

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter Week 1

The May Priests Collection will be taken up at all masses next weekend 20/21st May. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity to this collection

Ministers of the Word.

A new rota for 'Ministers of the Word', begins in June. If you would like to read at any week-end 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.

Eucharistic Ministers Rota is now available behind the altar for collection.

The Rosary will be recited in the Church of the Annunciation Carrig before 9.30am Mass (9am approx.) for the month of May. All are welcome to participate.

Daffodil Day 2023 - Thanks to all who supported and volunteered for Daffodil day 2023, a total of €20,270.00 was raised for the Irish Cancer society. Your support is much appreciated on behalf of Birr daffodil day.

Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Active Retirement - next meeting in Carrig hall on May 15th @ 7.30pm. Trip to Bunratty including 1 hour rivercruise. Please contact Mary for more information 087-1264925. New members welcome.

Offaly Local Development Company's SICAP team, in collaboration with OFFline Film Festival, is facilitating a public consultation looking at the diversity and inclusivity of local festivals, on Thursday the 18th of May at the County Arms Hotel, Birr from 10am to 2pm with a light lunch provided. If you or someone you know would like to attend this event, contact Louise on 087 692 5276.

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 6/7th May was €2,030.00 to the Parish.

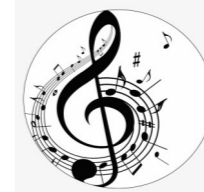
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Remembered in Mass this Week

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	Deceased members of the Sherlock & Cleary Families
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
Mon 15th	10.00am	Michelle McCarthy
Tues 16th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 16th	7.30pm	Service of Light Confirmation Classes
Wed 17th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thurs 18th	10.00am	Michael Mooney, Pound Street (1st Ann)
Thurs 18th	7.30pm	Padre Pio Mass
Fri 19th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 20th	10.00am	Patrick Hutchinson, Cappaneale
Sat 20th	11.00am	Confirmation Mercy P.S. St Brendan's P.S & Carrig N.S
Sat 20th	2.00pm	Confirmation, Crinkill N.S, Killeen N.S & Parish Preparation Programme
Sat 20th	7.30pm	Brendan Murphy, Syngesfield (MM) Paddy Kirwan & his son Billy, Newbridge Street Joe Landy, Westgate Joanna & Patrick Tuohey & Family
Sun 21st	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 21st	9.30am	Communion Carrig N.S.
Sun 21st	10.30am	Donie (Dan) Carroll, Bulfin Park Donald & Margie Brady, Killeen Vincent Sammon, Dublin
Sun 21st	12noon	Jack & Mary Murray, Ballindarra Raymond Murray Fr. Henry Torpey

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

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 Programme

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.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Please Pray for the Souls of

Ger McDermott, Scurragh, Birr
 Michael Murphy, Mayo father of Michael, Castletown
 John Buckley, London, husband of Mary nee Doorley,
 Lacka, Carrig and brother in law of Tony & Sean
 Raymond Horan, Rapemills
 Mary Kerrigan, Dublin & Sligo, sister of Majella, Flower Shop
 Main Street and brother of Peter, Shinrone



Sr. Eileen's Cúinne Spioradáltacht Cheilteach

Sa spioradáltacht Cheilteach bhí ár sin-sear 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 taisme bhóthar. Áiméan.

Crios Chorp Chríost is Muire,
 Ár dtionlacan fan bóthar,
 Nára turas é in aistear,
 Gura leas dúinn gach orlach. Áiméan.

Celtic Spirituality

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

The month of May is Safeguarding Month

The 2022 parish safeguarding audits showed that children's ministry in parishes is slowly returning following the pandemic. We actively encourage children to be involved in the Church and we have developed procedures, policies and forms to assist parishes in this Ministry. For further guidance or assistance with restarting children's ministry, Cleo Yates, Diocesan Director of Safeguarding will be more than happy to assist and can be contacted via the Diocesan Office.