

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter Week 2

Ministers of the Word.

A new rota for 'Ministers of the Word', begins in June. If you would like to read at any weekend Mass in St. Brendan's, (Saturday 7:30 pm, Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am or 12 noon). Please give your name to the parish office, the clergy or Brian Kennedy. This is an essential ministry in our church and we hope you will respond to this invitation.

Midland Living Links supporting those bereaved by suicide. Coffee Morning 9th May, Conference room in St. Brendan's Church after 10.00 a.m. mass. All welcome.

Celebrating Age and Creativity, Bealtaine at Birr Theatre hosts special events, **Memories and Melodies** by Jean Farrell will take you back to days gone by with stories and giggles - Thurs 4 May 2.30pm. A Play - **Country & Irish**, is hilarious and boldly claims to be like nothing else! Sun 7 May 8pm and our Bealtaine film **LIVING** stars Bill Nighy, Thurs 11 May 3pm (Free Event- just book your seat) www.birrtheatre.com

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 29/30th April was **€2,455.00** to the Parish.

Busy Bodies Summer Camp 2023 - Takes place in Killeen National School, Killeen dates are as follows Week 1- 3rd July Week 2 - 10th July age 3 years to 10 years from 9.30 to 3 (school opens at 8am) bring lunch for more info please contact Ann 087-9625218

3 day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg, July 24/25/26th bus from Emmett Square, Birr. Enquiries to Parish Office

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

Volunteers required - South Offaly Special Olympics Club collection days on Friday 19/20th May. The money collected at local shops will keep our local club in activities for another 3 years. Please contact Karen 089-4947822

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 6th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 6th	7.30pm	Joe Kennedy (1st Ann) & his wife Sally Elm Park Nancy Moody, Glebe Street (1st Ann) Hogan, Kennedy & Dunning families Paddy Molloy, Burkes Hill George Smith
Sun 7th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 7th	9.30am	Aidan King, The Gables, Riverstown (1st Ann)
Sun 7th	10.30am	John Carroll & his mother Bridie & father Jack, Crinkill & Arraghmore
Sun 7th	12noon	Sarah Barry Turley, Elm Park Christy & Nora Cleary & Tommy Pey, Riverstown Madge Lally, Culdara
Mon 8th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 9th	10.00am	Deceased Eucharistic Adorers
Wed 10th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thurs 11th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Fri 12th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 13th	10.00am	John McCarthy High Street, Celine, Lorraine and all the members of the McCarthy Family
Sat 13th	11.00am	First Holy Communion Crinkill N.S. & Killeen N.S.
Sat 13th	7.30pm	Tim Hutchinson Billy Watson, Rosse Row Michael, Sadie & Majella Campbell, Moorpark Street Valerie McIntyre, Demesne View
Sun 14th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 14th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 14th	10.30am	Seamus & Chris Kennedy, Emmett Street
Sun 14th	12noon	Phyl McDowell, Townsend Street (MM) Kathleen & Jim Colohan, New Road and their daughters Louise, Eleanor. Marian & Ann Martin Hynes, Castle Gardens and his son Peter James Hegarty, Cappaneale Paddy Digan, Killeen

Please Pray for the Souls of

John McKeown, Birr (Romaquip) & Formerly Antrim
Mary Kerrigan, Dublin & Sligo, daughter of Maura Kerrigan & the late Phonsie, Parkrise & sister of
Majella, Flower shop Main Street & brother Peter, Shinrone
Katie Bilbow, Ballina, Co Mayo, mother of
Geraldine Connaughton, Cornhill, Riverstown
Rita Darcy, English mother of Marie Murphy, Castletown & Paul Scurragh



James Kilbane

Concert,

Irish Folk, Country, Gospel

Friday June 2nd 8pm

Shinrone Community Centre

Tickets are available through the parish office €20.00



This is an initiative of the Brendan group of parishes, Birr, Kilcolman, Kinnitty, Shinrone, Ballingarry proceeds to youth ministry in the parishes.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

Please keep all the young people in your prayers as they prepare for the next milestone in their faith journey.



First Holy Communion Ceremonies 11.00am

Saturday 13th May - Crinkill N.S & Killeen N.S.

Sunday 21st May - Carrig N.S. -

(In Carrig Church at 9.30am)



Confirmation Ceremonies

Saturday 20th May

11am - Mercy P.S. St Brendan's N.S. & Carrig N.S.

2pm - Crinkill N.S, Killeen N.S & Parish Preparation

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Holy Spirit and we shall be recreated and you will renew the face of the earth.

Communion Mementos

Gift Sets, Boxed Cards & Wooden Crosses for Communion Boy & Girls ideal gifts for Communion Day on sale in the Parish office

Sponsored by Anonymous

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Sa spioradáltacht Cheilteach bhí ár sinsear an -tugtha do Dhia. Bhí paidir ar leith acu do gach ócáid. Is iad seo a leanas dhá cheann a bhíodh i mbéal an phobail ar son na sábháilteachta.

Dia idir mé agus uisce mo bháite,
Dia idir mé agus tine mo dhóite,
Dia idir mé agus bás gan chairde,
Dia idir mé agus taiseime bhóthar. Áiméan.
Crios Chorp Chríost is Muire,
Ár dtionlacan fan bóthar,
Nára turas é in aistear,
Gura leas dúinn gach orlach. Áiméan.

According to Celtic Spirituality our ancestors were very devoted to God. They had a prayer for every occasion. The following are two of their prayers for safety:

God between me and the water that may drown me, God between me and the fire that may burn me, God between me and death in debt, God between me and a road accident.

Amen

May the girdle of Jesus and Mary
Be around us on our journey
May we have a safe trip
And benefit from every inch. Amen

Queen of the May

Bring flowers of the rarest
Bring flowers the fairest,
From garden and woodland and hillside and dale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
Our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Refrain: O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.
O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

Their lady they name thee, their mistress proclaim thee. Oh, grant that thy children on earth be as true; as long as the bowers are radiant with flowers as long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.

Sing gaily in chorus, the bright angels o'er us re-echo the strains we begin upon earth; their harps are repeating the notes of our greeting, for Mary herself is the cause of our mirth.