

## BIRR PARISH

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### Clergy of Brendan Cluster

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### Psalter Week 3

**Padre Pio Mass Thursday 16th March @ 7.30pm**

**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

**Preparation for Easter** a tridium (3 nights) of reflection and prayer in preparation for Easter will take place in St. Brendan's, Wilmer Road on Monday March 27th, Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th @ 7.30pm led by Br. Brian Johnson.

**Turkey/Syria Appeal** - To help victims of the Turkey/Syria earthquake. An account has been opened by Ena Larkin, Irishtown, Coolderry in AIB Birr for donations. Ena has decided to match whatever amount is contributed. Details are as follows - **IBAN IE80AIBK93227220115890**

### Seachtain Na Gaeilge - Events

**Wed 15th March - Outdoor Education Centre**  
 10am-12.30pm An Gaelscoil is Aclai

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 11am-1pm Ciorcal Comhra

**Thurs 16th March - Craughwells Pub**  
 8pm Ceol agus Craic

### Lenten Reflections; Third week of Lent:

Jesus Offers Living Water. Fr. Mark Elliot Smith.  
 Sun 12th, 5:30 am; Tues 14th, 5:30 PM. (30 Min)  
 Patrick's Peak: Bob Dolan traces St. Patrick's Pilgrimage up Croagh Patrick, where the great apostle spent 40days in fast asking God's blessing upon his apostolic mission, Sun 12, 4:00PM; Thurs 16th, 9:AM; Fri 17th, 3:00 AM;  
 Rome's Hidden Churches: A Lenten Pilgrimage St. Lawrence, Sun 12th, 2:05PM (10Min) Sts Martin & Sylvester, Mon 13th 1:35PM (10 min) SKY 586

**Sponsored by Anonymous**

## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 11th	10.00am	Helen Doll McCarthy, Thomas & Hannie & sister Joanne, Limerick
Sat 11th	7.30pm	Jack Roberts, Birr & Crinkill and all deceased members of the Roberts Family Liz, Con, John & Tommy Kennedy Jack, May & Patrick O'Keefe Frank Coughlan & the Hunt family, Sligo Peter & Pauline O'Meara, Clonkelly
Sun 12th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 12th	9.30am	Geoff Harding, Ballyghar(1st Ann) Carrig
Sun 12th	10.30am	Patrick Shelly John & Margaret Guinan, Clonbrone Guinan & Mitchell families Claude, Eva, Deirdre & Caroline Corcoran Geraldine Cleary, Presentation Place
Sun 12th	12 noon	John Fay, Crinkill & Clareen Michael Connery, Bridge Street Dick Johnston, Crinkill Private Intention
Mon 13th	10.00am	Private Intention
Tues 14th	10.00am	Deceased Eucharistic Adorers
Wed 15th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thurs 16th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thurs 16th	7.30pm	Padre Pio Vigil Mass John & Frances Hoare Sr. Josephine Grimes
Fri 17th	8.30am	Arthur Elliott, Irish Town, Coolderry
Fri 17th	10.30am	Desmond Mooney
Fri 17th	12noon	Private Intentions
Sat 18th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 18th	7.30pm	<b>Dessie Kirwan, McCauley Drive, (MM)</b>
Sun 19th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 19th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 19th	10.30am	Helen Hogan, Killeen Martin & Teresa Freeman & Daughter Lorraine Byrne Mary Tuohey, Drumbane, Joanne Tuohey, Bridget Doyle & Marian McCarthy
Sun 19th	12 noon	Private Intentions

### Please Pray for the Souls of

Sophie Scully, Meadow Brook, Burkes Hill  
 Patricia Fitzpatrick, High Street  
 Michael Fox, Kilmurray, Tullamore, father of Mairead Cleary, Castletown  
 Kevin Verney, Moycullen, Galway & formerly Whiteford Birr, brother of Michael Verney, Whiteford



## Sacramental Masses



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

**Congratulations** to all the young people from 2nd Class who participated in their First Reconciliation last week. We acknowledge the pivotal role of parents and family in the handing on of the faith and thank you to the teachers and school communities for all their school work. Please continue to keep the boys and girls in your prayers as they prepare for their First Holy Communion in May.



**RECONCILIATION**

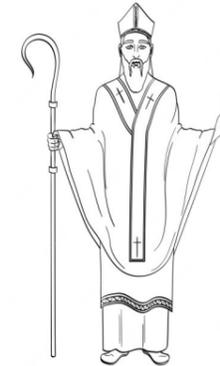
## St. Patrick's Day Masses

**Beidh Lá 'le Phadraig ann De hAoine seo chugainn. Mass times are as follows:**

**Thursday 16th St Brendan's Vigil Mass - 7.30pm**

**Friday 17th St. Brendan's 8.30am, 10.30am & 12 noon**

**Friday 17th Church of the Annunciation Carrig 9.30 a.m.**



**Congratulations to Fr. Lorcan Kenny** - Burkes Hill & Colaiste Phobal Roscrea on the recent publication of his new book "Seven Voices of Sorrow".

A gentle reminder if you have not completed the tax back form. This scheme supports voluntary charities. People who donated €250 for the year and are paying tax can have a portion of their already paid tax given to the designated charity. Last year through this scheme Birr Parish received €10,838.15

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 4/5th March was €2,446 to the Development Fund.

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne Lá Fhéile Naomh Pádraig

Ceiliúraimid Lá Fhéile Naomh Pádraig Éarlaimh na hÉireann ar an Aoine seo chugainn, ní hamháin in Éirinn ach ar fud an domhain mhóir. Tógadh mar sclábháil é go hAontroim áit ar chaith sé, sé bliana ag aoireacht muc. Bhí sé mar nós aige guí chun Dé céad uair sa ló agus céad uair san oíche. D'éalaigh sé go dtí an Fhrainc agus oirníodh ina shagart é agus ina dhiaidh sin rinneadh easpag de. D'fhill sé ar Éirinn agus chraobhscaoil sé Soiscéal na Críostaíochta. Tugann an fhéile deis dúinn buíochas a ghabháil le Dia as an tseoid luachmhar seo a bhronn Naomh Pádraig orainn. Gabhaimid buíochas chomh maith dóibh siúd idir chléir agus tuath a scaip an Creideamh ar fud an domhain. Bhí Pádraig umhal de shíor i láthair Dé. Sa Confessio cuireann sé é féin in aithne dúinn mar seo "Mise Pádraig, peacach róthútach, an té is lú de na fíréin go léir agus an té is mó a bhfuil dímhéas ag a lán." Tugaimis ómós dó mar ba chóir. Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig ar chlann mhór dhomhanda na nGael, sa bhaile agus ar fud na cruinne, ar ár lá náisiúnta ceiliúrtha féin. Guímis Lúireach Phádraig go minic:

## St. Patrick's Day

On Friday we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, the Patron Saint of Ireland. He will be honoured not only here but throughout the world. Saint Patrick was brought as a slave to Antrim where he spent six years tending pigs. He tells us he prayed to God a hundred times a day and the same at night. He escaped to France and was ordained a priest and later a bishop. He returned to Ireland and preached Gospel of Christ to the Irish people. We remember to thank God for this precious gift on St. Patrick's feast day. We also thank God for all those who brought and still bring the Christian message to people throughout the world. Patrick was humble in the presence of God. In the Confessio he introduces himself "I Patrick, wretched sinner, least among men, despised by many....". Let us honour him appropriately. Happy St. Patrick's Day to Irish people everywhere in the world, on this our national feast day. Let us recite 'Lúireach Phádraig' often: "Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.