

BIRR PARISH

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First Friday Mass - Carrig @ 7.30pm Friday 4th November

Birr Camogie Success - Following on from the great success of the Birr Camogie players, we look forward to welcoming all the young people, and ladies from the Birr Camogie teams this Sunday the 30th to celebrate in our 10.30 a.m. Mass.

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.

Offaly Dementia Cafe is presented by the Alzheimer Society of Ireland on the first Monday of each month in the Bridge House Hotel at 10:30am. The next meeting will be held on November 7th with guest speaker Geraldine Jolly from SAGE Advocacy. Please contact Claire Dolan on 0877151323.

Affordable Live-in Homecare provides live-in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on 087 991 6791 or 087 744 0729. Our website www.alhomecare.ie

Patrick Feeney & his band
 Live at St. Brendan's Church, Birr
 @ 8pm Friday 9th
 December 2022. Tickets available from Parish office @ €25p.p.

Sponsored by www.birrtheatre.com

Remembered in Mass this Week

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| Sat 29th | 10.00 a.m. | Private Intentions |
| Sat 29th | 7.30 p.m. | Chrissie Spain, Church Street (MM) Laura Smith, Seffin House (MM) Teresa & Patrick Coughlan & Son William Coughlan, Fairview Kathleen & Joe Gallagher |
| Sun 30th | 8.30 a.m. | Private Intentions |
| Sun 30th Carrig | 9.30 a.m. | Maureen Hoare & deceased members of the Hoare & O' Brien Family Sinead O'Brien, Riverstown Patrick & Maureen O' Brien, Tinnakelly |
| Sun 30th | 10.30 a.m. | Tommy Hutchinson, High Street & Companions Christy & Teresa Parkinson, Roscrea Road |
| Sun 30th | 12 noon | Frank Donnelly, Mill Street (1st Ann) Peter Pardy, Killeen Julia Nugent, Green Street |
| Mon 31st | 10.00am | Private Intentions |
| Tues 1st | 10.00am | Ann Donegan, Ferbane (1st Ann) |
| Wed 2nd | 10.00am | Private Intentions |
| Wed 2nd | 7.30pm | Holy Souls |
| Thurs 3rd | 10.00am | Birmingham & O'Keefe Families Murray & Maxwell Families Gerry Donohue & Liz Donohue Tony Kelly |
| Fri 4th | 10.00am | Private Intentions |
| Fri 4th | 7.30pm | Cronin Parkinson, The Crescent (1st Ann) |
| Sat 5th | 10.00am | Margaret Kenny, Burkes Hill (1st Ann) Michael Hehir, High Street Mary Spillane, Whiteford Teddy & Peggy Spillane |
| Sat 5th | 7.30pm | Martin, Nellie & Michael Ryan Patrick & Agnes Hogan & deceased members Adrian Cahill, Bulfin Park Hugh Byrne Peter & Judy Plunkett Alan Regan Roger Lavander Georgie & Terry Lynskey |
| Sun 6th | 8.30am | Private Intentions |
| Sun 6th Carrig | 9.30am | Deceased members of the Byrne family, Carrig Mullaney Family, Sligo |
| Sun 6th | 10.30am | Matt Darcy Joe Feehan, Woodlands |
| Sun 6th | 12 noon | Eileen Hynes & daughter Geraldine Hynes & O'Brien families Agnes & Gerry O' Brien, Westgate Margaret O' Connor & the Late O'Connor family, Main Street |

November - Month of Remembering

November is the month of remembering (Mi na Mairbh) the month of our dead. Some people make November a mini Lent by taking on acts of self-denial (staying off alcohol or sweet things) or by attending Mass or visiting our Graveyards.

Tuesday 1st Nov Feast of All the Saints. We remember the women and men we have known and loved from every time and place who are not formally recognised as Saints but who have been welcomed home to God.

Mass Times: October 31st Carrig 7.30 p.m.
November 1st St. Brendan's @ 10am & 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 2nd Nov All Souls Day we remember our beloved dead. We have a beautiful tradition of visiting a church or graveyard on this day and throughout November.

Mass Times: St. Brendan's 10am & 7.30 p.m.

Annual Mass of Remembrance

Saturday 12th Nov at 11.00 a.m. - Annual Remembrance Mass remembering all who have died in our Parish during the past year.

Mass of Remembrance for the Deceased Residents of Birr Nursing Unit

Nov 15th @ 7.30 p.m. St Brendan's

Blessing of the Graveyards

Carrig - Nov 6th After 9.30am Mass
 Clonoghill - Nov 6th @ 3pm

Annual Diocesan In-Service Days

The priests of the diocese will be on annual diocesan in-service in Loughrea from Sun Nov 6th - Wed Nov 9th. Its an important time for priests to engage in on going personal and skill development. There will be a community led liturgies on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday @ the 10am Mass times in St. Brendan's. A panel of retired Priests have kindly agreed to provide emergency cover during these days should the need arise.

Please Pray for the Souls of

Pat Turner, Carrig
 John Rafferty, Ballygarry
 Fr. Noel Kennedy Assistant Priest, Clonakenny
 Tom Egan, Camcor Unit Community Hospital & Clonfanlough brother of Bridie Foley, Derrinlough
 Mary Carroll (nee Larkin), Shannon, formerly Riverstown
 Anne O' Donnell, Middlesex, London sister of Bridget Hoare, Crinkill

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí na Marbh

Ó thús aimsire tá Mí na Samhna tiomanta ag an Eaglais do ghuí ar son na marbh. "Ba naofa agus b'fhíranta mar smaoineamh é. Chuir sé an íobairt leorghnímh á hofráil do na mairbh dá bhrí sin d'fhonn go saorfaí iad óna bpeacaí." (2 Mac 12:46). Mar sin bímis ag guí ar son na bhfíreán uile atá imithe romhainn, ár ngaolta, ár gcomharsana agus ár gcairde. *A Thiarna, go mola na mairbh go síoraí suthain thú sna flathis. Is é ár ndóchas go mbeimidne ina gcuideachta do do mholadh ar neamh.* Bhí sé de nós i gcónaí ag ár sinsear freastal ar an Aifreann, cuairt a thabhairt ar shéipéal nó ar reilig i rith na míosa agus guí ar son na marbh. Bímis dílis do na nósanna seo go léir. Is paidir é seo ón mbéaloideas le rá ag gabháil thar reilig dúinn.

A Íosa Críost Céasta, déan fuascailt ar na hanamacha bochta atá anseo ag feitheamh le haiséirí glórmhar. Áiméan.

Month of the Holy Souls

From the earliest times the Church has devoted the month of November to praying for the dead. "It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be released from their sins" (2 Mac 12: 46) Let us pray for the faithful departed, those who have gone before us, our relatives, neighbours and friends. *Lord let the dead praise your goodness in the peace of heaven; - there we hope to glorify your name forever.* Our ancestors were faithful to the custom of attending Mass and visiting a church or graveyard to pray for the dead during the month of November. Let us not forget our ancient customs. The following is a prayer from oral tradition to be said while passing a cemetery

Crucified Christ, deliver the souls of the faithful departed who await and who look forward to eternal glory. Amen.

A documentary on the plight of religious sisters, under Soviet domination who lived their religious vocations underground from the end of WW11 to the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 will be aired on EWTN Catholic TV (SKY 586) on Sun. Oct 30th at 4:00pm (1hr)