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 24/25th October was **€2889.00**

Annual Mass of Remembrance
Saturday 7th Nov at 11.00am remembering all who have died in our Parish during the past year. All are welcome.

Birr Neighbourhood Watch: Annual Church Gate Collection the weekend of November 14th & 15th 2026. Please support your Neighbourhood Watch to make our community a safer place. All donations appreciated.

Birr Flower & Garden Club will meet in the County Arms Hotel Birr on Tuesday November 3rd @ 8pm. When we welcome Conall O'Caoimh, Irish artist, sculptor & co-creator of Ardan Garden Howth Co. Dublin. All welcome to a very interesting talk. Non members €10 raffle tickets €5

Carrig/Riverstown/Killeen Local History Group are working on a new project for the next few months. Titled, " Imithe ar Slí na Fírinne" (Gone on the Path of Truth). Gone to their Eternal Reward. We are asking residents in the areas mentioned above to make their family Memorial Cards available to us for scanning and to eventually appear in book form. Further information from Margaret O'Brien at 0871343108 or Tony Dargan at 0872069342.

Healthy Offaly, Offaly County Council's Healthy Ireland programme, is partnering with Croí, the Heart and Stroke Charity, to offer **free** community health checks in various locations across Offaly this November and December. Checks include glucose, cholesterol, blood pressure and pulse testing, along with lifestyle advice. Free community health talks will also take place at 11am at selected venues. Places are limited, so advance booking is encouraged. **No booking is required for checks at Birr Mart.**
Birr Civic Offices - Nov 10th, Birr Mart - Nov 16th.

Shinrone Lunch Club, in conjunction with Offaly Local Development, is hosting a **Lunch Club on Tue, 3rd Nov @ 12:30pm** in **Shinrone Community Centre**. **€10 per person**, you can enjoy **Dinner**, **Dessert**, **Tea/Coffee**, **Great entertainment**. **Booking is essential.** Contact: **Sinead:** 087 217 5998 or **Declan:** 087 979 9663.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 31st	11.00am	**Funeral Mass Michael Hogan**
Sat 31st	7.30pm	Mary Carroll (née Larkin), Riverstown
Sun 1st	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 1st Carrig	9.30am	Sinead O'Brien, Riverstown
Sun 1st	10.30am	**Treasa Barry, Sandymount Avenue (1st Ann)**
Sun 1st	12noon	James & Annie Kearns, Military Road & New York
Mon 2nd	11.00am	**Funeral Mass Renata Strauss** Eamonn & Rita O'Meara, Birr & deceased members of their families
Mon 2nd	7.30pm	**Feast of All Souls**
Tues 3rd	10.00am	Matt Darcy, Church Street
Wed 4th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thur 5th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Fri 6th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 7th	**11.00am**	**Mass of Remembrance**
Sat 7th	7.30pm	Nelly, Martin & Michael Ryan, High Street Adrian Cahill, Bulfin Park Peter & Judy Plunkett, High Street Alan Regan & Rodger Lavender, High Street Enda Cooke, her daughter Geraldine & grand-daughter Natalie Anthony & Bridget McLoughlin & all deceased members of the McLoughlin Family, Eden Road & grandson Peter Hynes Frank Masterson, Brendan's Villas O'Meara & Mahon Family James & Bridget Hutchinson, Crinkill & baby Joseph & baby Anthony & all deceased members of the Hutchinson Family
Sun 8th	8.30am	Joe Feehan, Burkes Hill Deceased members of the Mullaney Family, Sligo & the Byrne Family, Carrig
Sun 8th Carrig	9.30am	Maureen Hoare & daughter Veronica & deceased members of the Hoare & O' Brien Families
Sun 8th	10.30am	**Sandra Meredith, Cyprus Grove, Crinkill (1st Ann)** Thomas & Mary Cox Roseceline Delaney & Fred Delaney , Cappaneale Sheila O'Dwyer, Cappaneale
Sun 8th	12noon	Claire Grimes, Seffin Avenue Roma & John Gilmartin, Johns Mall Betty Stokes, Dublin Fred Hollywood, Killeen

Please pray for the souls of

James Dooley, Ballybritt, brother of the late Susan Whelahan, Parkrise
Paddy Walsh, Chesterfield Close & formerly Shinrone, brother of Margaret Kelly & Tess O'Rourke, McAuley Drive, Birr
Michael Hogan, Sandymount/Newbridge Street
Renata (Renée) Strauss, Bellefield, Shinrone
Josie Spain, Birr Community Nursing Unit & Kinnitty

November Novena 2026
In Honour of the Holy Souls

Weekend Masses in St. Brendan's
October 31st & November 1st concluding with Cemetery Sunday
November 1st @ 3.00pm

John Buckley
Sharing the story of the tragic death of his daughter

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Blessing of Graves

Carrig - Nov 1st After 9.30am Mass

Clonoghill - Nov 1st @ 3.00pm

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

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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, a word of thanks to the young adults from the JP II in St. Brendan's C.S. To the collectors, Eucharistic Ministers and readers. To the parish team (Fr. Arnold, Fr. Michael, Fr. Tom, Vonnie & Joan) for their work in preparing for the Novena. To Sharon in the parish office who looked after the administration and social media. To all of you for your support with your attendance & your prayers. Last and not least we remember our Holy 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
Ceiliúradh 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 November 1 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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