

## BIRR PARISH

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 Monday - Friday 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

### Clergy of Brendan Cluster

Fr. Tom Hogan—057-9121757  
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**Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Active Retirement Meeting** in Carrig Community Hall on Monday 23rd of May @ 7.30 p.m. **New Members Welcome**

### Offaly Pro - Life Quiz Night

A quiz night will take place on Wednesday May 25th at 8pm in Hough's pub, Banagher. A table of 4 people will cost 20 euro, i.e. 5euro per person. Please support this vitally important cause and you could win a great prize.

**Busy Bodies Summer Camp:** Takes place in Killeen National School, Killeen. Dates are **Week 1- 4th July, Week 2 - 11th July.** Lots of Activities, age 3 years to 10 years from 9.30 a.m. to 3pm please contact Ann for further information on 087 9625218.

**Grief Café** Tuesday 24th May 8.00 pm - 9.30pm  
 Birr Theatre & Arts Centre bringing an opportunity for people of all ages to come together and share their experiences of grief.

**MenPower:** Are you interested in expanding your horizons? Do you want to build your mental & physical health, set goals and develop a life plan? Then join us for the new MenPower Programme beginning June 1st, two days per week for 12 weeks. Participation on this programme is free and will not affect social welfare benefits. For more information please contact Aoife on 087-7385989 or via email akelly@offalydc.ie

**ALONE** are currently looking for befriending volunteers in your area. Support and Befriending is a supported one-to-one relationship between a volunteer and an older person who has been linked in with ALONE. The ALONE Support and Befriending service provides companionship and practical support to older people who would like extra social contact through a weekly volunteer visit. The Support and Befriending service is designed to reduce feelings of isolation and loneliness, provide assistance to solve everyday problems and enable older people to feel secure at home. Visit www.alone.ie for more details and to sign up. If you have concerns about your own wellbeing or you are an older person who would like to receive ALONE's Support & Befriending services, contact ALONE on 0818 222 024 from 8am - 8pm, seven days a week."

## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 21st	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sat 21st	7.30p.m.	Edward, Mary & Eddie Sherlock, Curraduff Chrissie O'Meara & her husband Paddy O'Meara, Burkes Hill Tommy, Con & Liz Kennedy Willie & Annie Smyth, Killeen William Smyth & Liam Morris Paddy Kirwan & his son Billy, Newbridge Street Michael Lally, Presentation Place Barbara Bracken, Whiteford
Sun 22nd	8.30 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sun 22nd	9.30 a.m.	First Holy Communion Carrig
Sun 22nd	10.30 a.m.	Martin & Katie Ryan, Crinkle
Sun 22nd	12 noon	<b>Joe Landy, 2 Westgate (1st Ann)</b> William Cooney, John's Mall Rosemary Mooney, Woodlands Park Sean & Frances Hogan Mary Murray, John Murray, Ballindarra & Fr. Henry Torpey, Carrig
Mon 23rd	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Tues 24th	10.00 a.m.	Peter Bruce, Whiteford
Wed 25th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Thurs 26th	10.00 a.m.	Kathleen Wright
Fri 27th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Fri 27th	8.00 p.m.	<b>Tony Fahey, Burkes Hill (MM)</b>
Sat 28th	10.00 a.m.	<b>Francis Kennedy, Newbridge Street (MM)</b>
Sat 28th	7.30 p.m.	Mikie Donoghue, Cappaneale William & Sarah O'Meara & Family Members, Cree Jimmy Kelly, Presentation Place Maureen Plunkett, High Street
Sun 29th	8.30 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sun 29th	9.30 a.m.	<b>Mark Smyth, Carrig (MM)</b>
Sun 29th	10.30 a.m.	Seamus, Jane & Martin Yates, Newbridge Street Vincent Sammon, John's Mall & his sister Dolores (Lola) Aitken
Sun 29th	12 noon	Private Intentions

### Please Pray for the Souls of

Michael Mooney, New Road & Formerly Dublin  
 Jacek Olejnik, Eden Court, Eden Road  
 David Egan, formerly Athlone, Tullamore & Birr, husband of Antoinette McMenamin, Birr,  
**(Memorial Mass Monday 30th May @ 3pm in St. Brendan's Church)**  
 Noel Cordial, Beaufort South Carolina, formerly 35 High Street  
 Rita Foster, formerly of Connaught Street Birr



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### Prayer to Ukraine

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for Compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for

### Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Annual Killaloe Diocesan to Knock will take place on Sunday 22nd May 2022. Concelebrated Mass will be lead by Bishop Fintan Monahan. Booking and further information please ring Bernie 05791-20482 or Maura 05791-20001. Bus Fare €20.00

### Lough Derg 3 day Pilgrimage

Monday July 11th to Wednesday July 14th  
 Bus from Emmett Square  
 Cost €150 (approx.) Names to Parish Office.

### New Readers' Rotas:

New Rotas are now available behind the altar. All readers are requested to collect the same. Many thanks to our Ministers of the Word, for their continued support.

### Eucharistic Ministers

New Rotas are now available behind the altar. Many thanks to our Eucharistic Ministers for their continued support.

**The May Priests Collection will be taken up at all masses this weekend. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity to this collection.**

### The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

### Birr Parish Finance

We thank parishioners who have continued to make donations to St. Brendan's Parish. Donations can be made to the parish in a number of ways:

1. Parish Envelopes (Cash or Cheque)  
 Donations can be given at weekend Masses or placed in the locked green box in St. Brendan's church beside the candelabra. 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.
4. SUM UP card machine available at the main entrance.

Parish Donations during the month of April was €10,305.00. We are very grateful for your continued support.

## An Séú Domhnach den Cháisc

Tráth sé seachtaine idir Aiséirí Chríost agus Féile na Deascabhála is ea Tréimhse na Cásca. Le linn na Cásca ceiliúraimid an Tiarna aiséirithe go háirithe san Aifreann. Tá seans againn machnamh a dhéanamh ar theachtaireacht Chríost Aiséirithe. Ullmhaíonn an Soiscéal inniu do na féilte Deascabháil ár dTiarna agus teacht an Spiorad Naomh ar na hAspail Domhnach Cincíse. *"Tá an méid sin inste agam daoibh, fad a bhí mé ag fanacht agaibh, ach an Cabhróir, an Spiorad Naomh, a chuirfidh an tAthair uaim i m'ainmse, múinfidh seisean an uile ní daoibh..."* Eoin 14: 25-26. Bhí a fhios ag Íosa go raibh an-eagla ar na deisceabail agus iad ag tabhairt faoin todhchaí agus gan É a bheith leo. Tá cabhair an Spioraid Naomh geallta dúinne chomh maith chun ár gcreideamh, ár ndóchas agus ár ngrá a neartú agus a choimeád beo. Tá an Spiorad Naomh linn go pearsanta inár mBaiste agus inár gCóineartú. Nílimid tréigthe ag Dia. Tá sé linn agus beidh sé linn i gcónaí. Trína chumhacht is féidir linn bheith inár n-eiseamláirí dóchais, grá, sóláis, agus maithiúnas os comhair an tsaoil. ***Guimis go raibh Críostaithe mar lóchrainn solais de ghrá Dé sa saol mór. Áiméan.***

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Easter is a period of six weeks between the Feast of the Resurrection and Ascension Day. During the season of Easter we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus especially in the Mass. We have had time to reflect on the message of the Risen Jesus. Today's Gospel promises that after the Ascension the Holy Spirit will descend on the Apostles at Pentecost. *"I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything..."* John 14: 25-26. He knew that the Apostles were afraid as they faced the future without Him. We also are promised the help of the Holy Spirit to keep alive our spirit of faith hope and love. He is with us personally in our Baptism and Confirmation. We are not forsaken by God as He is with us always. Through His power we must be signs of hope, love, consolation and forgiveness in the world.

***Let us pray that Christians will always be a guiding light showing God's love in the world. Amen***