

BIRR PARISH

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Ukraine Family of three, Mother & 2 children looking to rent apartment or house in Birr. Please contact Gene on 087-2057002

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.

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Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 27th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sat 27th	7.30 p.m.	John Guinan, Newbridge Street (MM) 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	10.30a.m.	Jacqueline Quealy, Hillside
Sun 28th	12 noon	Liz Dwane, Eden Road (MM) William & Catherine Delaney & Son Billy, Mile Tree Michelle Bonner
Mon 29th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Tues 30th	10.00 a.m.	Sarah Lyons, Bulfin Park John Lyons, Newbridge Street
Wed 31st	10.00am	Bridget O' Meara
Thurs 1st	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Fri 2nd	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sat 3rd	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sat 3rd	7.30 p.m.	Alice Higgins, High Street Michael & Teresa Milne & Son's Michael & Raymond, Crinkill William & Margaret Murdock, High Street
Sun 4th	8.30 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sun 4th	9.30 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sun 4th	10.30 a.m.	Ray Nolan, Ely Place
Sun 4th	12 noon	Denis Doran, Grove Street (MM) Mary Morris, Newbridge Street (1st Ann) Marie Burke, Hillside

Please Pray for the Souls of

Edward A Ryan, Dublin, brother of Bernie Bulger. Crinkill



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.

First Day of School

I wonder what you're doing now
And if everyone is treating you kind,
I hope there is a special person,
A nice friend that you can find.
I wonder if the teacher knows
How special you are to me
And if the brightness of your heart
Is something the teacher can see?
I wonder if you think of me
And if you need a hug.
I already miss the sound of your voice
And when you give my leg a tug.
I wonder if you understand
My joy at seeing you grow,
And on this day, know my heart breaks. As out in
the world, I'm letting you go!



Schools re-open this week. Good luck to all students in our parish schools as they return this week! We wish every blessing on children beginning school for the very first time.

We wish all Leaving Certificate students every best wish as the results are made known this week. We wish them every blessing as they embark on the next stage of their lives.

**Remember
your exam results do not
define you as a person
and /or predict your future.**

Laura Henr

Staying Connected @ Offaly Libraries.

This six-week LOETB computer course will help you get familiar with your smartphone, computer or tablet, learn about general online services and find out all about our Digital Library, including online books, magazines and classes. Bring your own device if possible!

This course is open to anyone, and will take place in Birr Library commencing mid-September. Please contact Birr Library to book a place. Spaces are limited and early booking is recommended. BirrLibrary@offalycoco.ie / 057 9346832

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Dá fhad é an lá tagann an oíche.

Ní bhíonn in aon rud ach seal de réir an tseanfhocail. An t-am agus an taoide ní fhanann siad le haon duine. Tá deireadh leis na laethanta saoire agus ag an am seo den bhliain smaoinimid ar dhaltáí scoile, ar mhic léann, ar mhúinteoirí agus iad siúd uile atá bainteach le hoideachas. Is mór an dúshlán atá ann do theagascóirí agus iad ag tabhairt faoi féinmhuinín, fiosracht, díoghras, cruthaitheacht agus samhlaíocht, a chothú sna haosánaigh faoina gcúram. Ní hualach do dhuine an léann agus guímid gach rath ar a saothar sa bhliain atá amach rompu. Guímis chuig ár dTiarna Íosa Críost agus iarraimis air a bheith dár dteagasc agus dár seoladh gach bóthar chun ár leasa, inniu agus i gcónaí. Is fiú machnamh ar a raibh le rá ag an bhfí sí Naomh Hildegard: A Spiorad Naoimh, A bheonn gach rud beo, A ghluaiseann gach créatúir, A bhunaíonn an uile dhúil, Á nglanadh go glinn gléineach, Ag cealú a ndearmad, Ag cneasú a gcréachta, Is tú an fhí-orbheatha againn, Ionrach, iontach Ag múscailt an chroí óna chodladh cianaosta. Áiméan. (Hildegard de Bingen)

However long the day, night comes.

Nothing lasts forever according to the proverb. Time and tide wait for no man. The holidays have come to an end and at this time of year we think of schoolchildren, students, teachers and all who are associated with education. The challenges facing educators are very great as they endeavour to instil in the youth under their care, self confidence, curiosity, stability, zeal, creativity and imagination. Learning is no burden and we wish them all the best of luck as the school year begins. Lord Jesus Christ, we beseech you to teach us and guide us on the right course today and at all times. Let us reflect on what the visionary St Hildegard says: Holy Spirit, who gives life to every living being, who animates all creatures, who is origin of all creation, who frees them from impurities, blotting out their omissions, healing their wounds. You are our true life, luminous, wonderful, awakening the heart from its ancient sleep. Amen