.m.	Pauline & John Hoare, Crinkill John & Catherine Lally Christina & Eddie Brewer Paddy & Margaret Guilfoyle
Sun 5th	8.30 a.m.	Michael Maher & grand-daughter Amy Kelly Florence & William Cooke & son Teddy
	10.30 a.m.	Cronan Parkinson (MM) Mary, Paddy & John Quigley Chris & Seamus Kennedy Gerard Wynne Mossie & Gretta Grogan Kathleen & Leo Grogan
	12 noon	Seamus & Triona Loughneen & daughter-in-law Gail O'Donnell & Garvey families Eileen Ryan
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Byrne & Mullaney families Rynagh, Susan & Martin Byrne



Please Pray for the Souls of

Nancy Gaynor, Dublin,
sister of Helen Keogh, Burkes Hill

This Monday, 29th November, we celebrate the Feast of St. Brendan of Birr.

St. Brendan of Birr and Apostle of Ireland, God sent you to bring his message of love and service to our ancestors. We pray our parish through your intercession, will be a place of caring and compassion for all. May we be protected at this time of pandemic. Grant our parishioners suffering physical or mental illness God's consolation and healing. May our elderly experience peace and contentment.

St. Brendan bless our young people, give them a respect for God's for creation and to become the Christian leaders of the future. St. Brendan of Birr, pray for us now and forever. Amen.

Advent

This Sunday a new church year begins with the celebration of the **First Sunday of Advent** and it is a signal for us as Christians to begin our preparations to welcome Jesus, the Light of the World. *How will you mark Advent?*



The **Advent Wreath** is a circle of evergreens bearing four candles. The circle represents the cycle of time and is a symbol of perfection, of eternity and of fidelity. The evergreens represent hope in the cold, bare days of winter. The candles will be a symbol of the coming light of Christ, growing stronger as we light an extra candle each week.

THE SMALL BEATITUDES

Blessed are you if you can laugh at yourself
You will have no end of fun
Blessed are you
if you can tell a mountain from a molehill
You will be saved a lot of bother
Blessed are you if you know how to relax
without looking for excuses
You are on your way to becoming wise
Blessed are you if you are sane enough
not to take yourself too seriously
You will be valued by those around you
Happy are you if you can take small things
seriously and face serious things calmly
You will go far in life
Happy are you if you can appreciate a smile
and forget a frown
You will walk on the sunny side of life
Happy are you if you can be kind
in understanding the attitudes of others
even when the signs are unfavourable
You may be taken for a fool
but this is the price of CHARITY
Blessed are you if you think
before acting and pray before thinking
You will avoid many blunders
Happy are you if you know
how to hold your tongue
and smile even when people interrupt
and contradict you or tread on your toes
The Gospel has begun to seep into your heart
Blessed are you who recognise the Lord
in all whom you meet
The light of truth shines in your life
f or you have found
TRUE WISDOM

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An Aidbhint

Inniu an chéad Domhnach den Aidbhint agus tá bliain úr, nua na hEaglaise ag tosú agus ár naird dírithe ar chomhlíonadh phelean Dé nuair a thiocfaidh a ríocht.

Agus sinne Críostaithe ag feitheamh le Dia, ní le Dia anaithnid éigin, ach Dia dofheicthe a d'fhoilsigh é féin agus atá linn i gcónaí go deireadh an tsaoil i gCríost agus sa Spiorad Naomh. Is ionann feitheamh le Dia dúinn agus feitheamh le comhlíonadh ghealltanais Dé, teacht ríocht Dé, ríocht shíoraí gan teorainn, ríocht na fírinne agus na beatha, ríocht na naofachta agus an ghrásta, ríocht an chirt, an ghrá agus na síochána. Le linn na hAidbhinte ba chóir dúinn iarracht a dhéanamh chun bealach an Tiarna a réiteach agus cúl a thabhairt dár bpeacaí ionas go mbeimid in ann fáilte a chur roimhe nuair a thiocfaidh Sé. **Guimis:**

**A Dhia, a Athair uilechumhachtaigh,
impimid ort as ucht do thrócaire,
bí taobh linn i gcónaí
le cabhair an Spioraid Naoimh.
Go dtuga Féile tréimhse na hAidbhinte lúcháir,
sonas agus síocháin dúinn féin,
dár muintir agus don tír eile.
Sin é ár nguí chugat trí Chríost ár dTiarna.
Áiméan.**

Advent

Today is the first Sunday in Advent; the beginning of a new Liturgical Year. Our attention is focused on the fulfilment of God's plan for us when His kingdom will come.

At Christians we are waiting for God, not some unknown God but an invisible God who has revealed himself and is with us always to the end of time in Christ and the Holy Spirit. Waiting for God means waiting for the fulfilment of God's promise, the coming of God's kingdom an eternal kingdom of justice love and peace. During Advent we ought to follow the way of the Lord and repent of our sins so that we can welcome Jesus when He comes. We pray:

**Almighty God in your mercy,
be with us always with the help of the Holy Spirit.
May the season of Advent be a time of joy,
happiness, peace for each of us,
our people and the country.
We make our prayer through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.**

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