BIRR PARISH

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Parish Office Opening Hours

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

Clergy of Brendan Cluster Fr. Tom Hogan—057-9121757 Fr. Antony Sajeesh - 057-9121757 Fr. Kieran Blake, Kilcolman - 057-9120812 Fr. Michael O'Meara, Kinnitty - 057-9137021

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - Wednesday 21st @ 8pm in the church.

The Synodal Times is now available from our parish office or Church porch.

Learn to play Bridge - Keep Mentally Fit and have fun for further details please contact 086-8363566 or 087-7858409

St. Brendan's Reader's. New rotas are now available behind the altar for collection.

BIRR YOUNG VOICES

For all boys and girls age 8-12 years (2nd-6th class) who like to sing!

A new season begins for this multi-cultural choral project, welcoming children from all over the region, past and new members. Thursdays 4.00-5.15 beginning 22nd September. FREE to all. Further Information at Birr Library, Birr Theatre & Arts Centre, at

www.birrfestivalofmusic.com and 087 2836675.

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland are delighted to announce that Alzheimer's Memory Walk 2022 is taking place nationwide on Sunday, 18th September It's a family-friendly event suitable for all ages and abilities. We hope that 3,000 walkers across Ireland will help us raise €250,000 for vital services that help to support so many people with dementia and their family carers across Ireland. Please visit memorywalk@alzheimer.ie to register for your fundraising pack today.

Passing by Birr Theatre & Arts Centre?
Do pop in and witness the Press Photography
Association of Ireland Exhibition. Top press
and award winning photo's including the work
of winner for 2 years, James Crombie. Deirdre
O'Kanes: Demented (Thurs 22 Sept) and Julie
Jay: Oops This is Toxic (Thurs 29 Sept) plus
Conal Gallen – Knot Again (Fri 30 Sept)

w.birrtheatre.com 05791 22911.

Sponsored by Anonymous

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 17th	10.00 a.m.	Mass of hope for those bereaved through Suicide (Midland Living Links) O'Sullivan Family, Emmett Street
Sat 17th	7.30 p.m.	Paul Lynch, Westgate (MM) Tom Pardy
Sun 18th	8.30 a.m.	James & Bridget Flynn George Flynn & Family Michael Hansbury Senior, Bulfin Park
Sun 18th Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Tim Carey, Barncourt Riverstown Nora, Paul & Paudge Quinn, Carrig and all deceased family members
Sun 18th	10.30a.m.	Fiona Guinan, Whiteford (MM) Hayden's & Leakes Family Raymond & Maud Hoare and their son Brendan and his wife Viv
Sun 18th	12 noon	Brian Guidera Patrick O'Gorman & Deceased family members Anne & Patrick Murray, Lisheen
Mon 19th	10.00 a.m.	Rita & Eamonn O'Meara, Main St & Ballyloughnane Neels & Dirkje Hoek of Pretoria South Africa
Tues 20th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Wed 21st	10.00am	Camillus Butler, High Street
Thur 22nd	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Fri 23rd	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sat 24th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sat 24th	7.30 p.m.	Eamon Pardy, Ashbrook Drive Bernadette & Brendan Corboy, Boherdeel Crinkill Irene O'Leary, High Street
Sun 25th	8.30 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sun 25th Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Nell Doorley, Loughkeen James Hoctor
Sun 25th	10.30 a.m.	Margaret Merritt, Eliza Lodge (1st Ann) & deceased members of the O'Doherty & Merritt families Patrick O'Meara
Sun 25th	12 noon	Rachel Spain, Corr Na Meala Eileen & Mick O'Regan & deceased members of the Shortt family Philomena McNamara, Elm Grove Michael Bowes, Connaught Street

Please Pray for the Souls of

John Rice, England formerly Lougheen, Carrig



When you're surfing and there's a big wave coming your way, you can either catch and ride it or be overwhelmed by it. Rise above your problems and ride them to victory rather than letting them drown you.

Birr Review

The Birr Review Committee are hard at work putting this year's Birr Review together and are looking for contributions from the people of Birr to this much loved annual publication. We would like to include photographs of people from the parish who have passed away since 1 November 2021 along with couples who have been married and those who have celebrated their 20th, 30th, 40th, 50th or 60th Wedding Anniversaries since 1 November 2021. Please send all pictures and accompanying details to: birrreview@gmail.com.

To Celebrate Positive Aging Week
Birr Library will host a Coffee Morning on
Thursday 29th September.
All are welcome.

The Season of Creation 2022 begins from 1st September to 4th October

The Season of Creation has a special significance in the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) to celebrate the joy of creation and encourage awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

Birr Parish Finance

We thank parishioners who have continued to make donations to St. Brendan's Parish.

Parish Donations during the month of August was €7,908.00

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.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An Cúigiú Domhnach is Fiche Saor

Duine d'Aspal Íosa ab ea Naomh Matha (Maitiú) agus ceiliúrtar a lá Fhéile ar 21 Meán Fómhair. Bailitheoir cánach ab ea é. B'aisteach gur roghnaigh Íosa bailitheoir cánach, dream a bhí androchmheas orthu i measc na Giúdaigh, mar dhuine den dáréag le bheith ina Aspal. D'fhógair Íosa an uair sin "ní hiad na fíréin a tháinig d'fhonn a nglaoite ach na peacaigh chun aithrí" (Matha 9:13). Ba chara Íosa do lucht bailitheora cánach agus do pheacaithe. Scríobh sé a Shoiscéal dá mhuintir féin na Giúdaigh chun a chruthú dóibh gurbh é Íosa as Nasaireit an Messiah ar labhair na Fáithe faoi sa Sean — Tiomna. D'fhulaing Naomh Matha géarleanúint agus anbhás go háthasach ar son Íosa.

Ceiliúrfar Lá Fhéile Muire na Trócaire ar 24 Meán Fómhair. Lá mór comóraidh is ea é do Shiúracha na Trócaire in Éirinn agus ar fud an domhain. Guímis ar a son agus iad ag saothrú agus moladh Dé lá i ndiaidh lae. Guímis chomh maith ar son a gcomhpháirtithe agus aon duine a bhí bainteach riamh leo. Go raibh an neart, an t-eolas agus an grásta ó Dhia acu iad siúd atá faoina gcúram a threorú mar is ceart agus is cóir. Áiméan

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The feast of St. Matthew the Apostle is celebrated on 21 September. Matthew was a tax collector. It was strange that Jesus chose a tax collector a group despised by the Jews, as one of His apostles. Jesus declared "I have come to call, not the self-righteous but sinners." (Matthew 9:13). Jesus was a friend of tax collectors and of sinners. Matthew wrote his Gospel for his own people, the Jews, to prove to them that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah spoken of by the Old Testament prophets. He suffered and a violent death joyfully in honour of Jesus.

The Feast of Our Lady of Mercy is celebrated on 24 September. Sisters of Mercy in Ireland and throughout the world will celebrate the feast. We ask for God's blessing on the Sisters of Mercy and on their associates and colleagues as they praise God and labour in His name each day. May they have the strength, knowledge and grace from God to direct those in their care in the ways of justice and right. Amen