

BIRR PARISH

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Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 9th	10.00am	Patsy Gleeson, Moorpark Street
Sat 9th	7.30pm	Teresa Donoghue (née O'Meara), Portumna (Memorial) Mick Roche, Ashbrook Drive Alice Higgins, High Street Brendan & Bernadette Corboy, Boherdeel Martin Rice, Newbridge Street Margaret & William Murdock, High Street Vincent & Hughie Tuohy
Sun 10th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 10th	9.30am	Peter & his son Charles & nephew Aidan King, Riverstown
Sun 10th	10.30am	Dan Coolahan, Cornmarket Street (MM) Kathleen Carry, Compton Row Bessie & Charlie Fleury, Castletown Ray Nolan, Ely Place
Sun 10th	12noon	Margo Regan, Elm Park (MM) Ned Jennings, Dublin & Birr (MM) Ned King, Frank McGregor & Tom King
Mon 11th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 12th	10.00am	Deceased Eucharistic Adorers Sheila & Paddy Slattery, Newtown, Nenagh & Grandson Charlie Brummell, Cappaneale
Wed 13th	10.00am	Annie Smyth, Connaught Street
Thur 14th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Fri 15th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 16th	10.00am	Mass of hope for those bereaved (Midland Living Links) Seamus Hoban, Dublin
Sat 16th	7.30pm	Hughie Doyle, Croghan Road (MM) Bridie Parkinson, The Terrace (MM) Daniel Shortt, Fairview (MM) Bernadette Kirwan, Ballindarra (1st Ann) Ita Burrows, England & Eden Road (1st Ann) & her husband Martin Deceased Members of the Doyle Family Tom Pardy, High Street
Sun 17th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 17th	9.30am	Tim Carey, Barncourt Carrig
Sun 17th	10.30am	Michael Hansbury Snr
Sun 17th	12noon	Joe Conroy, Woodfield & Birr Nursing Unit (MM) Agatha Cooney, John's Mall (1st Ann) Tom & Molly Smyth, Killeen Carmel Danagher, Castletown Cross

Psalter Week 3

Eucharistic Ministers Rota now available please collect from behind altar. Thank you

Midland Living Links - Supporting those bereaved by suicide. Tree of Hope Mass **Saturday 16th September @ 10am.** All welcome

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 2/3rd September was **€2,824.00**

Crochet class returning on Tuesday 12th September. Conference Room 7 pm to 9pm for 7 weeks. For further information or to book a place please contact Jacintha on 087 6480987.

Lunch Clubs – Offaly Healthy Homes Project are restarting our Lunch club in Birr in conjunction with Dooley's Hotel. The first Lunch Club will take place on Monday 4th of September from 12pm to 3pm in Dooley's Hotel and the first Monday of each month after that. For just €10 per person you will get to enjoy a lovely dinner Tea/Coffee and great Entertainment in the company of your friends and neighbours. Booking is essential please contact Shirley on 0872175998 if you are interested in attending'.

Adult Art Classes - Beginners & Advanced
Tuesday 19th Sept 10.00am-12.00pm
Tuesday 19th Sept 8.00pm-10.00pm
Wednesday 20th Sept 10.00am-12.00pm
100 euro for 5 weeks Contact 0873217089 or email lisaglynn50@gmail.com Eircode R42YK61 Newtown, Lusmagh, Banagher, Co. Offaly.

Birr Theatre & Arts Centre - Join us for Culture Night, 22 September Centre 7pm- Poet Eileen Casey and Photographer Jackie Lynch capture impressions of Birr town, where they were born and grew up. A short film featuring photography and poetry offers new insights into the landscape of Birr. 8pm, we welcome Karin Leitner, flautist, performing from a selection of her own compositions to Irish ballads and well known music from film scores.

Book your Free Seat now

Birr Review

This year's **Birr Review** is currently being finalised. If you would like to have a picture of a parishioner who has passed away since 1 November 2022 included, please send it and accompanying details to birrreview@gmail.com. Similarly, for parishioners who have been married or celebrated their 20th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th or 60th wedding anniversary since 1 November 2022, please send all pictures and accompanying details to: birrreview@gmail.com.

Walk The Cross 2023

The 4 Provinces of Ireland will walk 33 miles over 3 days. Each Province will carry a piece of the Cross and meet in the centre of Ireland in Clonmacnoise where the cross will be Assembled and exalted.

Day 1 - 14th September - Munster will start their pilgrimage walk at **St. Cronans Church Roscrea** after 10am Mass and Benediction at approx. 11.15am and walk the first stage to Birr. We understand the walk to Birr wont be possible for everyone but please come and walk with us any distance that suits you.

Day 2 - 15th September - Walk from Birr to near Clonmacnoise after Mass in **St. Brendan's Church**

Day 3 - 16th September walk final 3 miles to Clonmacnoise where the 4 provinces will meet and assemble the Cross. Followed by Holy Mass, Benediction and Confessions.

Buses will be organized from Roscrea on the 16th of September for the Mass in Clonmacnoise.

Register your interest in the walk by **e-mailing walkthecross33@gmail.com**

Please pray for the souls of

Teresa Donoghue, née O' Meara Shreeaun, Boula, Portumna, Sister of Michael O' Meara, Wilmer Road
Margareth Quigley McCarthy, Drumbane & Bantry Cork

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"

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Mí Mheán Fómhair

A Íosa, bí linn i mí Mheán Fómhair, mí na torthúlachta, mí bainte an arbhair, mí filleadh ar scoileanna. Ní bhíonn in aon rud ach seal a deir an seanfhocal. Tá an chuach imithe uainn agus ní fada go mbeidh na fáinleoga ag tabhairt aghaidh ar na tíortha ina mbíonn sé ina Shamhradh i gcónaí. Tá deireadh le laethanta saoire an tsamhraidh agus tá múinteoirí agus scoláirí ag filleadh ar ais ar scoil. Guímis ar son ár múinteoirí agus ár lucht teagaisc a thugann aire do spiorad an aosa óig agus a thugann chun foirfeachta é. Beannaigh iad ina gcuid oibre, a Íosa. Molaimid don aos óg aird a dhíriú ag tús na scoilbhliana ar an gcomhairle seo a leanas ón mbéaloideas. Lá ó scoil, Domhnach ón Aifreann, lá ó cheird. Ní hualach do dhuine an léann.

September

Lord be with us during the month of September; month of fruitfulness, month of harvesting, month of returning to school. According to the proverb nothing lasts more than a while. The cuckoo has taken flight and soon the swallows will be making their way to the countries where it is always Summer. The summer holidays are over. Teachers, pupils and students have returned to schools. Let us remember them and pray for all those who work as educators and who help young people achieve their full potential. Jesus, bless them in their work. We advise students to remember the following from Irish folklore: a day away from school, a Sunday away from Mass and a day away from work cannot be replaced.

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