

BIRR PARISH

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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 22/23rd August was **€2402.00**

Church of the Annunciation Carrig is celebrating its Bi-Centenary on Friday September 25th 2026. If anyone wishes to be included in the celebrations please contact the Parish office 05791-22028.

Birr Flower & Garden Club will meet in the County Arms Hotel on Tuesday September 1st @ 8pm. Autumn flower arranging with Bertranda Delaney from Thurles. Beech hill bulbs Tullamore will also attend with a variety of bulbs for sale. All welcome. Non members €10.

Pilgrimage to Rome with Fr. Arnold - Join Fr. Arnold for his pilgrimage to Rome from April 7th - 13th 2027 which promises to be a great trip encapsulating the spiritual, historical and cultural delights of the Eternal City. Early booking essential. Cost is €1,285 PPS Please contact Myriam Tours 057 93 55050 info@myriam.ie WhatsApp 085 179 2364

Birr Young Voices - Welcoming all boys and girls who like to sing! BYV is a multi-cultural choral project for young people from Birr and Midland regions, ages 8 - 15 years. At Birr Theatre & Arts Centre every Thursday. Juniors 4-5pm; Seniors 5-6pm. Fun sessions and performances! Choral Director Gregory Ward, specialist in Kodaly begins Sept 17th, enrolment deadline Monday 14th - €20 enrolment fee - there is NO other cost. Enrolment Forms and information at www.birrfestivalofmusic.com and at BirrTheatre & Arts Centre. Queries: 087 2836675; Birr Theatre Box Office 057 912991 (1-5.30pm) or email birryoungvoices@gmail.com

"Carrig Parent & Toddler Group, Gentle Minds Growing Hearts. A friendly space for parents and carers to meet, chat and make new friends while little ones play, explore and enjoy time together. Come along for some fun, a cuppa and a chance to connect with other families in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Carrig Hall | Every Friday, 9:30–11am | Starting 4th September | €2 donation per family."

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 29th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 29th	7.30pm	Kathleen Donoghue & her sons Jimmy & Brendan, McAuley Drive Cella Errity, Clonkelly and deceased members of the Mahon & McGuinness families
Sun 30th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 30th	9.30am	Private Intentions Carrig
Sun 30th	10.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 30th	12noon	Marina Delaney, Limerick
Mon 31st	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 1st	10.00am	Nigel Wrafter, Pound Street
Wed 2nd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thur 3rd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Fri 4th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 5th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 5th	7.30pm	Patricia Carty (née Kelly), Cappaneale & Dublin
Sun 6th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 6th	9.30am	Peter & Charles King, Riverstown
Sun 6th	10.30am	Michael & Teresa Milne & sons Michael & Raymond, Crinkill
Sun 6th	12noon	Rita Boyd, Emmet Street (1st Ann) Carmel Danagher, Castletown Eamon Hensey, Cappaneale

Please pray for the souls of

Deirdre McCarthy (née Boyd), Birr Road, Roscrea, Lucy Larkin (née Hogan) Lusmagh, Banagher, sister of Maura Guilfoyle, Meadowbrook,

May the Lord support us all the day long, Till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in his mercy may he give us a safe lodging, and holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen



New School Year Blessing

Young People and Parents are invited to bring their school bags to Mass next weekend and place the bags on the Altar rails or sanctuary area where a prayer of blessing will be imparted on them for the success of the year ahead.

Dear Lord,
As our students begin a new school year, I pray that you will keep them in your care. Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well. Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom. Help them to be kind to others and lead others to be kind to them. Give their teachers patience and understanding and help them teach what is just and true. Send your angels to guide and guard our children and to keep them from all harm. Open their young hearts to your presence and enfold them in your peace and protection. Hold them in the palm of your hand and bring them home safely at day’s end. Amen.

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A New Chapter for Primary Education in Birr

St. Brendan’s P.S & Mercy P.S are delighted to announce the wonderful news that they have received official confirmation from the Department of Education & Skills for the amalgamation of the schools in Birr, commencing 2027/2028 school year. The new school will be named “Holy Family Primary School”. The name reflects the coming together of two great and historic institutions in Birr St Brendan’s P.S, founded by the Presentation Brothers & Mercy P.S. founded by the Sisters of Mercy. It is a name that celebrates our shared heritage while looking forward to an exciting new chapter for Primary education in our Community.

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Meán Fómhair

Cuirimis fáilte roimh mhí Mheán Fómhair, mí na torthúlachta, mí bhainte an arbhair, mí fillte ar scoileanna agus coláistí. I mí Mheáin Fómhair, bí linn a Thiarna. De réir an tseanfhocail, dá fhad é an lá tagann an oíche. Tá deireadh le laethanta saoire an tSamhraidh. Tá múinteoirí, daltaí agus mic léinn dírithe ar an bhfoghlaím arís. Tús maith leath na hoibre. Guímis ar son ár múinteoirí agus ár lucht teagaisc a thugann aire do spiorad an aosa óig agus a thugann chun foirfeachta é. Beannaigh iad ina gcuid oibre, a Íosa. Molaimid don aos óg aird a dhíriú ag tús na scoil bhliana ar an gcomhairle seo a leanas ón mbéalaoideas. Na trí nithe nach féidir leo casadh go brách: lá ó scoil, Domhnach ón Aifreann, lá ó cheird. Ní ualach do dhuine an léann agus seo an-chomhairle ó fhile anaithnid: I d’óige oscail do mheabhair, Is bailigh an fhoghlaím leat; Óir an glór nach dtuigeann an ceann Is cuma é ann nó as. Is í seo paidir an mhúinteora Cuir ar mo chumas múineadh le heagna, mar cabhraím i múnílú na haigne. Ullmhaigh mé chun múineadh le fírinne, mar cabhraímse i múnílú coinsiasa. Spreag mé chun múineadh le fíis mar cabhraímse i múnílú na todhchaí. Áiméan.

September

We welcome September, month of fruitfulness, month of harvesting, month of returning to school and college. Be with us Lord during the month of September. According to the proverb, however long the day, night comes. Summer holidays are over. Teachers, pupils and students have again focused on learning. A good start is half the work .Let us pray for our teachers and educators who help young people achieve their full potential. Jesus, bless them in their work. We advise students to remember the following from Irish lore: Three things you can never get back: a day absent from school, a Sunday away from Mass and a day away from one’s trade. Learning is no burden and it is worth listening to this anonymous poet’s advice: In your youth open your mind and acquire an education, for knowledge your intellect does not understand is useless. This is a teacher’s prayer: Enable me to teach with wisdom as I shape minds. Prepare me to teach with truth as I shape consciences. Encourage me to teach with vision as I help shape the future. Enable me to teach with love as I help shape the world. Amen.

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