

BIRR PARISH

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Clergy of Brendan Cluster

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Padre Pio Mass Thursday 19th January @ 7.30pm

Mercy Primary School is now accepting enrolment applications for September 2023. Parents can access our Enrolment Application Form on our school website www.mercyprimarieschool.ie under Forms and Policies or by phoning the school on 057 9120259 between 9.30am and 2.30pm.

Couch to 5km! With Birr AC

STARTING ON MONDAY 16TH JANUARY 2023 AT 7.00PM
EACH MONDAY & WEDNESDAY FOR 8 WEEKS
LOCATION: CRINKILL SPORTS & RECREATION CENTRE PITCH COST €20

MenPower: Are you interested in finding direction and expanding your horizons? Then join us for the new MenPower programme. Participants will be given the opportunity to find purpose, to make connections, to greatly reduce stress and anxiety, and improve their self-esteem. The programme begins on February 1st, and runs for two days per week for a duration of 12 weeks. Participation on this programme is free and will not affect social welfare benefits. For more information please contact Aoife on 087-7385989 or via email akelly@offalyldc.ie

CRK Drama are back on stage, for one night only, on Friday 20th January with their production of Ray Cooney's two act farce in Carrig/Riverstown Community Hall at 8 p.m. Proceeds go to CRC Gaels, St. Cillian's Camogie Club, Carrig/Riverstown Hall and CRK Drama. Call 089 2120646 to book your seat.

Anam Cara Tipperary the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 16th January at 7:15pm in the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online meeting. For more information please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 288 8888

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 14th	10.00am	Peter McGrath, Presentation Place
Sat 14th	7.30pm	Anne & John Sherlock, Killeen Jim & Molly Brien Myra & Tommy Wrafter, sons Colin & Nigel and deceased family members Catherine Jones (nee) Delaney, Mile Tree Gerry Lynskey, Cappaneale
Sun 15th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 15th	9.30am	Private Intentions Carrig
Sun 15th	10.30	Elizabeth O'Meara
Sun 15th	12 noon	Virginia Duffy, Woodland Drive (MM) Mary Connors, Cornmarket Street (MM) Donal Ryan, Dublin (1st Ann) James & Ellen Feehily & daughter Ann Edward Hogan, Lucy Hogan & Ciss Hogan, Sheila Hogan & Ciss Cashen, Townsend Street
Mon 16th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 17th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Wed 18th	10.00am	Kathleen Loughnane, Tullamore Road
Thurs 19th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thurs 19th	7.30pm	Padre Pio Mass
Fri 20th	10.00am	John Smyth, Connaught Street
Sat 21st	10.00am	James McCarthy, Drumbane
Sat 21st	7.30pm	Liam Martin, Cappaneale (1st Ann) Jack Ryan, The Terrace, Crinkill Evelyn Bell, Townsend Street & her father Michael Pardy & her mother Margaret George Boyd, Woodlands Drive
Sun 22nd	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 22nd	9.30am	Vincent O' Brien, Tinnakelly (MM) Patricia Harding Thomas, Mary T & Maretta White
Sun 22nd	10.30am	Rita Scully, Fortal Kitty & Joe Dooley, Lisheen Philip & Alice Brady, Seffin
Sun 22nd	12 noon	Catherine Kelly (1st Ann) & Desmond Kelly Sheila Carter, Bulfin Park (1st Ann) Geraldine Bergin, Emmet Street John Claffey, Moorpark Street & deceased members of the Claffey Family

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Sacramental Masses

We welcome the children from **St. Brendan's P.S.** who will be participating in 7.30pm Mass, **Carrig N.S.** who will be participating in 9.30am Mass and **Killeen N.S** and the **Parish Preparation Programme** who will be participating in 10.30am Mass.

Ministers of the Eucharist - The Eucharistic Minister is essential for the celebration of our liturgies. We are in urgent need of new people to volunteer for this role due to the retirement of some of our existing ministers. Please contact the Parish Office or Elaine Eastwood or Rena Haverty if you are interested

Parish Envelopes - This year's boxes containing the envelopes for the Parish Development Fund, Priests' Collection and other annual collections are now available for distribution. Distributors are asked to collect their boxes from the Conference Room after Mass. It must be noted that not every area has a distributor and some boxes will remain undistributed. If you do not receive a box and would like one, please contact the Parish Office.

Tax Back - Birr Parish can claim tax back that you have paid on your earnings. This applies to PAYE Income and Self Employed Income, including Farmers. You must have paid €250 or more in a year - this includes all contributions to priests collections and parish fund. This is of great benefit to the Parish finances and it does not affect the tax payer in anyway except that it is great if some of your tax goes towards a good cause. The parish is now looking for people to complete forms for 2022. All you have to do is, please, sign a CHY 3 enduring cert and put in your Name and PPS No and return to the Parish office. Forms are available in the church porches - if you feel that you have donated over €250 to the Church in 2022 and a taxpayer please complete and return the form as soon as possible to that the Parish can submit a claim for 2022. Thank you very much.

Please Pray for the Souls of

Natasza Szoma, 19 Camcor Park, Scurragh
Peggy Roberts, Eden Road & Eliza Lodge Nursing Home Banagher
William Taylor, Belfast & Clohaskin Carrig, son of Mary & Bill Taylor
Michael Maher, Birr Road, Roscrea brother of Ellie Hctor, Hilltop, Crinkill
Padraig Nolan, England & formerly Carrig



Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Aontacht Chríostaí

Leagann amach na hEaglaisí Críostaí ar fud an domhain seachtain ar leith ó 18 -25 Eanáir chun guí ar son Aontacht Chríostaí. Is é téama na seachtaine 2023 ná, **Déanaigí an mhaith, Lorgaigí an rud cóir**, mar a spreag Íseáia, fáidh: *"Nígí, glanaigí sibh féin. Tógaigí bhur n-urchóid as mo radharc. Éirigí as an olc a dhéanamh! Foghlaimigí an mhaith a dhéanamh, lorgaigí an rud cóir, cuirigí in éadan ansmachta, tugaigí a cheart don dílleachta, agráigí cúis na baintrí."* (Íseáia 1: 16-17). Tá sé de dhualgas orainn go léir guí ar son aontacht na bpobal Críostaí chun misean Dé a chomhlíonadh. Mar sin guímis mar a dúirt Críost an oíche roimh a bhás, *"Ionas go mba aon iad go léir, faoi mar atá tusa, a Athair, ionamsa agus mise ionatsa, go mbeidís seo ina n-aon ionainn i dtreo go gcreidfidh an saol gur chuir tú uait mé"* (Eoin17:21) Is paidir ar son Aontachta Críostaí í seo:

A Athair an ghrá, ghlaigh sinn chun comhbhráithreachais le do mhac, agus a cheap sinn le bheith inár bhfinnéithe don soiscéal. Trí ghrásta do Spioraid, cuir ar ár gcumas na deighiltí a shárú, agus féach chuige go bhfanfaimid daingean, agus go mbeidh ár gcuid áthais iomlán. Guímid leis seo trinár dTiarna Íosa Críost, Áiméan.

Christian Unity

The week of prayer for Christian Unity is kept throughout the world each year from 18th 25 January. The theme for 2023 is: **Do good, seek justice**, inspired by the prophet Isaiah. *"Take your wrongdoing out of my sight. Cease to do evil. Learn to do good, search for justice, help the oppressed, be just to the orphan, plead for the widow."* (Isaiah 1: 16-17) We are obliged to pray for unity among Christians so that the mission of Christ will be fulfilled. Let us pray as Jesus asked us the night before He died, *"May they all be one. Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me, and I am in you so the world may believe it was you who sent me"* (John 17:21). We thank you Lord for your graces. The following is a prayer for Church Unity:

Father of love you have called us to confraternity with your Son and to be witnesses to the gospel. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit enable us to overcome divisions and remain steadfast that our joy may be complete. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.