

## BIRR PARISH

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

### Clergy of Brendan Cluster

Fr. Tom Hogan—057-9121757  
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### Psalter Week 2

**Easter Mass Bouquets now available from the Parish office contribution of €5.00.**

**Midland Living Links** supporting those bereaved by suicide. Coffee Morning 4th April, Conference room in St. Brendan's Church after 10.00 a.m. mass. All welcome.

**Birr Theatre & Arts Centre** Join Declan Nerney and guests Owen Mac and John Hogan for a nostalgic night of music song and laughter! Friday 14 April 8pm [www.birrtheatre.com](http://www.birrtheatre.com)

**Stations of the Cross every Wednesday after 10am Mass**

**Temporary Pledge for Lent** - People interested in taking the temporary pledge for Lent please contact the Parish Office

**The rosary** will be recited during lent before Sunday Mass in **Carrig Church** starting @ 9am approx. all are welcome to participate

**We acknowledge and thank parishioners** for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 25/26th March was **€2,374.00** to the Parish.

Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? **ALONE** are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> for more information, contact Fiona on [fiona.boyle@alone.ie](mailto:fiona.boyle@alone.ie) or on 086 1366539.

**Communicare Healthcare** is seeking caring and reliable Healthcare Assistants to work in a community setting within the disability sector, in the Birr/Roscrea area. This is a really exciting opportunity for a Healthcare Assistant to join an established homecare provider that offers 24-hour support to our care teams and that focuses on delivering excellent care to their clients and families. Hours: Consistent 12 Hour Shifts - Days / Nights / Weekends available. Call: 01 8338000  
Email: [Richie@Communicare.ie](mailto:Richie@Communicare.ie)

**Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimages to Lourdes 2023** - 27th June to 2nd July and 2nd Oct to 7th Oct from Shannon Airport. Information and bookings contact Joe Walsh Tours - 01 2410800 or email - [info@joewalstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalstours.ie)

## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 1st April	10.00am	<b>Mary Teresa Lawlor (1st Ann) &amp; her husband John , Moorpark Street</b>
Sat 1st	7.30pm	<b>Tommy Parsons, Bulfin Park (1st Ann)</b> Kieran & Doreen (Don) Horan, Castle Street Jack & Bina Walsh & Grandson Eoin Eastwood Christy Loughnane, Woodlands
Sun 2nd	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 2nd Carrig	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 2nd	10.30am	Sean Kinirons, High Street Dinny Sheeran & the Sheeran Family
Sun 2nd	12noon	Herbert Hennessy & Willie & Kathleen
Mon 3rd	10.00am	Mary Kennedy, Fairview
Tues 4th	10.00am	Joe Kennedy, Tullamore Road
Wed 5th	10.00am	Eddie, Violet & Michael Forrester, Castle Street
Thurs 6th	10.00am	<b>Eileen Daly (1st Ann), Tullamore Rd</b>
Fri 7th		Good Friday
Sat 8th	9.00pm	<b>Easter Vigil</b>
Sun 9th		Easter Sunday

## Please Pray for the Souls of

Michael Quealy, Hillside, Birr  
May Blake, Mohill, Co. Leitrim, sister of Una O'Brien, Carrig  
Nuala Beale, Ballyroan, Co. Laois mother of Benny Beale, Rock Lane  
Fredrick George Semple, late of New York & Cappaneale  
Frank Mc Loughlin, Birmingham & Eden Road, brother of Bridie Regan, Burkes Hill, Alice Cleary, Fairview. & Phil Vaughan, Burkes Hill  
Tom Carroll, formerly Kilcolman & Crompton Gardens, Birr, brother of the late Billy Carroll, Whiteford & Oliver Mount Mask, Kilcolman & Betty Dooley, Clareen  
John Coyle, Cavan brother of Rose Flanagan, Tullamore Road



### Bringing Communion before Mass

Please place your Pix on the Altar if you wish to bring Communion to the housebound.

**The Folk Choir** will hold an Easter practice on **Wednesday 5th April at 7.30pm** in the Conference Room. New members are always welcome.

**Birr Flower and Garden Club** - Meeting Tuesday 4th April at 8.00pm in Dooley's Hotel. Flower arranging and crafts with Jacqui Maher. All welcome. Non members €10

## Easter Ceremonies

**Holy Thursday** Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m.  
**Carrig** Our Lord's Supper 7.00 p.m.  
**Birr** Our Lord's Supper 8.00 p.m.  
Exposition 9.00 p.m.  
Night Prayer 9.45 p.m.

**Good Friday** Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m.  
**Birr** Stations of the Cross 12 noon  
**Birr** Passion of the Lord 3.00 p.m.  
**Carrig** Passion of the Lord 7.30 p.m.

**Holy Saturday** Morning Prayer & Blessing of Food 10.00 a.m.  
**Birr** Reconciliation 10.30 - 12 noon

**Birr** Easter Vigil 9.00 p.m.

**Easter Sunday** Dawn Mass 6.00 a.m.  
In Garden of Tranquillity

### Normal Sunday Mass Times

#### Good Friday - Christians Together

Meeting at the Foot of the Cross  
**Emmett Square April 7th @ 2.30pm**  
Led by Canon Arthur Minnion, Rev. Nigel Gill,  
Fr. Tom and Fr. Anthony

#### Divine Mercy Sunday April 16th

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 2.45pm followed by Mass at 3.00pm. Novena of the Divine Mercy beginning on Good Friday and finishes on April 15th

## Holy Week

Holy Week is the most sacred time of the Church year. It highlights the peak moments of Christ's love for us. The passion story spells out the last events of the life of Jesus and makes clear the price he paid for our sins. Holy Week offers all of us the opportunity to bring our hearts and minds into harmony with Christ. Tragedy and triumph are human experiences however if we ponder them closely with the eyes of faith, they can lead to new life. On our pilgrim journey we can from time to time experience, agonies, anguishes and sorrow. During the course of this Holy Week, as we recall Christ's passion and death, let us try and recognize those moments, in our own personal lives when all seemed hopeless and lost. In spite of the despair and the darkness new life and hope emerged. There is no doubting that all the burdens of our lives do lead to little personal triumphs where we share more closely in Christ's life and enjoy the hope of future life which he has given to us. Holy Week allows us to be involved in the offering of love which Christ made on the cross. On Holy Thursday we recall the institution of the Holy Eucharist. On Good Friday we think of the offering Our Lord made of himself to his heavenly Father. On Holy Saturday we think of that risen life in which we share. Try and make a special effort to attend the church ceremonies.

**"Our faith takes us where our reason cannot go".**

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### Moladh le Dia

Go mion minic bímid ag déanamh idirghuí chun Dé teacht i gcabhair orainn féin agus ar ár gcairde agus is fiúntach an rud é sin ach ní foláir dúinn freisin moladh a thabhairt do Dhia gach lá as ucht an ghrá atá Aige dúinne. Is iad seo a leanas Molta Diaga gur féidir linn a rá ó am go ham. Moladh le Dia. Moladh lena Ainm Naofa. Moladh le hÍosa Críost is Fíordhia agus fíordhuine. Moladh le hAinm Íosa. Moladh lena Chroí Rónaofa. Moladh lena Fhuil Róluachmhar. Moladh le hÍosa i Naomh Sacraimint na hAltóra. Moladh leis an Spiorad Naomh, an Sólásaí. Moladh le mór mháthair Dé, Muire Rónaofa. Moladh lena Gabháil gan Smál. Moladh le hÍosaef Naofa, a céile rógheanmnaí. Moladh le Dia ina chuid aingeal agus ina chuid naomh.

### Praise be to God

Praise God very often we petition God for favours for ourselves and our friends and this is to be recommended but we ought also to praise God for His great love for us. The following are the Divine Praises which we can recite from time to time.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints

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