

BIRR PARISH

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Next weekend October 16th Bishop Fintan Monahan will make a pastoral visit to the parish celebrating 10.30 & 12noon masses.

Altar Servers: If you are in third class and upwards including secondary school and you are interested in becoming an altar server please contact the parish office 05791-22028.

Training session October 14th @ 7.30 p.m. in St. Brendan's Church.

We will be resuming the offertory collection next Sunday. Our thanks for your continued generosity.

Crochet Classes for Beginners & Advanced has commenced on Tuesday's from 7 to 9pm in the Conference Room at rear of the church. Please contact Jacinta on 0876480987 for further details.

Patrick Feeney & his band - Live at St. Brendan's Church, Birr @ 8pm Friday 9th December 2022. Tickets available from Parish office @ €25p.p. All proceeds go to St Brendan's Church & Offaly Hospice Foundation.

Reeling In The Hurling Years

Spend a night in the company of hurling legends like Anthony Daly, Eddie Brennan, Brendan Maher and Dan Shanahan as Birr GAA Club presents 'Reeling in the Hurling Years' on Thursday, October 13 in the County Arms Hotel (throw-in at 7.30pm). MC'd by RTÉ's Darragh Maloney and with racing legend Barry Geraghty and Gaelic Football icon Mickey Harte also present on the night, it promises to be a great night with all funds raised going towards important development work in St Brendan's Park. Tickets (€20 each) are on sale through Eventbrite.

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Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 8th	10.00 a.m.	Conway Family
Sat 8th	7.30 p.m.	Christy & Mary McLoughlin Dan & Maisie Finnerty, Crinkill Margaret Doyle, Croghan Road and for all the deceased Monghan Family
Sun 9th	8.30 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sun 9th	9.30 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sun 9th	10.30a.m.	Gerry Donoghue, Brendan's Villas (1st Ann) Patrick Fitzgerald, Hillside
Sun 9th	12 noon	Michael Loughnane & Mary, Castletown Joe Kerins, The Crescent and his Parents Florence & Helen & his sister Leone & his brother in law John
Mon 10th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Tues 11th	10.00 a.m.	Jimmy Kiely, Freagh, Birr Road (1st Ann) Deceased Eucharistic Adorers
Wed 12th	10.00am	Bernadette McCarthy & her husband Jackie & Lily Campbell High Street
Thur 13th	10.00 a.m.	Betty Haugh, Woodlands Drive (1st Ann)
Fri 14th	10.00 a.m.	Bill Tierney
Sat 15th	10.00 a.m.	Bernadette Kirwan, Ballindarra (MM) Patricia O'Callaghan, Moorpark Street
Sat 15th	7.30 p.m.	Tom & Christine Brereton, Clonoghill Daniel Milne, Crinkill Michael, Margaret & John Molloy, Birr Elsie Pardy
Sun 16th	8.30 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sun 16th	9.30 a.m.	Ita Clarke, Ballygar (1st Ann)
Sun 16th	10.30 a.m.	Agatha Cooney, John's Mall (MM) Maura Kane, The Terrace, Crinkill
Sun 16th	12 noon	James & Annie Kearns Pauline Wilson, Newbridge Street

Please Pray for the Souls of

Maura Girvin, Bulfin Park, Birr
Tim Houlihan, Borrisokane, uncle of
Ken Hogan, Killeen
Breda Hoey, Camcor Birr Nursing Unit & Tullamore
Mary Glennon (Nee) O'Reilly, Tullamore late of Moorpark Street



Birr Theatre & Arts Centre is knee deep in Festival preps at the moment for OFFline Film Festival 12-16 Oct (offlinefilmfestival.com) and Hullabaloo! Children's Arts Festival on the way 2-5 Nov. Dolly & Mick Fri 14 Oct, 8pm a funny and engaging story with a poignant denouement and several live songs. Film@BirrTheatre recommences with An Cailín Ciúin Thursday 13 Oct, 8pm. www.birrtheatre.com

Sacramental Dates

The following dates have been earmarked for our parish celebrations of
First Holy Communion and Confirmation
Please keep all the children
in your prayers as they
prepare for the next milestone in their
faith journey.

Date and times for Holy Communion are as follows:

Saturday 6th May, 2023 @ 11am - Mercy P.S/ St. Brendan's PS & Parish Preparation
Saturday 13th May, 2023 @ 11am - Crinkill N.S & Killeen N.S
Sunday 21st May, 2023 @ 9.30am - Carrig N.S.

Date and times for Confirmation are as follows:

Saturday 20th May, 2023 @ 11am - Mercy P.S/ St. Brendan's PS & Carrig N.S
20th May, 2023 @ 2pm - Crinkill N.S/Killeen N.S & Parish Preparation

Harvest Thanksgiving

This weekend, **8th & 9th October** we celebrate the **Harvest**. We acknowledge Mary Larkin who has created the **Sacred Space** and the O'Meara family, Fortal who supplied the vegetables. Many thanks.



*Lord, thank you for the flowers and thank you for the trees
Thank you for my special friends and all the fun
they bring Thank you for the food I eat and thank you for
my drink But most of all I thank you for the way you love
me*

Comhghairdeas-Congratulations

Congratulations to Crinkill GAA club on their great win over St. Rynagh's in the Junior B Hurling final on Sunday last. We are delighted for the parents and families of these young men.

Carrig Choir welcomes all new members and if you or if you know someone who is interested in joining our choir please contact:
Carmel Campbell 086-1286728

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Láithreacht Dé

Bheith i Láithreacht Dé modh maireachtála ár sinsir. Bí sé seo bunaithe ar an gcreideamh go bhfuil Dia de shíor gar dúinn, ag tabhairt aire dúinn agus go bhfuil suim aige ionainn. Tá a fhios againn go léir gur féidir linn labhairt ó chroí le Dia gach nóiméad den lá pé obair atá idir lámha againn. Is féidir linn gach tráth den lá a naomhú le hurnaí agus gach gníomh a ofráil do Dhia.

Déanamid é seo in Ofráil na Maidine agus go minic i rith an lae. Is é sin an nós a bhíodh ag ár muintir. Paidreacha simplí, gonta nach dtógann ár n-aird as óna a bhfuil ar siúl againn ach a n-ardaíonn an croí chun Dé chun cairdeas a chothú Leis a bhíonn i gceist de ghnáth. Is iad seo a leanas cúpla sampla de phaidreacha a tháinig anuas chugainn sa bhéaloideas. Ar eagla na habhann bheith domhain, glac mo lámh, Ar eagla na tuile a bheith tréan, a Mhuire féach is ná fág. Áiméan.

A Thiarna mhilis, céad míle fáilte, A Mhic Mhuire gráim tú, Cé hé mise ar chóir teacht chugat?

A Rí Neimhe, déan cúinne beag dom. Áiméan.

Paidir ag cur tús le hobair ar bith. Iarraimid Ort, a Thiarna, d'anáil naofa a chur fúinn chun sinn a stiúradh inár ngníomhartha agus neart do ghrásta a bhronnadh orainn chun iad a thabhairt chun críche, ionas gur uaitse a thosófar ár n-uile bhriathar agus ár n-uile ghníomh feasta, agus gur tríot a chríochnófar iad; trí Chríost ár dTiarna. Áiméan.

The Presence of God

The Presence of God was the principal characteristic in the lives of our ancestors. This was based on the belief that God is always near, looking after and interested in us. We know that we can communicate at all times during the day no matter what we are doing. We can pray at every moment of the day and offer all our actions to God as we do when we say the Morning Offering and often during the day no matter what the task is in hands. This was the custom of our ancestors. They said short simple prayers which do not distract from the task in hand but raise the heart to God in love. These are a few examples which have come to us from folklore. **Lord hold my hand when I flounder in deep waters.**

Virgin Mary stay with me when troubles abound.

**A hundred thousand welcomes sweet Lord,
Son of Mary I love you, in your mercy come to me,
King of Heaven, let me make my home with you.**

Prayer said at the beginning of work.

Direct we beseech you, O Lord all our actions by your holy inspirations and carry them by your gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may begin always with you and through thee be happily ended, through Christ Our Lord. Amen