

## BIRR PARISH

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### Clergy of Brendan Cluster

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### Psalter Week 4

#### Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 10/11th August was **€2,868.00**

#### Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Active

**Retirement group** are organising a trip to the Radisson Hotel Sligo from 22nd - 25th September 2024. Bed & Breakfast & dinner each day. Tour each day and entertainment each night. Luxury coach provided from Birr. Price €385.00 per person sharing. If interested please contact Mary 087-1264925 ASAP.

**Congratulations** to our very talented dancers Sarah Teehan Eimear Teehan Tara Seguin Sarah Cooke Kathy Dermody Aoife Maher Aoife Gilligan and Amy Ryan winning the Senior Ladies 8 hand Ceilí and the Senior 4 hand Ceilí at the weekend in Wexford All Ireland Fleadh.

**S.V.P Birr** is in urgent need of bed linen, towels, men's clothes (large & x-large) and local school uniforms. We are very grateful to all those who in any way support the work of the conference. Míle Buíochas

**Drop in Café** - Join us for a Cuppa & a Chat! Are you looking for a friendly place to connect with others? Come along to our drop-in café every Fri from 11am to 12:30pm at the new LOETB building in Birr! Bring a friend, make new ones, and enjoy the warm atmosphere. Everyone is welcome! For more information contact Aoife on 087 738 5989.

**MenPower Programme** - Gents, are you interested in finding direction and expanding your horizons? Join us for the MenPower programme, starting September 25th at Birr Outdoor Education Centre. This opportunity is completely free, and your social welfare benefits will not be affected. Refreshments and a light lunch are included! For more information, call Aoife on 087 7385989.

## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 17th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 17th	7.30pm	<b>Bridie Parkinson, The Terrace, Crinkill (1st Ann)</b> <b>Daniel Shortt, Fairview, (1st Ann)</b> Fiona Guinan, Whiteford and her parents Michael & Mary Hogan Kevin Parady, High Street Bernadette Lally, McAuley Drive Nancy & Paddy Walsh Christina & Johnny Pidgeon, Ballydaly, Tullamore
Sun 18th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 18th	9.30am	Private Intentions Carrig
Sun 18th	10.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 18th	12noon	<b>Joe Conroy, Burkes Hill &amp; Woodfield (1st Ann)</b> Tom O'Dwyer, Cappaneale Peter & Nora Costello, Sharavogue Johnny Mann, Pound Street
Mon 19th	10am	All Deceased members of the Hanlon Family
Tues 20th	10am	Jean Roycroft, Cork
Wed 21st	10am	Private Intentions
Thurs 22nd	10am	Private Intentions
Friday 23rd	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 24th	10am	John & Bridget Delaney John & Kathleen Walsh
Sat 24th	7.30pm	Patrick Donoghue, Bulfin Park & Ballymun Rose Gunning and her husband Eamonn, Green Street
Sun 25th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 25th	9.30am	<b>Dermot Sullivan, Ballagh Riverstown (MM)</b> Noel Houlihan, Faddenmore
Sun 25th	10.30am	Jacqueline Quealy, Hillside Noel & Maureen Reedy, John's Mall
Sun 25th	12noon	<b>Sally Nugent, Green Street (MM)</b>

### Please pray for the souls of

**Kieran Flannery**, Clareen, brother of Mary Watkins, Crinkill  
**Sean Oakley**, Ballagh, Carrig & Birr Community Nursing Unit

*"I lit a candle for a friend today. The light from it to guide is way in to your arms sweet Jesus".*



## Buíochas

Sincere thanks to all who were involved in the Bi-Centenary celebration on Saturday last. A particular thank you to Birr Choral society and Michael Hanna and friends of the choir from Tullamore, Kildare and Dublin who joined under the direction of Charles Marshall to sing the new composition "The Birr Mass". Peter Whyte wrote the Mass setting to mark 50 years of Birr Choral society. Our thanks to the church choir under the direction of Tommy Lyndon who participated in liturgy with inspiring opening and closing pieces in addition to the psalm and communion hymns. A special thanks to Enda O'Connor, Church organist. Thanks to all who were involved in the liturgy, the gathering rite, readers, prayers of the faithful, communion reflection. Our thanks to Lavender House who provided the catering and to all the volunteers that helped with the hospitality. Our thanks to Bishop Fintan and the visiting clergy Fr. Pat Malone, Clarecastle, Fr. Colm Mannion O.P Cork, Canon Arthur Minion, Rev Janet Spinner and Rev Nigel Gill. Our thanks to Birr Castle Gardens who donated a liquid amber tree which was planted in the Garden of Tranquillity by Bishop Fintan and Joe McEvoy (groundsman) prior to the Mass. We acknowledge Paul Barber & Jillian Crowley for their wonderful photographs of the occasion.

## Parish Property Maintenance

Work is progressing presently on the repair to the church windows at Carrig. The doors and timber windows are currently being repainted at the Parochial House and Presbytery on John's Place. The repair and maintenance work is completed at St. Brendan's Church. Our thanks for your continued support to the Parish.

**Sponsored by Anonymous**

## Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

### Blessings

There are many blessings in Irish tradition. There are prayers for every occasion and every aspect of life. This is a prayer on seeing the sun. God, who created the sun, you are the light of my being, your splendour the joy of my heart, I love you, eternal Light; give me the blessing of seeing your glory, in eternal life. Prayer for the month of August: O glorious gentle, beautiful Virgin. You are my sustenance, my abundance, my treasure. You are my guiding light leading me on my way. In this valley of tears may you be my friend. Amen

## Volunteer Ministries in the Killaloe Diocese

Information evenings on the training programmes for the Ministry of Catechist and the Ministry of Pastoral Care will be held at three locations across the Diocese in early September. These are the venues, times and dates:

Kilrush, Community Centre:  
**Wed, September 11th at 7.30 p.m.**  
Ennis, Pastoral Centre: Thursday  
**Thurs, September 12th at 7.30 p.m.**  
Nenagh: Pastoral Centre,  
**Monday 16th September at 7.30 p.m.**

At these meetings, Bishop Fintan will be present to formally launch this programme of training and formation. People currently involved in a myriad of volunteer ministries will also be present to answer any of your questions. Come along to see and hear how these lay ministries are developing across the diocese and how you might become part of this Good News story.

For more information visit: <https://www.killaloe-diocese.ie/our-diocese/lay-ministries/>