

## Remembered in Mass this Week

**BIRR PARISH**  
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**Parish Office Opening Hours**  
 Monday - Friday 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

**Clergy of Brendan Cluster**  
 Fr. Tom Hogan—087-6446410  
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### Psalter week 2

#### Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 10/11th January was **€2910.00**

#### Tax Back Scheme

All who donate €250 or above and pay tax can avail of a tax back refund for the parish by signing the CHY3 form available from the Parish office you may signed up previously and it may need to be updated

**Pastoral Council Meeting** will take place Thursday 22nd January @ 8pm in the conference room to the rear of the church

**BIRR YOUNG VOICES** - For all boys and girls who like to sing! A dynamic multicultural choral programme for young people from Birr and Beyond. Every Thurs from 15th Jan at Birr Theatre & Arts Centre. Ages 8-10 from 4pm-5pm Ages 11- 15 from 5pm-6pm Enrolment fee €20 (there is no other cost) See [www.birrfestivalofmusic.com](http://www.birrfestivalofmusic.com) Or call 087 2836675 for further information.

**Lusmagh Drama Group** Present "SECOND HONEYMOON" By Sam Cree Directed By Liam Broderick in Lusmagh Hall on Thursday 22nd , Friday 23rd & Saturday 24th January at 8pm. Booking line opens Friday 17th Jan on 087 4162169 daily between 6pm - 9pm.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage Dates August 3rd - 7th (4 nights)** Hotel Astrid, Price €763.00pps.

Spiritual Director Fr. Tom Hannon  
 Group leader - Phil Robinson 086-3956299  
 Early booking for Seats & Accommodation

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Sat 17th	11am	Memorial Mass Mary Schierenbeck (née Camon) New Jersey & Bulfin Park
Sat 17th	7.30pm	George Kent, Ballinree, Crinkill (MM) Noel Coughlan, High Street (1st Ann) Anne & John Sherlock, Killeen Jim & Molly Brien, Pound Street Kitty & Joe Dooley, Lisheen William & Josephine Kealey, Clonoghill Lower
Sun 18th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 18th	9.30am	David Larkin, Lougheen (MM) Michael Maher, Clonfinane
Sun 18th	10.30am	Rita Scully, Fortal John Craven, Freagh, Kilcormac
Sun 18th	12noon	Geraldine Bergin, Emmett Street John Claffey, Moorpark Street Jacinto Viegas, Sandymount Joseph Flynn, Tullamore Road Lucy & Edward Hogan, Townsend Street daughters Sheila Hogan, Ciss Cashen, Carrig Aunt Ciss Hogan Florence & Jim Guilfoyle, Townsend Street
Mon 19th	10am	Private Intentions
Tues 20th	10am	Deirdre O'Meara, Syngefield (1st Ann) John Smyth, Connaught Street
Wed 21st	10am	Jimmy McCarthy, Drumbane Michael McCarthy, Ballinasloe Kathleen Loughnane, Tullamore Road
Thur 22nd	10am	Ellen & James Feehily & daughter Ann
Fri 23rd	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 24th	10am	Phil McDermott, Walcot, Birr
Sat 24th	7.30pm	Pauline Delaney, Bengal Lodge (MM) Liam Martin, Cappaneale Alice & Philip Brady, Riverstown & Seffin Carmel Moore, Meadow Ville Ann (Bonny) Bergin, Emmett Street
Sun 25th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 25th	9.30am	Patrick & Eleanor O'Neill, Kinnitty Thomas, Mary T & Maretta White,
Sun 25th	10.30am	Michael Mulrooney, Johns Place & his parents in law Michael & Patricia Fallon, Johns Place Hogan Family, Newbridge Street
Sun 25th	12noon	Donal Ryan, Leinster Villas & Darty Dublin Teresa & Joe Sharkey, New Road Dan Meleady Jimmy & Frances Hogan, Green Street Sheila Carter, Bulfin Park Thomas (Tucker) Pardy Michael & Elizabeth Lally, deceased members of the Lally Family & great grandson Leon Maloney Coughlan



**Catholic Schools Week** will take place from Sunday 18th January to Saturday 24th January on the theme of Catholic schools "Normal lives, called to Holiness"  
**Thursday January 22nd** St. Brendan's Boy's school will participate in the 10am Mass  
**Friday January 23rd** Mercy P.S will participate in the 10am Mass as part of Catholic schools week.

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

### Anyway

"People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centred. Forgive them anyway.  
 If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.  
 If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies. Succeed anyway.  
 If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you. Be honest and frank anyway.  
 What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight. Build anyway.  
 If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous. Be happy anyway.  
 The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow. Do good anyway.  
 Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.  
 You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God. It was never between you and them anyway."

— Mother Teresa

**Please pray for the souls of**  
**Pat (Pat Joe) McCabe**, Birr Community Nursing Unit, Birr & Lumcloon, Cloghan  
**Noreen Tooher**, Sharavogue, wife of Johnny Tooher, Eden Road

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

## Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

### Seachtain na Scoileanna Caitliceacha

Imbliana ceiliúarf Seachtain na Scoileanna Caitliceacha ón Domhnach 18 go Satharn 24 Eanáir. Is é téama na seachtaine ná, Saolta gnáth, glaoite chun naofa. Bíonn tionchar ag na scoileanna ní hamháin ar a bpobal áitiúil ach ar an tsochaí i gcoitinne. Is sa teaghlaach a chuirtear síol an chreidimh agus ba cheart aitheantas a thabhairt don ról atá ag tuismitheoirí mar chéad oidí. Sa scoil Chaitliceach leagtar béis ar mhisean Chríost agus cuirtear clár theagasc creidimh ar fáil a dhearbháíonn agus a dhoimhníonn an tuiscint a bhíonn ag na daltaí maidir leis an gcreideamh Caitliceach. Tá ardmholadh tuillte ag na múinteoirí a obríonn chomh dian, dícheallach lá i ndiaidh lae ag tabhairt dea-shampla ina saol pearsanta agus ag scaipeadh síolta an chreidimh. Guímid ar son ár múinteoirí, gur oidí ar nós íosa a bheidh iontu agus go ndéanfaimid saothrú le chéile chun scoileanna Chaitlicigh den scoth a chur ar fáil. Go raibh rath Dé orthu agus ar na daltaí faoina gcúram. Áiméan

### Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from Sunday 18th to Saturday 24th. The theme for the week is "Normal lives, called to Holiness" Schools enrich not only the local community but also society in general. The seeds of faith are planted in the home and the role of parents as primary educators ought to be recognised. The Catholic school emphasises the mission of Christ and the religious programme taught affirms and deepens the understanding the students have of the Catholic religion. Teachers who work hard day in day out giving witness and spreading the faith are to be lauded. Let us pray for teachers, that they may be faithful to the teachings of Jesus and that we may work together to create first class Catholic schools. May God bless them and the students in their care. Amen

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