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 25/26th October was €2,487.00 & Mission Sunday €950.00

Annual Mass of Remembrance Saturday 15th Nov at 10.00 a.m. remembering all who have died in our Parish during the past year. All are welcome.

Fundraiser for Orphans and Vulnerables Organisation, (OVO), Zambia.

There will be a coffee morning fundraiser after each of the masses on Sunday 16 November next for OVO Zambia. This charity was set up in Ireland in 2006 to support the invaluable work of Fr. Michael Walsh, a Spiritan Father and native of Kinnitty. Fr Walsh has worked in Zambia and other African countries for nearly 60 years. Fr Michael will be present at the later two masses on the 16th. Please support this worthy cause generously. If you are unable to be present on the day please send your donation through the OVO website https://ovozambia.com/ where you will find all necessary details.

Coffee Morning (Friends of Zak)- Fundraiser for LauraLynn, S.O.F.T & Jack & Jill in Haverty's Pub, Birr Saturday November 15th from 11am - 3pm. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The book, "A Social History of Carrig, Riverstown and Killeen" will be launched in the Carrig/Riverstown Community Hall this coming Friday (Nov. 7th) at 8 p.m. Beidh fáilte roimh gach duine.

Birr Flower & Garden Club - Tuesday Nov 4th in the County Arms Hotel @ 8pm. We welcome Kitty Scully, a well known organic Gardner and TV presenter of "Home Grown". All are welcome Non-members €10 & Raffle Tickets €5

Bridge Lessons for Beginners will begin in Ballyegan Hall on Wednesday November 5th @ 8pm. Contact 086-8363566

Remembered in Mass this Week

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Sat 1st	10am	Bridget Callaghan, Newbridge Street (1st Ann)
Sat 1st	7.30pm	Freda Brophy, Sandymount Crest (MM) Anthony & Bridget McLoughlin, Eden Road McLoughlin Family & Grandson Peter Hynes Sally & Joe Kennedy, Elm Park Theresa & Paddy Coughlan & sons Eddie & William, Fairview
Sun 2nd	8.30am	Byrne Family, Carrig & the Mullaney Family, Sligo
Sun 2nd Carrig	9.30am	Sinead O'Brien, Riverstown Maureen Hoare & daughter Veronica and all deceased members of the Hoare & O'Brien families, Cornhill
Sun 2nd	10.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 2nd	12noon	Frank Masterson, Brendan Villas (1st Ann)
Mon 3rd	10 am	Matthew Darcy, Church Street
Tues 4th	10 am	Private Intentions
Wed 5th	10 am	Mary Spillane, Whiteford Teddy & Peggy Spillane
Thur 6th	10 am	Private Intentions
Fri 7th	10 am	Private Intentions
Sat 8th	10 am	Claire Grimes, Seffin Avenue(1st Ann) Margaret Kenny, Burkes Hill Enda Cooke, her daughter Geraldine & grand-daughter Natalie Betty Stokes, Dublin
Sat 8th	7.30pm	Michael Hogan, Hillside (1st Ann) & his parents Mary & Paddy Hogan Adrian Cahill, Bulfin Park Nelly, Martin & Michael Ryan, High Street Peter & Judy Plunkett, High Street Alan Regan & Roger Lavender, High Street Thekkan Family & Olakkengil Family Rita Devassy, India
Sun 9th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 9th	9.30am Carrig	Private Intentions
Sun 9th	10.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 9th	12noon	Teresa Barry, Sandymount Avenue (MM) Jim Phelan, Wilmer Road Noel & Joan Coleman Corboy, Clonkelly

Please pray for Our Dead

Michael Quinn, Croghan

Gerry Cleary, Ely Place, Crinkill, Birr



Weekend Masses in St. Brendan's November 1st & 2nd concluding with Cemetery Sunday November 2nd @ 2.30pm

Geraldine Mullen, Donegal

Hope through Tragedy Weekend Masses of Nov 1st & 2nd



Blessing of Graves

Carrig - Nov 2nd After 9.30am Mass Clonoghill - Nov 2nd @ 2.30pm

We invite everyone to attend either ceremony in conclusion with your November Novena.

Mile Buíochas!

A thousand thanks to everyone who made our November Novena in Honour of the Holy Souls such a success. Thanks to all the speakers who shared their life experiences. To the combined choirs of the Brendan Pastoral area who came together on different nights to share their talents. To everyone who made such a great effort in attending and spreading the word of the Novena. To everyone who helped to make our Novena such a success - Brian, for organising readers, Elaine for Eucharistic Ministers, Mary, Marie & Teresa for the hospitality, Vonnie for organising the neighbouring parishes and the Transition Year JPII Students. To the collectors. **Eucharistic Ministers and readers. To the** parish team (Fr. Arnold, Fr. Michael, Fr. Tom & Joan) for their work in preparing for the Novena. To Sharon in the parish office who looked after the administration and social media. Last and not least we remember our Holv

Souls to whom the Novena was dedicated.

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne Mí na Samhna

Tá mí na Samhna buailte linn agus cuirimis fáilte roimhe. Bhíodh ceithre fhéile mhóra ag na Ceiltigh. Ceiliúradh a bhí i ngach ceann acu bainteach le hobair fheirmeoireachta. Tráth na Samhna bhíodh na barraí uile bainte ag na Ceiltigh agus dóthain bia bailithe acu don gheimhreadh fada, fuar. Bhíodh féasta acu le ceiliúradh a dhéanamh tar éis na hoibre ar fad. I ndiaidh teacht na gCríostaíochta go hÉirinn, rinne na Críostaithe a bhféilte féin a cheiliúradh ag an am céanna le féilte na gCeilteach.Sin an fáth a dtiteann Lá na Naomh Uile ar an 1 Samhain agus Lá na Marbh ar an 2 Samhain. Bhí siad araon ag gabháil buíochais as fómhar torthúil. De réir a chéile ghlac na Ceiltigh leis an gCríostaíocht

Čeiliúradh bua atá i bhFéile na Naomh Uile. Déanaimid gairdeas leis na milliúin atá imithe romhainn ar neamh, roinnt mhaith díobh aitheanta ach na milliúin eile nach bhfuil. Bíonn an Eaglais de shíor ag guí ar son na marbh. Tá an mhí áirithe seo ceaptha aici mar chuimhneacháin na bhFíréan uile atá marbh. Suaimhneas síoraí tabhair dóibh a Thiarna agus go lonra solas suthain orthu. Go bhfaighe anamacha na bhfíréan go léir trócaire ó Dhia agus cónaí faoi shuaimhneas. Áiméan.

The Month of November

November is here and we welcome it. The Celts had four major feasts. They were farmers and each feast related to farming. At Samhain the Celts had harvested the crops and they had sufficient food for the long, cold Winter. They held a great feast to celebrate after their hard work. With the spread of Christianity in Ireland the Christians celebrated their feasts the same time as the Celts. This is the reason why the feast of All Saints was celebrated on the November1 and All Souls on November 2. Each understood the importance of giving thanks for a rich harvest. Gradually the Celts embraced Christianity.

The Feast of All Saints is a celebration. We rejoice with the millions who have gone before us to heaven, some recognised saints and many others who are not. The Church always prays for the Dead. This month is devoted to the faithful departed. Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

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