

BIRR PARISH

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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 24/25th May was €3,109.00

Parish Pilgrimage of Hope

As part of this Jubilee Year of Hope - A walking pilgrimage to a Sacred Place in Birr will take place on Bank Holiday Morning June 2nd. The walk will commence at St. Brendan's Church at 2.30pm and conclude at St. Brendan's Well in Birr Castle Demesne. Brian Kennedy local Historian and author of " A place in All our Hearts" will lead the pilgrimage walk. All are welcome.

Inviting people to celebrate 25 & 50 years of Pioneer membership please contact Parish office.

Midland Living Links supporting those bereaved by suicide. Coffee Morning June 3rd Conference room in St. Brendan's Church after 10.00 a.m. mass. All welcome

Give Blood - Marian Hall, Birr

Tues 3rd June 3.45pm to 8pm

Wed 4th June 2.30pm to 5pm & 7pm to 9.30pm

Thurs 5th June 12pm to 2pm & 4pm to 7.30pm

Birr Theatre & Arts Centre - Acclaimed violinist Vladimir Jablokov joined by pianist Adam Kuruc, present an evening of romance, passion, and storytelling, from childhood memories to life on the world stage! Hear timeless favourites such as Theme from Spartacus, If I Were a Rich Man, Por Una Cabeza, Jalousie, Hungarian Dance No. 5, along with some beautiful Irish melodies.

Friday, 20 June 8pm, www.birrtheatre.com

St. Cronan's Pastoral Areas, Roscrea Jubilee Walk / Pilgrimage to Monaincha Abbey takes place on Sunday June 15th starting at 10am from St. Cronan's Church, Roscrea. Bishop of Killaloe, Fintan Monahan, will lead the walk and celebrate Mass at Monaincha Abbey at 12 noon. Transport available from St. Cronan's Church Roscrea. Car parking at site. For more info please contact (087)1654282

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 31st	10am	Jack & Rose Grimes & Catherine Grimes, Wilmer Road Moira Brown, Emmett Street Joe & Ciss Hackett, Sandymount Fred Hollywood, Crinkill
Sat 31st	7.30pm	Jimmy Kelly, Presentation Place
Sun 1st	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 1st Carrig	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 1st	10.30am	Pake Egan & his wife Lil, Burkes Hill & Lusmagh Michael (Rocky) Lane Brendan Burns, Clonoghill Lower
Sun 1st	12noon	Private Intentions
Mon 2nd	10 am	Brian McManus, Military Road
Tue 3rd	10 am	Private Intentions
Wed 4th	10 am	Private Intentions
Thur 5th	10 am	Private Intentions
Fri 6th	10 am	Private Intentions
Sat 7th	10am	Mary Hehir & Mick & son Geoffrey
Sat 7th	7.30 pm	Anne Coleman (née Kelly) Hawthorn Drive, Crinkill (MM) Patrick Sherlock, Birr Community Nursing Unit (1st Ann) Paul & Molly Kennedy, Moorpark Street Con Phelan, Townsend Street Dan & Carmel Milne, Crinkill Michael Molloy, Meadowcourt & his son Brian Molloy, Bolliver, Meath
Sun 8th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 8th Carrig	9.30am	Mary & Brendan Keeshan, Riverstown John Daly, Kilmaine & all deceased members of the Keeshan & Daly families Des Reddan & Kevin Reddan, Fadden Carrig Theresa Kennedy, Clohaskin
Sun 8th	10.30am	Donald & Margie Brady, Killeen
Sun 8th	12noon	Private Intentions

Please pray for the souls of

Marie Harding, Ballyduff, Rathcabbin Formerly Loorha

Betty Reid, Townsend Street, Birr

Declan Delaney, Rath, Son of Liz & Tony Delaney Mile Tree

Charles Miller, Boveen House, Sharavogue, Birr father of John Miller, Meadow Brook, Birr

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

Sacred Heart Statue Visit

In January of this year Pope Francis blessed four pilgrim statues of the Sacred Heart which were to journey to the four provinces of Ireland visiting each diocese. For the past two weeks one of those statues has been visiting our Diocese of Killaloe. The pastoral area of Brendan will welcome the Sacred Heart Statue on Friday June 6th arriving at St. Brendan's Church Birr where a Holy Hour will be conducted. The statue will rest in St. Brendan's for veneration on Saturday June 7th with Morning Mass and Benediction coinciding with the first Saturday of devotions. In the evening the statue will rest at St. Ita's Church Coolderry for Holy Hour @ 6pm and concluding with evening Mass @ 8pm before departing for St. Cronan's, Roscrea.

Lough Derg Pilgrimage

Lough Derg - 3 day pilgrimage June 23/24 & 25th . Bus leaving from Emmett Square if interested please contact the parish office 05791-22028

Cistithe ag

An Chomhairle Oidhreachta

The Heritage Council

St. Brendan's Window

The Heritage Council has granted funding for the restoration of the Saint Brendan stain glass window in our Parish Church. This window located on the right side of the entrance is of major significance and the grant will enable it to be restored to its original beauty and design. The work will be carried out by Richard Kimball of Aria stain glass Claregalway. It is hoped to have the project completed by November for the feast of St. Brendan our Parish Patron.

Sponsored by Anonymous

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Sacred Heart of Jesus

June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our Lord Jesus Christ made these twelve promises to those who honour His Sacred Heart, to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1670.From this came the First Friday Devotions.

1.I will give them all the graces necessary for their state in life.

2. I will establish peace in their families.

3. I will comfort them in their trials.

4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and, above all, in death.

5. I will shed abundant blessings on all their undertakings

6. Sinners will find in My Heart an infinite ocean of mercy.

7. Lukewarm souls will become fervent.

8. Fervent souls will rapidly grow in holiness and perfection.

9. I will bless every place where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.

10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.

11. The names of those who promote this devotion will be written in My Heart, never to be blotted out.

12. I promise thee, in the excessive mercy of My Heart, that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months. the grace of final penitence. They shall not die without receiving their Sacraments.

Remembering those taking Exams

The state exams begin on Wednesday of this week. We remember all our young people who will be sitting their Junior Cert and Leaving Cert exams. A “Book of Intentions” where you are invited to write the names of those you wish to be remembered during these days is in front of the altar. You are invited to take one of the prayer cards and remember the intentions of all.

Prayer Before an Examination

Dear Lord, as I take this exam, I thank you that my value is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me. Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together.

Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way.

As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked. Help me to remain focussed and calm, confident in the facts and in my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are there with me. Amen.