

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter week 3
Parish Finances
We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 17/18 May was **€2,426.00.**

We acknowledge and thank people for their generosity to the May Parish Collection last weekend. If you were away or forgot you can place your envelope in the green box near the altar in St. Brendan's

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

A RARE JOURNEY (Thurs 5 June, 8pm) celebrates the life of remarkable Irish woman Nora Joyce, in a highly entertaining roller-coaster 75-minute play, filled with the music and song the Joyces knew, and delights in Nora's quick and often razor-sharp wit. **For more info and tickets, www.birrtheatre.com**

St. Cronan's Pastoral Area, Roscrea Jubilee Walk / Pilgrimage to Monaincha Abbey on June 15th 2025. Bishop Fintan Monahan, Bishop of Killaloe, will celebrate Mass at Monaincha Abbey at 12 noon. Walk/ Pilgrimage starts at 10am from St. Cronan's Church, Abbey Street. Details to follow


Clonmacnoise Parish Jubilee Year Celebration at St. Cieran's Church, Shannonbridge, Co. Offaly are hosting a Jubilee Year Celebration with guest gospel singer James Kilbane on Sunday 25th May at 7 pm. James will be acoustic and alone for a simple faith-filled gathering of hymns, psalms and songs of praise. It is not a concert or ticketed event, but a special time of music, reflection, and prayer for the Jubilee Year. Whether you're a parishioner or visitor, solo or with friends, you are welcome to join for a meaningful step in the Jubilee walk with Christ. A financial donation will be accepted for expenses. **All are welcome. For details 090 964195**

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Remembered in Mass this Week		
Sat 24th	10am	Dan (Donie) Carroll & his Son Martin (Carlo) Carroll, Bulfin Park Emily & Davassy Thekkan Porathor Pathrose Thomas Francis & Devassy Antony Annamma
Sat 24th	7.30pm	Edward & Mary Sherlock & son Eddie, Curraduff
Sun 25th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 25th Carrig	9.30am	Ann & Sheila Lenihan Anthony Creighton, Old Mill, Kildare
Sun 25th	10.30am	Frank (Frankie) Gallagher, High Street (1st Ann) Vincent Sammon Maureen Plunkett, High Street Martin & Katie Ryan, Crinkill Albert & Mary Kate Watkins Oisin Watkins Carroll Patrick Nevin Richard & Kathleen Grant
Sun 25th	12noon	Rosemary Mooney, Woodlands Jim & Kathleen Colohan, New Road & daughters Louise, Eleanor, Mary, Marion & Anne Mikie Donoghue, Cappaneale William Cooney, John's Mall Michael & Annie Harte, children Rody, Mary & John, Pound Street Chrissie & Paddy O' Meara, Burkes Hill
Mon 26th	10 am	Private Intentions
Tue 27th	10 am	Private Intentions
Wed 28th	10 am	Private Intentions
Thur 29th	10 am	Private Intentions
Fri 30th	10 am	Private Intentions
Sat 31st	10am	Jack & Rose Grimes & Catherine Grimes, Wilmer Road Moira Brown, Emmett Street Joe & Ciss Hackett, Sandymount Fred Hollywood, Crinkill
Sat 31st	7.30 pm	Private Intentions
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

Please pray for the souls of

Natalie Browne (née Walsh), Demesne View, Birr
Noel (Flossy) Hogan, Parkrise, Birr
Paddy Tooher, Dundalk, brother of the late Tom & John Tooher, Carrig
Patrick Brennan, Lurganross, Ballingarry, brother of Maureen King, Michelle's Boutique, Main Street, Birr



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.

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### 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

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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 T. P Sullivan Haulage

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

The Five Finger Prayer

1. The thumb is closest finger to you. Start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a "Sweet Obligation."
- 2.The index finger is next. the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.
3. The following middle finger is the longest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is the ring finger. It is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems.
- 5.Our smallest finger. We pray for ourselves. We see the need, having prayed for the other four groups.

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### Safeguarding Month of May.

It is only fitting at this time to remind ourselves of Pope Francis vision, teaching and commitment to ensuring our Churches are a safe place for both children and Vulnerable adults. Safeguarding.

Safeguarding. “ Even when the path forward is difficult and demanding, I urge you not to get bogged down; keep reaching out, keep trying to instil confidence in those you meet and who share with you this common cause. Do not grow discouraged when it seems that little is changing for the better. Persevere and keep moving forwards!”

Inspired by Pope Francis’ words, this new child safeguarding policy builds on the foundations of past learning and experiences. The policy provides a new focus on leadership and governance to embed a culture of safeguarding.