

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter Week 1

Baptism Candles now available from the Parish office

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 19/20th August was **€2,317.00**

Minister of the Eucharist - If you wish to join the Eucharistic ministers rota in St. Brendan's Church please give your name to one of the priests or the parish office. Thank you.

Black Bull Threshing Festival

Sharavogue, Sunday 27th August @ 1pm.
Great Community & Family Day out.
All welcome.

Bingo every Friday night in the Marian Hall @ 8.30pm Jackpot €3,000 on the 46th call.
All welcome.

The Birr Stop Smoking Service is a FREE supportive service for people in the community who want to quit smoking. The service offers free Stop Smoking Medication and weekly support in Birr Primary Care Centre. For more information, contact Caroline Brickland, Ph 087 4484728/ Email caroline.brickland@hse.ie or visit QUIT.ie

VEX Robotics Play Sessions

Birr Library is delighted to be hosting robotics play sessions for ages 8 to 12. Sessions are 1 hour long and will take place at 11.30am and 2.00pm on Tuesday 29th August. Event is free but booking is essential, contact Birr Library on 057 91 24950 or email birrlibrary@offalycoco.ie to secure your place.

Regular Events at Birr Library

Writing Group 10.45am - 12.45pm every Wednesday.
Crafters Group 6.00pm - 8.00pm every Wednesday.
Parent & Toddler Group 11.00am - 12.00 noon every Friday.
Adult Book Club will resume in September, 2.30pm - 3.30pm last Thursday of the Month.
Kid's Book Club suitable for children aged 8-10. Last Fri of the Month from 3.25pm - 4.00pm.
For further information on any events, please contact Birr Library on 057 91 24950

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 26th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 26th	7.30pm	Phyllis Hamilton (née Sheeran), Westgate (MM) Cella Errity & deceased members of the Errity, Mahon & McGuinness families Johnny & Mary Mann, New Road
Sun 27th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 27th	9.30am	Noel Houlihan Carrig
Sun 27th	10.30am	Jacqueline Quealy, Hillside Hayden & Leake Families
Sun 27th	12noon	Marie Burke, Hillside Vincent Cordial & family, Newbridge Street Hughie Doyle, Croghan Road
Mon 28th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 29th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Wed 30th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thur 31st	10.00am	Private Intentions
Fri 1st	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 2nd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 2nd	7.30pm	Nigel Wrafter, New Road (1st Ann) Michael & Teresa Milne & sons Michael & Raymond, Crinkill Eamon & Rose Gunning, Green Street
Sun 3rd	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 3rd	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 3rd	10.30am	Eileen & Mick O'Regan, Moorpark Street & deceased members of the Shortt Family
Sun 3rd	12noon	Eamon Hensey Mary Morris, Newbridge Street

Please pray for the souls of

Joe Conroy, Birr Nursing Unit & Newline
Sean Raleigh, Lucan Dublin & Lacka
Carrig son of the late Mick & Josie Raleigh, Lacka
Natalia Tymoshenko, Ukraine & Elmgrove House
Cronan Costin, Galway & Kildare, nephew of Rita Delaney, Burkes Hill



"May you support us all the day long until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Christ Jesus, our Lord"

First Day of School

I wonder what you're doing now
And if everyone is treating you kind,
I hope there is a special person,
A nice friend that you can find.
I wonder if the teacher knows
How special you are to me
And if the brightness of your heart
Is something the teacher can see?
I wonder if you think of me
And if you need a hug.
I already miss the sound of your voice
And when you give my leg a tug.
I wonder if you understand
My joy at seeing you grow,
And on this day, know my heart breaks. As out
in the world, I'm letting you go!



Schools re-open this week. Good luck to all students in our parish schools as they return this week! We wish every blessing on children beginning school for the very first time.

Rev. Irene Morrow Cappaneale 1929 - 2023

Rev. Irene Morrow who died recently was an ordained minister of the Methodist Church. She contributed an immense amount to the benefit of many. As President of Birr Historical Society for many years, she was mainly responsible for organising academic seminars and conferences on St Brendan of Birr, Cáin Adomnáin, the Macregol Gospels and the Faddenmore Psalter - all associated with the early medieval period of Monastic Birr. Her contribution to Birr was immense and it was through her idea that Birr acquired the oak cross, bronze bell and facsimile manuscript copy of Cáin Adomnáin which have become parish treasures. She was an intellectual person, deeply religious and spiritual.
May she Rest in Peace

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Dá fhad é an lá tagann an oíche

Ní bhíonn in aon rud ach seal de réir an tseanfhocail. An t-am agus an taoide ní fhanann siad le haon duine. Tá deireadh leis na laethanta saoire agus ag an am seo den bhliain smaoinimid ar dhaltá scoile, ar mhic léann, ar mhúinteoirí agus iad siúd uile atá bainteach le hoideachas. Is mór an dúshlán atá ann do theagascóirí agus iad ag tabhairt faoi féinmhuinín, fiosracht, diogbháilteacht, díograis, cruthaitheacht agus samhlaíocht, a chothú sna haosánaigh faoina gcúram. Ní hualach do dhuine an léann agus guímid gach rath ar a saothar sa bhliain atá amach rompu. Guímis chuig ár dTiarna Íosa Críost agus iar-raimis air a bheith dár dteagasc agus dár seoladh gach bóthar chun ár leasa, inniu agus i gcónaí. Is fiú machnamh ar a raibh le rá ag an bhfísí Naomh Hildegard:
A Spiorad Naomh, A bheonn gach rud beo, A ghluaiseann gach créatúir,
A bhunaíonn an uile dhúil, Á nglanadh go glinn gléineach, Ag cealú a ndearmad,
Ag cneasú a gcréachta, Is tú an fhíorbheatha againn, Ionrach, iontach
Ag múscailt an chroí óna chodladh cianaosta.
Áiméan. (Hildegard de Bingen)

However long the day, night comes.

Nothing lasts forever according to the proverb. Time and tide wait for no man. The holidays have come to an end and at this time of year we think of schoolchildren, students, teachers and all who are associated with education. The challenges facing educators are very great as they endeavour to instil in the youth under their care, self confidence, curiosity, stability, zeal, creativity and imagination. Learning is no burden and we wish them all the best of luck as the school year begins. Lord Jesus Christ, we beseech you to teach us and guide us on the right course today and at all times. Let us reflect on what the visionary St Hildegard says: Holy Spirit, who gives life to every living being, who animates all creatures, who is origin of all creation, who frees them from impurities, blotting out their omissions, healing their wounds. You are our true life, luminous, wonderful, awakening the heart from its ancient sleep. Amen

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