

## BIRR PARISH

Parish Office: 057 9122028 Parish House: 057 9121757  
Website: [www.stbrendansbirr.ie](http://www.stbrendansbirr.ie)  
Email: [info@stbrendansbirr.ie](mailto:info@stbrendansbirr.ie)

*Parish Office Opening Hours*  
Monday - Friday 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

**Clergy of Brendan Cluster**  
**Fr. Tom Hogan**—087-6446410  
**Fr. Arnold Rosney** - 087-8598710  
**Fr. Michael O'Meara**, Kinnitty - 057-9137021

### Psalter Week 2

#### Parish Finances

**We acknowledge and thank parishioners** for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 4/5th May was **€2,520.00**

The **Priests Collection** will be taken up at all masses **this weekend, 4/5th May**. Your generosity to this collection is very much appreciated

#### Communion Mementos

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

**Pastoral Council Meeting Thursday 9th May @ 8pm in the Conference room to the rear of the Church.**

**An evening for liturgy groups, church sacristans and people interested will take place on Monday May 13th @ 7.30pm in the community hall Coolderry.** The event is organised by the Brendan Cluster of parishes and input by Maureen Kelly, St Patricks College, Maynooth.

**The Rosary** will be recited before 9.30am Sunday Mass in the church of the Annunciation Carrig during the month of May

**Midland Living Links** - Coffee Morning Tues 7th May after 10am Mass in the Conference room. All welcome.

**BIRR FESTIVAL OF MUSIC 2024** takes place from Thursday 2nd - Monday 6th May throughout the town of Birr. Evening and Lunchtime concerts; featuring Music in Schools; Birr Nursing Unit; Birr Castle; in Squares and Courtyards; Birr Young Voices; The Trench Awards; and many free events. Performances from celebrated Irish and International musicians. See [www.birrfestivalofmusic.com](http://www.birrfestivalofmusic.com) or call 057 9122911

**Birr Theatre & Arts Centre** welcome Fourth Wall Laois Theatre and their production of The Country Boy Sat 11 May 8pm. John Murphy's play is a humorous but poignant love story, examining emigration, the impact of dreams on reality and the challenges of returning home. [www.birrtheatre.com](http://www.birrtheatre.com)

## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 4th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 4th	7.30pm	<b>James Parsons, Dublin &amp; Birr (MM)</b> Joe & Sally Kennedy, Elm Park Deceased members of the Hogan, Kennedy & Dunning families George & Laura Smith
Sun 5th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 5th	9.30am	Mark Smyth, Tinlough Martin Carney, Carrig
Sun 5th	10.30am	Jonny Carroll, School Road and his parents Bridie & Jack Nancy Moody, Glebe Street Stan Hayes, High Street Monica Boyd, Woodlands Drive
Sun 5th	12 noon	<b>Teresa Campbell, Birr Community Nursing Unit &amp; Mullingar (MM)</b> <b>Ger McDermott, Scurragh (1st Ann)</b> Martin Hynes, Castle Gardens & his son Peter Sylvester Nagle, Australia Christy & Nora Cleary & Tommy Pey, Riverstown Mick & Mary Hogan, Crinkle
Mon 6th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 7th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Wed 8th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thurs 9th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Fri 10th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 11th	11am	<b>Communion Crinkle N.S &amp; Killeen N.S</b>
Sat 11th	7.30pm	Billy Watson, Rosse Row Joe Landy, Westgate Tim Hutchinson, Crinkle
Sun 12th	8.30am	<b>Kathleen Davis, Emmet Street (MM)</b>
Sun 12th	9.30am	Aidan King, The Gables
Sun 12th	10.30am	Paddy Molloy, Burkes Hill
Sun 12th	12 noon	<b>Michael Doran, Clonoghill upper (MM)</b> James Martin, Cappaneale Park Sarah Barry Turley, Elm Park

**Please pray for the souls of**

**Brigid White, Arraghmore, Carrig**



*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"*

## 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.

## First Holy Communion

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 11th May** - Crinkill N.S & Killeen N.S.  
**Saturday 18th May** - Mercy P.S, St. Brendan's P.S & Parish Preparation Programme  
**Sunday 19th May** - Carrig N.S.  
**(In Carrig Church at 9.30am)**

**Birr Flower & Garden Club** Tuesday 7th May @ 8pm Dooly's Hotel. Paul Smyth RHSI will talk on creating a herbaceous border. Plant sale on the night, cash only please. All welcome. Non-members €10

**Lough Derg** - 3 day pilgrimage June 24/25/26. Bus leaving from Emmett Square if interested please contact the parish office 05791-22028

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** July 17th - 24th. Fully escorted Trip €745 inclusive of breakfast and dinner. Deposit of €200 spiritual Director Fr. Tom Hannon. To reserve please contact Phil Robinson 086-3956299

**St Brendan's Primary School Birr invites you to the launch of John Feehan Illustrated, Reflective Bibliography with excerpts and commentary.**  
Edited by George Cunningham.  
Friday 10th May @ 7.30pm in the School Assembly Hall, Moorpark Street. Refreshments courtesy of the Parents Association. All welcome

## Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Roinnt Paidreacha ón Ár bPaidreacha Dúchais  
le Diarmuid Ó Laoghaire, S.J

### Ag dul ar aistear

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 bhóthair.

### Going on a journey.

God between me and drowning,  
God between me and fire.  
God may I not die in debt,

Iarraimid Ort, a Thiarna, d'anáil naofa a chur fúinn chun sinn a stiúradh inár ngníomhartha agus neart do ghrásta a bhronnadh orainn chun iad a thabhairt chun críche, ionas gur uaitse a thosófar ár n-uile bhriathar agus ár n-uile ghníomh feasta, agus gur tríot a chríochnófar iad; trí Chríost ár dTiarna. Áiméan.

### Prayer before work

Direct, O Lord, we beseech you, all our actions by your holy inspirations, and carry them on by your gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may begin always from you, and by you be happily ended. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Ainm Íosa

GO raibh ainm milis Íosa  
Go taitneamhach scríofa  
Ar lár mo chroíse  
A Mhuire, a Mháthair Íosa  
Go raibh Íosa agamsa  
Agus mise ag Íosa  
Ceangal grá eadrainn  
Gan scaoileadh  
Áiméan, a Íosa  
Go brách is choíche. Áiméan

### The Name of Jesus

May the sweet name of Jesus  
Be in radiant letters  
In my heart, deep down  
Mary, may Jesus  
And I together  
Be each other's own

A love between us  
That nothing will sever  
Amen Jesus forever and ever.  
Amen.

**Sponsored by**  
**T. P Sullivan Haulage**