BIRR PARISH

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Clergy of Brendan Cluster
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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 5/6th September was **€2,550.00**

The Priests Benevolent Fund will be taken up at all masses this weekend Sept 12/13th. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity to this collection.

Church of the Annunciation Carrig is celebrating its Bi-Centenary on Friday September 25th. Bishop Fintan will be the chief celebrant of a Mass of Thanksgiving on the evening at 7.30pm. Please spread the word to family members and who live away. A Céad mile failte to all. Refreshments in the Community Hall afterwards.

"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 **Carrig Hall | Every Friday, 9:30–11am | Starting 4th Sept| €2 donation per family**."

Art Classes in Banagher - for more information please contact Lisa 0873217089.

Like to start your own business but not sure how? **Offaly Local Development Company** are meeting unemployed people NOW for places on their next Business Development Programme. Contact Des Regan on dregan@offalyldc.ie or call 057 9352467 / 087 9699998. Website: www.offalyldc.ie.
Closing date Sep 25th.

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 enrolement 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

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 12th	10.00am	**Memorial Mass of Ewelina Zielinska, Poland & Woodfield, Birr**
Sat 12th	7.30pm	**Mary Power, Mill Street, Birr & Tullamore (MM)** Maureen (Mary Ann) Daly, Cappaneale Martin Rice, Newbridge Street Brendan & Bernadette Corboy, Boherdeel William & Margaret Murdock, High Street Tom & Kevin Pardy, High St Bernie Kirwan & her husband Willie, Ballindarra Betty & Michael O'Brien, Crinkill Betty & Tom Lally, New Road & daughter Ita Burrows & her husband Martin
Sun 13th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 13th Carrig	9.30am	Tim Carey, Barroncourt James Hoctor, Carrig
Sun 13th	10.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 13th	12noon	Ned & Dolly King, Killeen & all deceased members of the Sullivan & King families Tom & Molly Smyth, Killeen Margaret & Michael Kearns, Townsend House, Birr Johnny & Mary Morris, Newbridge Street
Mon 14th	10.00am	June Ball, England
Tues 15th	10.00am	Annie Smyth, Connaught Street
Wed 16th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thur 17th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thur 17th	7.30pm	**Padre Pio Mass**
Fri 18th	10.00am	Eileen & Mick O'Regan, Moorpark Street & all deceased members of the Shortt Family
Sat 19th	10.00am	**Tree of Hope Mass**
Sat 19th	7.30pm	**Pauline Bennett, Fairview (MM)** **Cyril Goonan, Shinrone (MM)** Frankie Hanlon, Ashbrook Drive Ann & Paddy Kirwan, Newbridge Street & son Billy Michael Hansbury Snr, Bulfin Park Susan Whelahan, Parkrise Eamon Pardy, Ahsbrook Drive Damien (Damo) O'Shea , Bulfin Park & his brother Trevor & all deceased members of the O'Shea & Brummell families
Sun 20th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 20th Carrig	9.30am	Nell Doorley, Lougheen
Sun 20th	10.30am	John Curley, Burkes Hill Jim Flynn, Chapel Lane
Sun 20th	12noon	**Deirdre McCarthy (née Boyd) Birr Road, Roscrea (MM)** Agatha Cooney, John's Mall Ann O'Meara, Wilmer Road

Preparing for Sacraments 2027

Parents Meetings

First Holy Communion Parents

First Holy Communion meeting takes place on Wednesday, September 23rd at 7.30 pm in The Marian Hall

Confirmation Parents

Confirmation meeting takes place on Thursday September 24th @ 7.30pm in The Marian Hall

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Birr Historical Society

All are welcome to Birr Historical Society's upcoming lecture which takes place on Monday, Sept 14th at 8pm in Dooly's Hotel, Birr. (R42 KC56)
Ger Murphy gets the clock ticking as he opens our 2026 – 2027 season with his lecture entitled "The Thirteen Clocks of Offaly" This talk will elaborate on methods of time keeping displayed on buildings in Offaly.
For those who did not have an opportunity to purchase the recently launched bicentenary reprint of Thomas Lalor Cooke's "Picture of Parsonstown", copies will be available on the night. All are welcome.

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MIDLAND LIVING LINKS
(Mass of Hope for those Bereaved)
Midland Living Links have organised their Annual Bereavement Ecumenical Service of Peace, Hope and Togetherness in St. Brendan's Church, Wilmer Road for **Saturday Sept 19th @ 10am.** All welcome.

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Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

The final Pilgrimage organised by the Legion of Mary to Knock Shrine will take place on Sunday 27th September. Bus will depart from Roscrea Car park (beside Tesco) at 8.10am sharp and Birr Square at 8.30am. Fare Adults €25. Students €5. Booking with Mary – 086 405 5570 or Margaret – 087 150 9522 or any member of the Legion of Mary.

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The Legion of Mary - If you would like to Join the Birr Legion of Mary please **contact Pat on 087 250 0820**. **Our meetings are held every Friday evening at 7 30pm in the basement of Fr. Tom's. house, John's Mall, Birr**. "Through you ,O Mary, we have a most sure pledge of our resurrection" St. Ephraem.

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Adoration takes place each weekday morning from 10.30-12noon. We are creating a new rota and are seeking volunteers to commit to 30 minutes on any one morning. If you are interested please contact Parish office 05791-22028

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

D'Aingeal Coimhdeachta
Aingeal aoibhinn, aingeal Dé,
Cabhraigh liom ar feadh an lae.
Bí le m'ais go síoraí dlúth
Is ná lig don diabhal mé a chur amú.
Áiméan.

Prayer to your Angel Guardian
Beautiful Angel of God
Help me throughout the day
Be by my side
Saving me from the power of the devil.
Amen

Ainm Íosa
GO raibh ainm milis Íosa
Go taitneamhach scríofa
Ar lár mo chroíse
A Mhuire, a Mháthair Íosa
Go raibh Íosa agamsa
Agus mise ag Íosa
Ceangal grá eadrainn
Gan scaoileadh
Áiméan , a Íosa
Go brách is choíche. Áiméan

The Name of Jesus
May the sweet name of Jesus
Be in radiant letters
In my heart, deep down
Mary, may Jesus
And I together
Be each other's own
A love between us
That nothing will sever
Amen Jesus forever and ever. Amen.

Please pray for the souls of

Cecelia Dermody (née Payne), Cloncarbon, Birr & Birr Community Nursing Unit, mother of Ann Loughnane, Woodfield,
Mary O'Rourke (née Corcoran), Seffin, Birr & late of Whitegate & Cadamstown & Birr Community Nursing Unit
Ewelina Zielinska, Poland & Woodfield, Birr
Mariia Ivatsok, Moldova & Odessa/Ukraine, Elmgrove House & Birr Community Nursing Unit,

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