

## BIRR PARISH

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

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**Birr Folk Choir** - Invite new members to join us at 10.30am Mass on Sundays. Musicians and singers, all are welcome. Contact Catriona through the Birr Folk Choir Facebook page.

**Film@BirrTheatre** returns every Thursday Night at 8pm with titles until Christmas! All welcome, all titles and trailers - www.birrtheatre.com

**Host Families** wanted for international school students for various programmes February, April, July and August, as well as next school year. Rate €26 per student per night. For more information text/whatsapp Nessa on 0879378856.

**Seeking Accommodation** - A Mother of 3 children is looking for a two or three bedroom house or apartment to rent in Birr town. Has been approved for Hap rent. Please contact 086-0687733

Are you caring for a family member who has dementia? If so, **The Alzheimer Society** of Ireland is running a short course soon in **Birr Day Care Centre, John's Terrace, Birr**. Topics include – Understanding Dementia, Communication, Personal Care, Safety in the Home, Changes in Behaviour, the Caring Role. For more information and an application form, please email: familycarertraining@alzheimer.ie or phone 1800 341 341. The course runs for one evening per week, 7-9.30pm, for six weeks starting on Wed 9th Nov until Wed 14th Dec inclusive. Please note this course is only available to family carers.

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## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 22nd	10.00 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sat 22nd	7.30 p.m.	<b>Anita Burrow (nee) Lally, London &amp; Eden Road (MM)</b> Roseceline Delaney, Fred Delaney & Sheila O'Dwyer Tom Nolan & Family members, Connaught Street
Sun 23rd	8.30 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sun 23rd	9.30 a.m.	Private Intentions
Sun 23rd	10.30 a.m.	Oisin Watkins Carroll Albert & Mary-Kate Watkins Kathleen & Richard Grant Patrick Nevin Imelda King, Clonbrone
Sun 23rd	12 noon	<b>Gertie Spain (1st Ann)</b> & her husband Matt Spain, Church Street Raymond Murray, Ballindarra
Mon 24th	10.00am	Bridget Harte, Moorpark Street
Tues 25th	10.00am	Paddy Kearns, Fortal
Wed 26th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thurs 27th	10.00am	William Smyth, Connaught Street Kieran & Elizabeth Bannon, Clonoghill Kitty Fox, Eglisk James Sullivan, New York
Fri 28th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 29th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 29th	7.30pm	<b>Chrissie Spain, Church Street (MM)</b> <b>Laura Smith, Seffin House (MM)</b> Teresa & Patrick Coughlan & Son William Coughlan, Fairview Kathleen & Joe Gallagher
Sun 30th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 30th	9.30am	Maureen Hoare & deceased members of the Hoare & O'Brien Family Sinead O'Brien, Riverstown Patrick & Maureen O'Brien, Tinnakelly
Sun 30th	10.30am	Tommy Hutchinson, High Street & Companions Christy & Teresa Parkinson, Roscrea Road
Sun 30th	12 noon	<b>Frank Donnelly, Mill Street (1st Ann)</b> Peter Parady, Killeen Julia Nugent, Green Street

## Please Pray for the Souls of

Patti Donellan, Portlaoise, Sister of  
 Michael Deane, Killeen  
 Philip Manzor, Dublin & Castlegregory, Kerry  
 Brother of George Manzor, Syngfield  
 Fr. Leo Long, Scariff, cousin of Tony Hogan, Hillside



## Sacramental Masses

We welcome the children from **Mercy P.S.** who will be participating in 7.30pm Mass, and **Crinkill N.S.** who will be participating in 10.30am Mass



## 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.**

**Congratulations to Birr Senior Camogie on their success in the County Final winning the RJ Barber Cup. Great credit to the ladies, their mentors and management team.**



**This weekend is Mission Sunday and the annual collection for the work of missions is taken up at all masses. The theme for this year is "You will be my Witness"**

*"God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between people.*

*He has not created me for nothing. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in worry, my worry may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about."*

(John Henry Newman)

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### An Tríochadú Domhnach Saor

I léachtaí agus soiscéal an lae inniu cuirtear I gcuimhne dúinn go bhfuil Dia lán de thrócaire dúinn. "...éistfidh sé le hachainí an té a ndearnadh éagóir air" Inniu Domhnach Domhanda na Misean. Ón bhliain 1926 ar aghaidh tá an Eaglais ag comóradh agus ag cuimhneamh ar a misean uilíoch. Is lá ar leith é atá eagraithe ag Craobhscaoileadh an Chreidimh chun deis a thabhairt do Chaitlicigh ar fud an domhain iad féin a ath-thiomnú d'obair mhisinéireachta na hEaglaise trí ghuí agus trí ghníomh. Déantar an ceiliúradh seo ar an lá céanna i ngach paróiste ar fud an domhain. Nuair a baisteadh sinn tugadh misean dúinn maireachtáil mar dhaoine de chlann an tsolais agus mar thoradh ar sin tá dualgas orainn solas Chríost a chraobhscaoileadh go himill chríocha na cruinne. Ar an lá speisialta seo tugtar deis dúinn athnuachan a dhéanamh ar an misean a thug Dia dúinn agus cabhrú le Misean na hEaglaise lenár n-urnaithe agus ár n-íobairtí chomh maith le hairgead a chur ar fáil dár misinéirí.

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today is World Mission Sunday. Since 1926, the Church has celebrated and remembered its universal mission. It is a special day set aside by Propagation of the Faith so that Catholics worldwide can rededicate themselves to the missionary work of the Church by prayer and action. Every parish in the world celebrates this day on the same date. When we were baptised we were given the mission to live as members of the family of light and as a result we have an obligation to spread the light of Christ to the whole world. On this special day we get the opportunity to renew our commitment to the mission given to us by God and to assist the mission of the Church by our prayers and sacrifices as well as providing financial help for missionaries.