BIRR PARISH	Rem	embere	ed in Mass this Week	Do You Want To Fast This Lent?
Parish Office: 057 9122028 Parish House: 057 9121757	Sat 8th	10am	Private Intentions	Fast from hurting words and say kir
Website: www.stbrendansbirr.ie Email: info@stbrendansbirr.ie	Sat 8th	7.30pm	Jack & Peggy Roberts and family,	words.
			Birr & Crinkill Liz, Con, John & Tommy Kennedy,	Fast from sadness and be filled with
Parish Office Opening Hours Monday - Friday 9.30 a.m 12.30 p.m.			Connaught Street	gratitude.
			Michael & Kathleen Regan & sons David & Alan, High Street	Fast from anger and be filled with
Clergy of Brendan Cluster Fr. Tom Hogan—087-6446410			Dick Welsh & Son the Sarge, High Street	patience.
Fr. Arnold Rosney - 087-8598710			Sophia Scully, Meadowbrook	Fast from pessimism and be filled w
Fr. Michael O'Meara, Kinnitty - 057-9137021			Mossie & Tony Kelly, New Road & Cappaneale & family members	hope.
			Lucy Antony, India	Fast from worries and have trust i
Psalter week 1	Sun 9th	8.30am	Baby Sheila Cash, Daingean Road Private Intentions	God.
Parish Finances We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 1/2 March was €2,527.00	Sun 9th	9.30am	Geoff Harding, Carrig	Fast from complaints and
	Carrig	0.000111	Coon Harding, Oarrig	contemplate simplicity.
	Sun 9th	10.30am	Agnes Pearson, The Rocks	Fast from pressures and be
The Rosary will be recited in the Church of the Annunciation Carrig on Sunday, 9th March -			Patricia Shelly, Cornhill Riverstown Margaret & Johnny Guinan,	prayerful.
Sunday, April 20, 2025 before the 9.30am Mass. All			Clonbrone & deceased members of	Fast from bitterness and fill your hea
Welcome.			Mitchell Family Tom O' Meara, Beech Avenue	with joy.
Stations of the Cross will take place during lent on Wednesday's after the 10am Mass with the			James & Margaret Horan, Beech Avenue	Fast from selfishness and be
exception of Ash Wednesday & Spy Wednesday	Sun 9th 12noon	12noon	William, Teresa & Donie Hanley	compassionate to others.
Lourdes Pilgrimage 5-9th August from €765 per			Anna Pey and all deceased	Fast from grudges and be
person sharing. Price includes 4-night stay at the 4* Hotel Roissy; return direct flights Dublin/			members of the Hanley & Pey Families	reconciled.
Lourdes; Breakfast and Dinner each day; A limited			John Fay, Mossfield, Clareen Dick Johnston, Military Road,	Fast from words and be silent so y
number of single rooms are available for a €160 supplement. Spiritual director is Fr. Tom Hannon.			Crinkill	can listen
Contact Phil Robinson 086-3956299. €200 deposit			William & Ann Hough, Townsend Street	Pope F
on booking.			Patricia Fitzpatrick, High Street	Ceremony of Light-Confirmation
Birr Historical Society - The Changing face of	Mon 10th	10am	Brendan & Margaret Hutchinson & Family	Our ceremony of Light for all confirmat
Offaly Towns in the early 1900s. Talk will focus on Birr, speaker Michael Byrne. Monday March 10th @	Tues 11th	10am	Private Intentions	candidates will take place on
8pm County Arms Hotel . All welcome.	Wed 12th	10am	Claude, Eva, Deirdre & Caroline	Monday March 10th @ 7.30pm in
Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Active Retirement - Chair Yoga with Nessa Feehan starting Friday March 7th for 6 weeks 12-1pm. Contact Mary 086-8792096		Corcoran, Emmett Square & Eva's sister May Mooney	St. Brendan's. All are welcome.	
			Jack Murray	Lenten Video series for Jubilee of Hope 20
	Thurs 13th	10am	Private Intentions	Lenten video series for Jublice of hope 20
Invitation for Expressions of Interest After School Service Provider Carrig NS, Carrig, Birr If you are interested in running an After School	Fri 14th	10am	Private Intentions	During the season of Lent, Holy Week a Easter Octave Bishop Fintan will share s
	Sat 15th	10am	Private Intentions	
Service in Carrig NS, please e-mail your expression	Sat 15th	7.30pm	Teresa Shortt & her parents Daniel	daily messages (between 30 seconds an
of interest with all relevant information to afterschoolcarrigns@gmail.com This is an			& Elizabeth & brothers Tom & John Willie Shortt & Bridget, Seffin	minute) centred around the theme of Ho
opportunity for AN INDEPENDENT PROVIDER			John & Frances Hoare & Sr. Josephine Grimes	each day. This will be available on the m social media platforms, Facebook, X
Closing Date March 14th	Sun 16th	8.30am	Private Intentions	(formerly Twitter), Instagram, Linked-ir
Are you an artist looking to put some time into the art of drawing? Birr Theatre hosts self	Sun 16th	9.30am	Private Intentions	Bluesky, Tiktok, YouTube. The handle for
directed, figure drawing session on Mondays 12-	Carrig	0.000111		most platforms is @BishopFintan Some
2pm. A clothed model has multiple timed poses under light for you to draw. www.birrtheatre.com	Sun 16th	10.30am	Helen Hogan, Killeen	the messages are from Bishop Fintan a
EmployAbility Midlands - Do you have a disability,			Martin & Teresa Freeman, Enniscorthy and daughter Lorraine	many of them will also be from various p
illness or injury and would like help to find a job? If			Byrne, Boston	ple around the diocese, clergy, laity, won and men, young and old. Welcome to vi
the answer is yes, you can contact Liam on 086 387 3047 or Patricia on 086 145 1074 and we	Sun 16th	12noon	Noel Watkins, Cayman Islands & Birr (1st Ann)	and share and happy Jubilee of Hope
will be happy to tell you more about EmployAbility			Teresa Campbell (1st Ann) & her	
			husband Paddy, Townsend Street	

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne Inniu an Chéad Domhnach den Charghas.

Sa tráth seo bliana, bímid ag smaoineamh ar bhás agus ar aiséirí Chríost. Bíonn páirt againn ina bhás agus ina aiséirí nuair a dhéanaimid dearmad orainn féin chun toil Dé a dhéanamh agus chun cabhrú lenár

gcomharsana. "Tá a fhios againn go bhfuil an bás scoite againn agus an bheatha shroichte againn, ó ghrá a bheith againn do na bráithre. An té nach mbíonn grá aige fanann sé sa bhás" (1 Eoin 3:14) Go raibh sé de mhisneach againn aithris a dhéanamh ar Íosa trí íobairtí agus cleachtaí spioradálta.

An áit a bhfuil carthanacht agus grá, tá Dia ann. Tugaimis grá dá chéile ó chroí dílis. Áiméan.

First Sunday of Lent

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. During this season we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus. We take part in his death and resurrection when we put service to others before our own needs and do God's will. "We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death" (1 John 3:14) May we have the courage to imitate Jesus through sacrifice and spiritual exercises.

Where there is charity and love God is also there. Let us love one another sincerely. Amen

Sacramental Masses We welcome the children from Crinkill N.S. who will be participating in 7.30pm Mass, and Mercy P.S. who will be participating in the 10.30am Mass

Confirmation Day

All our pupils receiving Confirmation will be confirmed by Bishop Fintan on Saturday March 15th @ 11am & 3pm ceremonies.

The Ceremony for St. Brendan's P.S./Mercy P.S./ Parish Preparation Programme will be held at 11am

The Ceremony for Crinkill N.S/Carrig N.S./ Killeen N.S will be held at 3pm.

We look forward to celebrating this special event in our Parish.

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