

## BIRR PARISH

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### Psalter Week 3

**Baptism Candles** now available from the Parish office

**The May Priests Collection** will be taken up at all masses this weekend. 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 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.

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

### Comhghairdeas/Congratulations

To the Offaly U20 team for their triumphant win over Wexford on Wednesday evening in Carlow every best wishes for the All-Ireland Hurling Final

**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.

**We acknowledge and thank parishioners** for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 13/14th May was **€2,620.00** to the Parish.

**Offaly Healthy Homes** in conjunction with community partners across South and West Offaly are hosting Lunch Clubs in many areas. These clubs provide you with a safe place for some good food where you can enjoy the company of your neighbours and friends. We are in your area on: **Tues 6/6/23** 12.30pm to 3.30pm. **Dooley's Hotel** Birr. Cost is just €10 per person for dinner, dessert and entertainment. If you are interested in attending please contact us on 087 9799663 or 087 2175998 for more information.

**All Ireland Rosary Rally** - Saturday 3rd June from 1pm Knock, Talk, stations of the Cross, Rosary & Holy Mass. Main celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin. Rosary talk Bishop Oliver Doeme @ 1pm in the Basilica

## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 20th	10.00am	Patrick Hutchinson, Cappaneale
Sat 20th	11.00am	Confirmation <b>Mercy P.S. St. Brendan's P.S. &amp; Carrig N.S.</b>
Sat 20th	2pm	Confirmation <b>Crinkill N.S, Killeen N.S &amp; Parish Preparation Programme</b>
Sat 20th	7.30pm	<b>Brendan Murphy, Syngefield (MM)</b> 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 <b>Carrig N.S.</b>
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
Mon 22nd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 23rd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Wed 24th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thurs 25th	10.00am	Rosemary Mooney, Woodlands Park
Fri 26th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 27th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 27th	7.30pm	Mikie Donoghue, Cappaneale Chrissie O'Meara, Burkes Hill Edward, Mary & son Eddie Sherlock, Curraduff Maureen Plunkett, High Street Martin Byrne
Sun 28th	8.30am	Paddy Corrigan, Castle Street
Sun 28th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 28th	10.30am	Seamus, Jane & Martin Yates, Newbridge Street Martin & Katie Ryan, Crinkill Jimmy Kelly, Presentation Place
Sun 28th	12noon	<b>Brian Studdert, Sandymount (1st Ann)</b> William Cooney, John's Mall Winifred & Thomas Kinsella & son John, High Street

### Please Pray for the Souls of

Sheila Phelan, Wilmer Road & Eliza Lodge Nursing Home  
 Johnny Mahon, Bunclody, Wexford uncle of Siobhan Carey, Barncourt  
 John Vincent Kelly, Castlebar, uncle of Gerry Kelly, Arraghbeg, Carrig  
 James Ryan, Derryfrench, Tynagh, Co. Galway father of Carmel Farrelly, Hillside



## James Kilbane Concert, Irish Folk, Country, Gospel Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### The Ascension of Jesus

As Christians we believe that after Jesus rose from the dead, he did not die a second time. Instead, 40 days after his resurrection, Jesus left the Earth by being taken up, body and soul, to Heaven to re-join God the Father. This event is called the Ascension, and it was witnessed by Jesus' eleven remaining apostles.

### Prayer for the Ascension

Dear Lord, right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May I be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for me. And may I do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace! And remembering this glorious event, help me to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father. Amen.

### Confirmation Day

This weekend Bishop Fintan administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to the one hundred and one girls & boys from the sixth classes of our Parish schools. We congratulate the young people on this milestone in their young lives. We acknowledge the huge work in preparation made by the class teachers and school communities. We congratulate parents and families on this special day in the life of family. As a parish community we thank Joan Hogan Pastoral worker and sacramental co-ordinator for all the work and organisation over the year.

**Sponsored by Anonymous**

## The Feast of the Sacred Heart / Pioneer Members



On the Feast of the Sacred Heart **June 16th**, we are honouring members of the Pioneer total abstinence association with Silver presentation pins and certificates. We invite any members who are eligible for Silver or Gold pins to contact the Parish office or Helen Keogh 087-9950492.

**Confirmation young people**, would you consider taking on the commitment of abstaining from alcohol until your 18th birthday and from all drugs & abusive substances for life by becoming a member of the Pioneer Association

### Pioneer Prayer

For Thy greater glory and consolation, O Sacred of Jesus, for Thy sake to give good example, to practice self-denial, to make reparation to Thee for the sins of intemperance, and for the conversion of excessive drinkers, I will abstain for life from all intoxicating drinks."

### The month of May is Safeguarding Month

During the last year, 24 Pastoral Ministers were appointed to the Diocese of Killaloe, in Pastoral Care and Catechesis. These Pastoral Ministers have been appointed to different Pastoral Areas, working alongside priests and Pastoral care teams. All the Ministers have been Garda vetted and undertaken Safeguarding training in line with Diocesan Safeguarding Policy. Prayer, reflection and continues discernment, is a vital part of the Ministers life, ensuring that they remain steadfast and diligent as Pastoral Ministers of the Church.