

BIRR PARISH

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Midland Living Links supporting those bereaved by suicide. Coffee Morning - 6th December St. Brendan's Church after 10.00 a.m. mass.

Padre Pio Mass Thursday 8th December @ 7.30p.m.

Christmas Market, Memory Lane Birr continuing every Saturday & Sunday 11am - 4pm until 18th December. **Gifts to suit everyone.**

Christmas Mass Bouquets are now available from the Parish Office. €5 each
Pack of 6 Christmas Cards also available from Parish office. €5 each

Christmas Wreath making workshop in Birr Library on Tuesday 6th December @ 11.00am. Booking essential contact the library on birrlibrary@offalycoco.ie or ring 057 9124950. This is a free event.

The Ficino Quartet, Friday 09 Dec 8pm, features four leading musicians and is an engaging mix of classical and popular pieces. **A Starlit Night, Sat 10 Dec 8pm** - Local Soprano **Yvonne O'Toole** dazzles with Christmas classics and her own arrangements. Our very own **Mundy** is with us **Sat 17 Dec 8pm**. www.birrtheatre.com

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 December 5th with guest speaker David Kieran. Please contact Claire Dolan on 0877151323.

St. Brendan Bikeathon Challenge, December 9th/10th Emmett Square from 8am - 8pm. Seeking volunteers to take 20 minute slots to cycle on stationery bike. Names with mobile number to Canon Arthur Minion. minionarthur@gmail.com

IRISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA IN BIRR

Fabulous Christmas Concert with Irish Chamber Orchestra & Muireann Nic Amhlaoibh. THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER 7.30 pm St. Brendan's Church RC, Birr. Tickets €22/20/
Booking birrfestivalofmusic.com

Sponsored by Anonymous

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 3rd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 3rd	7.30pm	Florence & William Cooke, High St., their son Teddy & daughter Margaret William & Josephine Kealey, Clonoghill Lower
Sun 4th	8.30am	Michael Maher, Crinkill
Sun 4th Carrig	9.30am	Phil Reddan, Ballyghar (1st Ann) Rynagh Byrne, Killeen Susan & Martin Byrne
Sun 4th	10.30am	Gerrard Wynne, Hillside & parents Matthew & May Carmel & Liam Ryan, Killeen Hennessy & Byrne Families Michael Padilla Mary & Bobby Fields, Whiteford & sister Reene Blackman Agnes & Paddy Sheils, High Street
Sun 4th	12 noon	Seamus, Triona, Gail & the Garvey & O'Donnell Families Eileen Ryan, Newbridge St. Des & Eileen Talbot, Hillside Patsy Garahy Paddy McIntyre, Emmet St Connery Family, Bridge Street
Mon 5th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 6th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Wed 7th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Wed 7th Carrig	7.30pm	Vigil Mass
Thurs 8th	10.00am	Nellie & Gerry Daly, Fairview & daughter in law Anne
Thurs 8th	7.30pm	Vigil Mass & Padre Pio
Fri 9th	10.00am	Tom Nevin, Mullingar (MM)
Sat 10th	10.00am	Richard Flanagan
Sat 10th	7.30pm	Mary O'Reilly, Grove Street (1st Ann) Paddy O'Meara, Burkes Hill Michael Clery, Castletown & his brother Jack Sean & Angela Ryan & son Emmett Ryan, Newbridge Street
Sun 11th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 11th Carrig	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 11th	10.30am	Paddy, John & Mary Quigley, Cornmarket Street Chris & Seamus Kennedy, Emmet Street John & Annie Coolahan & their sons Pascal, Michael & daughter Anna Michael, Billy & Jim Hogan & Frances Quinlisk
Sun 11th	12 noon	Ian Smith, Hollypark Tom Feenane & his wife Mary Ellen and their sons Morgan & Thomas



Sacramental Masses



We welcome the children from **Killeen N.S & Parish**

Preparation Programme who will be participating in 7.30pm Mass, **Carrig N.S.** who will be participating in 9.30am Mass and **St. Brendan's P.S** who will be participating in 10.30am Mass

Advent is a time of waiting and preparation. The church evokes the coming of Christ in all its aspects; He has been on earth before and we believe that He will be here again. This season of Advent deepens our awareness of Christ's presence in the church today and heightens our hope and longing for his return.



Dates for Diary

Sunday December 18th

Bambamelli Sunday, we invite you to bring the figure of **Baby Jesus** from your family crib to church for blessing. **Ecumenical Carol Service St. Brendan's, Wilmer Rd 7pm**

Tuesday December 20th @ 7.30pm

Reconciliation Service in St. Brendan's led by Fr. Pat Kiernan, Banagher

Patrick Feeney & His Band



Live at St. Brendan's Church, Birr @ 8pm Friday 9th December. Tickets available Parish office €25p.p.

Proceeds to Offaly Hospice & St. Brendan's Church

Thursday, 8th December, is the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** and a holy day. We celebrate Mary, her special place in our faith because of her trust and faith in God. She is our model as we enter into the season of Advent and all that it brings.

Mass times: Carrig 7.30pm Wed 7th December St. Brendan's 10am & 7.30pm

Loving God,
 We thank you for the example of Mary, whom you chose to be the mother of your only Son, Jesus. She lived her life with love for you and for others. Help us to do the same. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An Dara Domhnach den Aidbhint

Tá mí na Nollag buailte linn. Ní fada uainn féas-ta Bhreith Ár dTiarna. Mí na Nollag, Mí Bhreith ár Slánaitheora, Mí na mbronntanas. I Mí na Nollag bí linn a Thiarna. Sna heaglaisí agus na séipéil feicfidh tú Crann leise, crann ginealaigh Íosa Chríost, agus samhail chomhartha na ndaoine a chuaigh roimhe ó Ádhamh agus Éabha go dtí Muire Máthair Íosa. Ba é leise duine díobh siúd mar gurbh é athair Daibhéad é a chónaigh i mBeithil. Bhí an cine daonna ag feitheamh ar theacht an fhuascailteora. Ba é Ésaías an Fáidh ba mhó a bhí acu. Is aige a bhí na tuairiscí ba líonmhaire agus ba thábhachtaí. Thug sé solás dóibh i dtaobh an fhuascailteora úd a bhí geallta. Mhínigh sé don phobal faoi mar a chuirfeadh sé an t-olc, an éagóir agus an t-eascairdeas ar neamhní. Scaipfeadh sé an dorchadas agus chuirfeadh sé i réim ríoga síochána agus sonas do chách. Iarraimid ar ár Slánaitheoir arís teacht i gcabhair orainn le solás agus síocháin. Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá i rith na hAidbhinte

Tar chugainn, a Thiarna, Íosa Críost. Áiméan

Second Sunday of Advent

It is December. The feast of the Birth of Christ is drawing closer. December, month when we celebrate the Birth of Christ, month of gift giving. Be with us O Lord in December. In the churches you will see the Jesse Tree, the genealogy of Jesus and the symbols of persons from Adam and Eve to Mary the mother of Jesus. Jesse was one of them as he was the father of David who lived in Bethlehem. People were awaiting the coming of the Saviour. Isaiah was their most famous prophet. He foretold the most important events. He brought them comfort and hope in the promised redeemer. He explained that the Saviour would end injustice and enmity. He would dispel darkness and proclaim a kingdom of peace and grace for everyone. Let us ask our Saviour during Advent to come to our aid and bring joy and peace:

Come to us, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please Pray for the Souls of

Pat Reddan, Rathcabbin, father of John Reddan, Fortal
 Timothy Nolan, Cadamstown, father of Teresa Loughnane, Tirlough Carrig
 Joseph Grimes, London, formerly Cappaneale

