BIRR PARISH Parish Office: 057 9122028 Parish House: 057 9121757	Sat 29th	10 am	ed in Mass this Week Private Intentions
Website: www.stbrendansbirr.ie	Sat 29th	7.30pm	Michael Flanagan, Bulfin Park
Email: info@stbrendansbirr.ie	-		(1st Ann) Barry Kelly, The Oaks, Woodlane
Parish Office Opening Hours Monday - Friday 9.30 a.m 12.30 p.m.			Tony Fahy, Burkes Hill Herbert Hennessy, Seffin and his
Clergy of Brendan Cluster Fr. Tom Hogan —087-6446410			parents Willie & Kathleen Thomas & Rosanne O' Brien, Aharney, Tullamore
Fr. Arnold Rosney - 087-8598710 Fr. Michael O'Meara, Kinnitty - 057-9137021	Sun 30th	8.30am	Kathleen Davis, Emmet Street (1st Ann)
	Sun 30th Carrig	9.30am	Private Intentions
Psalter week 4 Parish Finances	Sun 30th	10.30am	Mary Tuohey, Joanne Tuohey
We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 29/30 March was €2,542.10			Bridget Doyle, Marian McCarthy & Eileen McCarthy Margaret Doyle Tommy & Doreen Rigney, Hollypark
The Rosary will be recited in the Church of the Annunciation Carrig on Sunday, 9th March - Sunday, April 20, 2025 before the 9.30am Mass. All Welcome.	Sun 30th	12noon	Kieran & Doreen (Don) Horan, Castle Street and all deceased members of the Ahearne & Horan families
Bake Sale in aid of Carrig National School on	Mon 31st	10 am	Private Intentions
Sunday 30th March from 10am in Carrig & Riverstown Community Hall, all support is	Tue 1ar April	10 am	Private Intentions
appreciated.	Wed 2nd	10 am	Private Intentions
Church gate collection 29/30th March in aid of Cystic fibrosis. Your generosity is very much	Thurs 3rs	10 am	Private Intentions
appreciated	Fri 4th	10 am	Mary & James Kennedy & Son Neilus
Stations of the Cross will take place during Lent on Wednesday's after the 10am Mass. St. Brendan's P.S will lead us on Wed April 2nd.	Sat 5th	10 am	Joe Kennedy, Tullamore Road
Birr Flower & Garden Club Meeting in the County Arms Hotel Tuesday April 1st @ 8pm. Enjoy an Easter Flower demonstration with Richard Haslam. All welcome. Non-members €10 Raffle tickets €5	Sat 5th	7.30pm	James Parsons, Dublin & Formerly Crinkill (1st Ann) Jack & Bina Walsh & Grandson Eoin Eastwood Seán & Frances Hogan, Burkes Hill Michael Hough, Bengal Lodge
The LOETB Choir & Friends is a vibrant ensemble of young music enthusiasts who came together through LOETB music business course. Join them at Birr Theatre & Arts Centre for a captivating mix of ively melodies and heartfelt harmonies. The			Margaret, Michael & John Molloy, Shinrone Tommy Parsons, Bulfin Park Christy Loughnane, Woodlands
evening will be in support of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Friday, 11th April :8pm, €15 Children	Sun 6th	8.30am	Private Intentions
€5. www.birrtheatre.com St. Cronan's Church (Cof I), Roscrea will host a	Sun 6th Carrig	9.30am	Bill O'Meara & Family members, Fadden
special evening of Gospel music with Christian singer James Kilbane on Friday 4th April at 8pm . The evening is in support of vital repair work to the	Sun 6th	10.30am	Mary Sheils, Whitford Celie Hart, Compton Row
church roof, indoor walls, dampness prevention as well as the ongoing ministry work. Donation tickets are €20 and are available from church organisers,	Sun 6th	12noon	Seamus Hogan, Ballindara James Martin, Cappaneale Park
ocal outlets, Eventbrite, or call 087 3825336. All			
welcome and all support are appreciated. Birr Historical Society - Dame Nellie Melba			
(1861-1931) was one of the most distinguished Australian singers of her generation. Find out about			
ner fascinating life. Talk on Monday April 14th @ 8pm in County Arms Hotel.	Sponsored by Anonymous		

larch 30th Mother's Day others are like buttons they hold everything together" **Her Hands** ler hands held me gently rom the day I took my first breath. ler hands helped to guide me is I took my first step. ler hands held me close when the tears would start to fall. ler hands were guick to show me hat she would take care of it all. ler hands were there to brush my hair, or straighten a wayward bow. ler hands were often there to comfort he hurts that didn't always show. ler hands helped hold the stars in place, ind encouraged me to reach. ler hands would clap and cheer ind praise when I captured them at length. ler hands would also push me, hough not down or in harm's way. ler hands would punctuate the words, ust do what I say. ler hands sometimes had to discipline, o help bend this young tree. ler hands would shape and mould me nto all she knew I could be. ler hands are now twisting with age ind vears of work.

ler hand now needs my gentle touch o rub away the hurt. ler hands are more beautiful han anything can be. ler hands are the reason I am me.

Maggie Pittmar

Congratulations to the hildren from our Parish hools who received the Sacrament of First econciliation this week



Invitation

Young People who are pleting the John Paul 11 J. rd invite you to join them offee and a chat in the erence Room after 10am Mass on v 4th April. All welcome

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Inniu an Ceathrú Domhnach den Charghas. Tugtar Laetare ar an Domhnach seo mar de réir an traidisiúin ba lá ceiliúradh é san Eaglais i lár an Charghais. Is éard is brí le Laetara ná Gairdígí. Meabhraíonn an Scrioptúr dúinn go bhfuil cúis ghairdis sa Tiarna againn. Caitheann an sagart éide rósach agus an tAifreann á léamh aige inniu. De ghnáth ní bhíonn aon bhláthanna ar an altóir le linn an Charghais ach is féidir iad a bheith ann inniu. Fadó ní bhíodh an t- orgán le clos sa Charghas ach amháin ar Dhomhnach Laetara. Ceiliúrtar Lá na Máthar ar an gceathrú Domhnach den Charghas gach bliain. Go raibh lá sona, saor ó bhuairt ag gach máthair inniu.

A Dhia grámhar, guímid ar son ár máithreacha beo nó marbh a tháinig i gcabhair orainn nuair a bhíomar gan neart, a thug sólás dúinn nuair a bhíomar gortaithe agus uaireanta nár thugamar dóthain aitheanta di. Áiméan.

Laetare Sunday

Today the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday, has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration midway through the season of Lent. Laetare means Rejoice. The Scriptures tell us that we have good reason to rejoice in the Lord. The priest wears rose coloured vestments today. There are usually no flowers on the altar during Lent but today is an exception. Long ago the organ was silent during Lent but played on Laetare Sunday. Mother's Day is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent each year. May every mother have a happy and joy filled day. We can say the following prayer:

Today, loving God, we pray for mothers, those who are with us and those who have died. They cared for us when we were helpless, comforted us when we were hurt. May we never take their love and care for granted. Amen.

Penitential Service

Pastoral Area Penitential Service for Easter takes place Monday April 7th @ 7.30pm in St. Brendan's led by Fr. Tom Hannon. All welcome.