

## BIRR PARISH

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Monday - Friday 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

### Clergy of Brendan Cluster

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**A Construction Studies Programme** will commence in Banagher FET Centre on the 14th of February 2022. Modules include: Renewable Energy Systems, Concreting, Floor and Wall, Tiling, MIG Welding and NZEB Awareness, thermal Insulation Installation and Safe Pass Training. A training allowance is payable where applicable. For further details you can contact: (M) 085 8016195 085 8051912 or (E) [TRAINEESHIP@LOETB.IE](mailto:TRAINEESHIP@LOETB.IE)

**Film@BirrTheatre** are delighted to announce the screening of **FÁTIMA, Thursday 03 Feb 8pm** Based on historical events, three young shepherds in Fátima, Portugal, report visions of the Virgin Mary, inspiring believers and angering officials of the Church and the government, who try to make them recant their story. ! **ALL WELCOME!**  
To Book: [www.birrtheatre.com](http://www.birrtheatre.com),  
Box Office: Mon – Fri 1-5.30pm 05791 22911

**MenPower:** Are you interested in expanding your horizons? Do you want to build your mental & physical health, set goals and develop a life plan? Then join us for the new MenPower Programme beginning February 9, two days per week for 12 weeks. Participation on this programme is free and will not affect social welfare benefits.  
For more information please contact Aoife on 087-7385989 or via email [akelly@offalyldc.ie](mailto:akelly@offalyldc.ie)

**Small canvas zip purse** cream with blue dolphins lost in Birr between Dooley's Hotel and the square on Friday 14th January at 8pm approx. The purse contained a substantial amount of money and a bank card. Please contact (087)1227666 or drop it in to Birr Garda station.

**ALONE** - Would you be willing to provide companionship to an older person locally? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please contact Karen on [karen.byrne@alone.ie](mailto:karen.byrne@alone.ie) or on 086 0576401

**An honest, kind word spoken  
in love lifts the spirit and  
refreshes the soul.**

## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 29th	7.30 p.m.	Mour Badiane (MM) Thomas "Tucker" Pardy
Sun 30th	10.30 a.m.	Patrick & Margaret O'Meara Hogan family, Newbridge Street Jack Ryan, Crinkill & his parents Kieran & Bridget, Ridgehills, Banagher Daniel & Bridget Hogan, Mount Palmer
	12 noon	Elizabeth Lally (1st Ann) & her great- grandson Leon Maloney Coughlan James Doran Maureen & Patrick Maher, Crinkle
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Eleanor & Patrick O'Neill Michael Maher, Clonfinane
Mon 31st	10.00 a.m.	Kitty Hayden (nee McCarthy) (1st Ann)
Tues 1st	10.00 a.m.	Denis Carroll
Wed 2nd	10.00 a.m.	John Smyth, Connaught St.
Sat 5th	7.30 p.m.	Cathy Curley (MM) Sheila & Paddy O'Callaghan Eileen Cahill, Bulfin Park. Susie Pardy, Seffin.
Sun 6th	10.30 a.m.	Jimmy Lally (MM)
	12 noon	Tommy Dunican Castletown (MM) Martin Connolly (1st Ann) Mary Mann, New Road (1st Ann) Billy Kirwan, Newbridge Street

### Please Pray for the Souls of



Sheila Carter, Bulfin Park  
Liam Martin, Cappaneale  
Phil McDermott, Walcot.  
Mary (Concepta) Cepta Cooke (nee Fletcher)  
Grove Street, Crinkle.  
Marie Reynolds (nee Daly, Banagher.  
Staff Birr Community Nursing Unit  
Michael Malone, London.  
Nephew of Maura Purcell  
Richie Donoghue, Roscrea,  
Brother of Christy, Drumbane.  
Christopher Egan, Ramsgate, England and late of Green  
Street, brother of Brian, Michael, Marian & Ann.

### Newsletter Sponsorship

**If you would like to sponsor the Newsletter we would love to hear from you. The cost is €100 per month. Please contact one of the Priests or the Parish Office.**

**Mercy Primary School** is now accepting applications for enrolment for September 2022. Parents can access our Enrolment Application Form on our school website [www.mercyprimaryschool.ie](http://www.mercyprimaryschool.ie) under *Forms and Policies* or by phoning the school on 057 9120259 between 9.30am and 2.30pm.



## Sacraments 2022

The following dates have been earmarked for our parish celebrations of **First Reconciliation,**

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation.** Please keep all the children in your prayers as they prepare for the next milestone in their faith journey.

Congratulations to the children of St. Brendan's Boys PS and Killeen NS who were successfully enrolled last week.

### Enrolment Ceremonies for First Holy Communion and Confirmation Classes – St. Brendan's Church at 7.30pm

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Mercy P.S.  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Crinkill N.S.  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Carrig N.S. and Parish Preparation Programme

### Reconciliation Services for First Holy Communion Classes – 7.30pm

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Killeen N.S. and Mercy P.S.  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – St. Brendan's Boys P.S. and Parish Preparation Programme  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Crinkill N.S.  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Carrig N.S. **(In Carrig Church)**

### First Holy Communion Ceremonies – 11.00am

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Killeen N.S. and Mercy P.S.  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May – St. Brendan's Boys P.S. and Parish Preparation Programme  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Carrig N.S. – **(In Carrig Church at 9.30am)**  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Crinkill N.S.

### Confirmation Ceremonies – 7.30pm in St. Brendan's Church

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May - St. Brendan's P.S.  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Crinkill N.S.  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Mercy P.S.  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Carrig N.S. and Parish Preparation Programme  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Killeen N.S.

### MAY I LET GO

Let go of those things keeping my life from being the best it can be -  
let go of the stress, the anger,  
the frustration, the petty jealousies,  
the strong temptations...

May I learn to let go of the need  
to feel I'm in charge of my life.

### MAY I LET GOD

let God give me the strength I need  
and guide me to that still and serene  
place within myself...

May I let God show me the plan for  
me and give me the courage and  
wisdom to carry it out

May I find renewed peace  
by turning my life over to God.



## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### Naomh Bríd.

Ceiliúrtar Lá Fhéile Bríde ar an Mháirt seo chugainn an chéad lá de mhí Feabhra. Lá speisialta ar fud na hÉireann is ea é. Tá cáil ar Naomh Bríd mar gheall ar a féile, a carthanacht agus a cúram do na heasláin. Ba mhaith lena hathair cleamhnas a dhéanamh di ach theastaigh uaithi a maighdeanas a choisreacan do Dhia. Mar a rinne Naomh Pádraig, bhain Bríd úsáid as an nádúr mórtimpeall uirthi le teagasc a thabhairt faoi íosa. D'úsáid sí brobh luachra le cros a dhéanamh, agus tá an nós seo againn in Éirinn go dtí an lá atá inniu ann. Feictear na crosa i dtithe ar fud an domhain.

Is é seo a leanas an phaidir a deirtear ag beannú na gcros .

**Go raibh beannacht an Athar, an Mhic agus an Spioraid Naoimh ar na crosa seo, ar na háiteanna ina bhfuil siad agus ar gach duine a fhéachann orthu.**

### Feast of Saint Bridget.

The feast of Saint Bridget is celebrated next Tuesday 1 February. A special day in Ireland. Saint Bridget was famous for her hospitality, charity, and care of the sick. Her father wanted her to marry but she wanted to consecrate her life to God. Like Saint Patrick, Bridget used nature to teach about Jesus. She made a cross from rushes and this custom has prevailed in Ireland. St. Brigid's crosses are to be seen in houses throughout the world. This prayer can be said to Saint Bridget:

**May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless these crosses, the places where they are kept and everyone who sees them and praises Him. Amen**

### Supporting our Parish in these "New" Times!

We continuously need your support to maintain our Parish and look to future development. Many of our parishioners have found other ways of supporting the Parish and the priests, we are very grateful - using the collection boxes at the entrances, direct payments by cash or cheque, regular payment via Standing Order or via the "Donate facility" on the diocesan website and also using the envelope boxes. Thank you for whichever method you have chosen to support the Parish.

If you have not received a box of parish envelopes and would like one please contact the parish office. They contain envelopes for regular weekly donations and also for the special collections - retired priests, Peters Pence, Missions, and the priests collections. Whatever method you choose we are grateful - there is an added advantage if we are able to record your contribution in enabling us to claim the 'tax back' from revenue. We encourage those who have not traditionally used the 'boxes' to consider doing so. If you would like to donate directly to the parish account please use the following IBAN IE40 BOFI 90167724940777.

We thank all who support our Parish