

## BIRR PARISH

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### Church Lighting

Work has begun this week on renewal of the church lights in St. Brendan's. The present system had become obsolete and is being replaced with energy efficient LED lights. We hope it will give great benefits as we enter the Winter months.

### Pilgrimage to Lough Derg

**12th/13th September** - it includes Holy Mass in Knock on Monday the 12th an overnight stay in The Great Northern Hotel Bundoran with dinner, bed & breakfast included. On Tuesday we travel to Lough Derg for a retreat from 10am - 4pm. On our return journey we have an evening meal in Gleeson's Roscommon. The bus will service Birr & Roscrea. Total cost is €190.00 per person sharing. In order to secure your place a deposit of €100 is required by the 1st September which can be left into the parish office. For more information please contact Bridget 086-6792754.

### Lourdes Autumn Pilgrimages

**September 22nd to 27th**  
Franciscan Pilgrimage  
**October 2nd to 7th Diocesan**  
Autumn Pilgrimage  
Both pilgrimages direct from Shannon Airport. Details and booking from joewalstours.ie Tel: 01-2410800

**Meals on Wheels** – Offaly Healthy Homes Project are offering a Meals on Wheels service. Delicious and nutritious meals prepared and delivered every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for a cost of €6 per dinner and dessert. These meals can be tailored to suit your needs. For more information please contact Claire on 087 9799 663.

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## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 20th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sat 20th	7.30 p.m.	Vincent & Mary Cordial, Newbridge St
Sun 21st	8.30 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sun 21st	9.30 a.m.	<b>Pat Cleary, Clonfinane, Carrig (MM)</b> Carrig
Sun 21st	10.30a.m.	Patrick Donoghue, Ballymun, Dublin
Sun 21st	12 noon	Private Intentions
Mon 22nd	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Tues 23rd	10.00 a.m.	Nora Dooley & Family members, Connaught Street
Wed 24th	10.00am	John & Bridget Delaney John & Kathleen Walsh Peter McGrath, Presentation Place
Thurs 25th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Fri 26th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sat 27th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sat 27th	7.30 p.m.	<b>John Guinan, Newbridge Street (MM)</b> Cella Errity and deceased members of the Errity, McGuinness & Mahon Families Bina & Jack Walsh & Grandson Eoin Eastwood Eamon & Rose Gunning, Green St. John Mann, New Road
Sun 28th	8.30 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sun 28th	9.30 a.m.	Noel Houlihan, Faddenmore Carrig
Sun 28th	10.30 a.m.	Jacqueline Quealy, Hillside
Sun 28th	12 noon	<b>Liz Dwane, Eden Road (MM)</b> William & Catherine Delaney & Son Billy, Mile Tree Michelle Bonner

### Please Pray for the Souls of

Paul Lynch, Birr and formerly of Acraboy,  
Monard, Tipperary  
Fiona Guinan, Whiteford, Birr



### Eucharistic Ministers & Ministers of the Word

**If you are interested in becoming a Minister of the Eucharist or a Minister of the Word please contact the parish office on 05791-22028. Thank you.**

## A Psalm of Partnership in Ministry

We are partners in the search  
for the mystery of Life.  
Partners in the mystery of healing,  
Partners in the way of the cross.  
We are partners in the ministry of service,  
Partners in the ministry of justice and peace,  
Partners in the liturgy and life.  
Partners in healing and hope.  
Ours is the gift of good company  
On days when there's nobody else  
there beside us.  
Ours is the gift of affirming the ways  
Of God who is working within us.  
Blessed is the partnership  
rooted in love that spills over.  
Spreads over, covers over  
Everything negative and uninspiring.  
Blessed is the fellowship shared  
with our circle of friends and fellow Christians.  
God of relationship, bless this circle,  
strengthen this circle, deepen our work together.  
Let it be a symbol of Your presence  
and a sign of Your ways.  
God of companionship,  
may we be supportive, may we be effective.  
Bringing to life all the best in each other,  
So that we may help others  
to recognise their value and worth.  
Thank you, O God, for the gift  
and grace of partnership in the mystery of living

### The Good Morning God Prayer

Good Morning God!  
You are ushering in another day,  
untouched and freshly new.  
So here I am to ask you, God,  
if You'll renew me too.

Forgive the many errors  
that I made yesterday  
and let me try again dear God  
to walk closer in Your way.

But Lord, I am well aware,  
I can't make it on my own.  
So take my hand and hold it tight,  
for I cannot walk alone. Amen

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### Beannachtaí

Tá go leor beannachtaí le fáil sa Ghaeilge. Sa traidisiún bhí paidir ann do gach ócáid agus do gach gné den saol. Seo paidir ar fheiceáil na gréine: A Dhia a chruthaigh an ghrian, is tú grian m'anama agus is geal liom do shoilseacht. Gráim thú, a Sholais shíoraí. Tabhair dom radharc ort i soilseacht do ghlóire. Paidir do mhí Lúnasa: A Mhaighdean ghlórmhar, mhómhar, mhaiseach; Is tú mo lón, mo stór is mo thaisce; Is tú mo réalta eolais ag dul romham sa bhealach; Is i ngleann seo na ndeor, go mba tú mo charad. Tá Seachtain na hOidhreachta fós ar siúl. Tá sé ríthábhachtach ár n-oidhreacht a chosaint agus a chaomhnú do na glúine atá le teacht. Go gcuire Dia rath agus bláth orainn agus ar ár n-oidhreacht agus go sábhála sé sin ar gach uile urchóid amuigh agus istigh. Áiméan.

### Blessings

There are many blessings in Irish tradition. There are prayers for every occasion and every aspect of life. This is a prayer on seeing the sun. God, who created the sun, you are the light of my being, your splendour the joy of my heart, I love you, eternal Light; give me the blessing of seeing your glory, in eternal life. Prayer for the month of August: O glorious gentle, beautiful Virgin. You are my sustenance, my abundance, my treasure. You are my guiding light leading me on my way. In this valley of tears may you be my friend. Heritage Week continues. It is of the utmost importance to protect and conserve all aspects of our heritage for the generations who will follow us. May God bestow gift and bounty on us and on our heritage and may he save us from every danger both within and without. Amen