

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 4/5th October was €2609.20

The October Priests Collection will be taken up at all masses this weekend Oct 11/12th. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity to this collection.

The Rosary will be recited in the Church of the Annunciation before 9.30am Sunday Mass during the month of October. All Welcome

Birr Tidy Towns - Birr Sustainable Energy Community Solar Meitheal. **Thursday October 16th @ 7pm Marian Hall, William Street, Birr (R42 FX03)** - to discuss the next phase of the Solar Meitheal. We will be introducing our chosen contractor O'Hara PV, who will take any questions you might have, and help in the next steps for solar PV for your home, club or business. All Welcome

Carrig Tidy Towns: Village Voices - a concert to support the development of Carrig Community Park will take place in the Carrig/Riverstown Hall on Friday 17th Oct. Tickets are now on sale in local shops or phone 089 4756379.

Birr Historical Society

All are welcome to Birr Historical Society's first talk of the season which takes place on **Monday night, 13th October at 8pm in Dooly's Hotel (Note change of venue)**. Dr. Christy Cuniffe will present a talk entitled "Fluttering in the Dovecote" a study of Medieval and Early Modern Dovecotes of Galway and the Midlands. The talk will feature ongoing research into the dovecotes of Galway and the Midlands. Dovecotes are a common feature associated with the Big House and normally consist of specially built structures with rows of pigeon holes to house nesting doves. The Society hold their talks on the second Monday of the month at 8pm. and are always open to new members

Hullabaloo! Offaly's Children's Arts Festival – Mid Term Break, Wed 29- Sat 1 Nov. Packed with workshops and family events. Programmes available NOW! www.hullabalooofestival.ie

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Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 11th	10am	Patricia O'Callaghan, Moorpark Street Molly & Billy O'Callaghan Christy Parsons, Crinkill Annie Noonan, Rosse Row
Sat 11th	7.30pm	Raymond Hoare, Cemetery Road, Crinkill Gerry Donoghue, Brendan's Villas Maura Kane, The Terrace, Crinkill Joe Kerins, The Crescent, Birr & his parents Florence & Helen Kerins, his sister Leonie Heaslip & brother in law John O'Shea Jimmy Kiely, Freagh, Kilcormac
Sun 12th	8.30am	Margaret Coady & Nan O'Brien
Sun 12th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 12th	10.30am	Patrick Fitzgerald, Hillside Patrick McDonagh, Banagher Sean Óg O'Brien, Kildare John Antony Mongan, Birr
Sun 12th	12noon	Rita Boyd, Emmet Street (MM) Tony Hogan, Hillside (1st Ann) & his daughter Ann Hogan (1st Ann) Sheila Fanning, Wilmer Road (1st Ann) Frank & Denis Stokes, Tullamore Road
Mon 13th	10 am	Lay Led Liturgy's
Tues 14th	10 am	Lay Led Liturgy's
Wed 15th	10 am	Lay Led Liturgy's
Thur 16th	10 am	Paddy Kearns, Fortal
Thur 16th	7.30pm	Padre Pio Mass
Fri 17th	10 am	Private Intentions
Sat 18th	10 am	Private Intentions
Sat 18th	7.30pm	Jack Kelly & his brother Cyril Kelly, Pound Street (MM) Tom & Christina Brereton, Clonoghill Elsie Pardy, High Street Margaret, Michael & John Molloy, Shinrone RoseCeline & Fred Delaney, Cappaneale & Sheila O'Dwyer
Sun 19th	8.30am	Peggy O'Meara. Riverstown Ann O'Brien, Brosna
Sun 19th	9.30am	Patrick & Bernadette Turner, Carrig & all deceased members of the Turner Family Ita Clarke, Ballygar, Carrig
Sun 19th	10.30am	Teresa Shea, Seffin Pauline Wilson, Newbridge Street Madeline Ryan, The Terrace, Crinkill
Sun 19th	12noon	Imelda King, Clonbrone Tom Murray, Lisheen & his parents Anne & Paddy Michael Kirwan, Bulfin Park

Save the Date

November Novena in Honour of the Holy Souls in St. Brendan's Church, Brendan Pastoral Area

October 25th @ 7.30pm

October 26th @ 8.30am/10.30am & 12noon

Monday to Friday

October 27th - 31st @ 7.30pm

November 1st @ 7.30pm

November 2nd @

8.30am/10.30am & 12noon.

More details to follow.

All are welcome

Preparing for

Sacraments 2026

We welcome the children from Killeen N.S. and the Parish Preparation Programme who will be participating in 7.30pm Mass, Carrig N.S. who will be participating in 9.30am Mass and St. Brendan's P.S. who will be participating in 10.30am Mass

St. Brendan's Morning Mass Oct 13-15th

The Bishop and Priest of the Diocese are meeting for 3 days of prayer & reflection Sunday October 12th to Wednesday October 15th - so for the 3 days Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday there will be lay led liturgies each morning with readings of the word, prayers of intercession and distribution of the Eucharist.

Comhghairdeas

Congratulations to all the Junior Certificate students on receiving their results last Wednesday. We wish you every blessing and best wishes for the next stage of your life.

October is the month

dedicated to Mary;

The month of the Rosary

"Take my Hand, O Blessed Mother" is a prayer that reflects the belief in Our Lady's maternal care and her willingness to assist her children who call upon her. It is a plea for guidance, protection, and strength throughout life's journey, recognising Our Lady as our compassionate and loving mother.

Take My Hand O Blessed Mother

Take my hand, O Blessed Mother hold me firmly lest I fall;

I grow nervous while walking and humbly on thee call.

Guide me over every crossing, watch me when I'm on the stairs let me know that you're beside me; listen to my fervent prayers.

Bring me to my destination safely along the way,

bless my every undertaking and my duties for the day.

And when evening creeps upon me I'll never fear to be alone:

once again, O Blessed Mother, take my hand and lead me home.

Amen.

A word of thanks to Mary Larkin who created the Sacred Space and the O'Meara family, Fortal for supplying the vegetables in honour of the season of Creation. Mile Buíochas.

"Lord, thank you for the flowers and thank you for the trees Thank you for my special friends and all the fun they bring Thank you for the food I eat and thank you for my drink But most of all I thank you for the way you love me"

Please pray for the souls of

Treasa Barry, Sandymount Avenue, Birr & Birr Community Nursing Unit

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