#### **BIRR PARISH**

Parish Office: 057 9122028 Parish House: 057 9121757 Website: www.stbrendansbirr.ie Email: 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 1

#### Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 29/30 March was €2,299.00

The Adoration Room will close Thursday April 17th and will re-open Tuesday April 22nd. Thank you.

**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.

**Stations of the Cross** will take place during Lent on Wednesday's after the 10am Mass.

Ballingarry 5km Funrun/Walk in aid of North Tipperary Hospice will take place on Sunday 13th April at 11am, start from Knockshegowna GAA pitch E53 W597. €10 registration (children free). All welcome.

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 lively melodies and heartfelt harmonies. The evening will be in support of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Friday, 11th April :8pm, €15 Children €5.www.birrtheatre.com

Birr Historical Society - Dame Nellie Melba (1861-1931) was one of the most distinguished Australian singers of her generation. Find out about her fascinating life. Talk on Monday April 14th @ 8pm in County Arms Hotel.

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 16th April at 7.30pm in the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents death was. You do not need to register in advance.

## Remembered in Mass this Week

Remembered in Mass this Week			
Sat 5th	10 am	Joe Kennedy, Tullamore Road	
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 Margaret, Michael & John Molloy, Shinrone Tommy Parsons, Bulfin Park Christy Loughnane, Woodlands	
Sun 6th	8.30am	Private Intentions	
Sun 6th Carrig	9.30am	Bill O'Meara & Family members, Fadden	
Sun 6th	10.30am	Mary Sheils, Whitford Celie Hart, Compton Row	
Sun 6th	12noon	Seamus Hogan, Ballindara James Martin, Cappaneale Park John Killackey, Ballingarry & Birr	
Mon 7th	10 am	Private Intentions	
Mon 7th	7.30pm	Pastoral Area Penitential Service	
Tue 8th	10 am	Private Intentions	
Wed 9th	10 am	Private Intentions	
Thurs 10th	10 am	Private Intentions	
Fri 11th	10 am	Private Intentions	
Sat 12th	10 am	Seán & Dilly Hanniffy	
Sat 12th	7.30pm	Jim & Lily Reid, Athy James Donoghue, Bulfin Park Kathleen Ryan, Emmet Street Tom McInerney, Killeen	
Sun 13th	8.30am	Private Intentions	
Sun 13th Carrig	9.30am	Mamie Gleeson, Lacka	
Sun 13th	10.30am	Sean Kinirons, High Street Joe Colgan, Rath	
Sun 13th	12noon	Michael Doran, Clonoghill Upper (1st Ann) & Son Paul Doran Paddy Kearns, Military Road Phyl McDowell, Townsond Street	

#### Please pray for the souls of

Bernie Bracken, Castletown, Fortal



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"

Phyl McDowell, Townsend Street

## **Chrism Mass**

You are warmly invited to the **Chrism Mass on Spy Wednesday** April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm in St Brendan's Church this year. The parishes of the Brendan Pastoral area Shinrone Ballingarry, Kilcolman, Kinnitty & Birr are hosting this event. The Holy Oils for use in the Sacraments across the Diocese of Killaloe are blessed at this Mass by Bishop Fintan. A choir from the four parishes will provide the music and singing at the Liturgy with various representatives taking part in the Mass. All are welcome to this special Diocesan event with refreshments afterwards in the hall of the Mercy Primary School beside the church.

### **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.

## The Cross in my Pocket.

I carry a cross in my pocket, A simple reminder to me, Of the fact that I am a Christian, No matter where I may be.

This little cross is not magic, Nor is it a good luck charm, It isn't meant to protect me from every physical harm.

It's not for identification, For all the world to see, It's simply an understanding, between my Saviour and me.

When I put my hand in my pocket, To bring out a coin or a key, The cross is there to remind me, Of the price He paid for me.

It reminds me, too, to be thankful, For my blessings day by day, And to strive to serve Him better, In all that I do and say.

It's also a daily reminder,
Of the peace and comfort I share,
With all who know my Master, and give
themselves to His care. So, I carry a cross in my
pocket, Reminding no one but me, That Jesus
Christ is the Lord of my life,
If only I'll let Him be.

# Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

#### Mí Aibreán.

Tá mí Aibreán thar tairseach isteach chugainn. I mí Aibreáin bí linn, a Thiarna: mí na bhfáinleog, mí na cuaiche, mí an fhásra, mí an fhéir ghlais. Is minic a deirtear gurb í Láithreacht Dé an ghné is suntasaí dár spioradáltacht Cheilteach. Is dual dár gcreideamh ár saol a chaitheamh i láthair Dé. Chreid siad go raibh grá Dé ár gcosaint de shíor agus bhí siad an tugtha do phaidreacha ciorclacha. Tá roinnt mhaith díobh le fáil i Ár bPaidreacha Dúchais le Diarmaid Ó Laoghaire,S.J. Is é an ceann is coitianta atá ar eolas againn ná Lúireach Phádraig.

Críost liom,

Críost romham,
Críost i mo dhiaidh,
Chríost istigh ionam,
Críost fúm,
Críost os mo chionn,
Críost ar mo lámh dheas,
Críost ar mo lámh chlé,
Críost i mo luí dom,
Críost i mo sheasamh dom,
Críost i gcroí gach duine atá ag cuimhneamh orm,
Críost i mbéal gach duine a labhraíonn liom,
Críost i ngach súil a fhéachann orm,
Críost i ngach cluas a éisteann liom. Áiméan .

## **Month of April**

April is here. Be with us Lord during the month of April, month of the swallows, month of the cuckoo, month of growth, month of green grass. The Presence of God is often said to be the most significant aspect of our Celtic spirituality This was natural in Irish life. People believed that they were constantly being protected by God's love and were very committed to circular prayers. Many of these are to be found is in  $\acute{A}r$  bPaidreacha Dúchais by Diarmaid Ó Laoghaire.S.J. The most common one is Saint Patrick's Breastplate:

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,

Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen

Sponsored by Birr Town F.C