

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 1/2 June was **€2,016.00**

New Readers Rota

The new rota is available behind the altar. Readers are asked to please collect their copy. Thank you for your continued great service to the Ministry of the Word, in St. Brendan's Church.

Parish Social Media - Why not keep up to date with our parish events by logging onto our website www.stbrendansbirr.ie and give us a like on our Facebook page **Brendan Birr**

Lough Derg - 3 day pilgrimage June 24/25/26. Bus leaving from Emmett Square if interested please contact the parish office 05791-22028

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje July 17th - 24th. Fully escorted Trip €745 inclusive of breakfast and dinner. Deposit of €200 spiritual Director Fr. Tom Hannon. To reserve please contact Phil Robinson 086-3956299

Congratulations/Comhghairdeas

Congratulations to the Offaly U20 panel on their All Ireland Victory in Nowlan Park on Saturday last. Well done to you all especially Liam, Cathal, Ben, Ailbe, Caelum & Peter.

Busy Bodies Summer camp - Busy Bodies Summer Camp takes place in Killeen National School starting July 1st for 3 weeks. Age 3 to 10 years from 9.30am till 3pm - Ann 087-9625218

Get ready to be swept away on an emotional journey like no other as composer Girish Paul presents his extraordinary concert, 'The Diary of Anne Frank: Her Journey in Music'. **Birr Theatre & Arts Centre Friday, June 14th - 8pm.** This production promises to be a breath-taking experience, combining music, theatre, and film in a mesmerizing spectacle. www.birrtheatre.com

**Sponsored by Padre Pio
Prayer Group**

Remembered in Mass this Week

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| Sat 8th | 10am | Mary Hehir & Son Geoffrey |
| Sat 8th | 7.30pm | Michael Molloy, Meadowcourt & his son Brian, Ballivor, Meath |
| Sun 9th | 8.30am | Private Intentions |
| Sun 9th | 9.30am | Mary & Brendan Keeshan & deceased members of the Daly & Keeshan families Anne & Sheila Lenihan Theresa Kennedy, Carrig |
| Sun 9th | 10.30am | Seamus, Jane & Martin Yates, Newbridge Street |
| Sun 9th | 12 noon | Con Phelan, Townsend Street |
| Mon 10th | 10am | Private Intentions |
| Tues 11th | 10am | Private Intentions |
| Wed 12th | 10am | Private Intentions |
| Thurs 13th | 10am | Patrick & Marion McCarthy & all members of the McCarthy Family |
| Fri 14th | 10am | Mary Hutchinson, St. Brendan's Villas (MM) & her husband Tom John & Terry Horgan & the Horgan Family |
| Sat 15th | 10am | Willie & Patricia Power & Fr. Jim Power, Oxmantown Mall |
| Sat 15th | 7.30pm | Paddy Kane, The Terrace, Crinkle (1st Ann) Eamon O'Meara, Ballindarra Helena Cavanagh & Joseph Cavanagh |
| Sun 16th | 8.30am | Private Intentions |
| Sun 16th | 9.30am | Des Reddan & Kevin Reddan, Fadden Carrig |
| Sun 16th | 10.30am | Vincent Touhey, Drumbane Paddy Touhey, John Doyle Frank Touhey Thomas McInerney Michael McDonagh Hugh Doyle |
| Sun 16th | 12noon | Tom McInerney, Killeen Gemma Ely, Scurragh, Noel Ely & Baby Michael Ely Eva Delaney, Syngfield Margaret Loughnane & Michael Loughnane & there sons Seamus & Michael, daughters Bridget Balfe & Josephine Nealon |

Please pray for the souls of

Patrick Sherlock, Birr Community Nursing Unit & Bengal Lodge



"May you support us all the day long until the Shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Christ Jesus, our Lord"

Student Prayer

Lord, I ask you to help me at this stressful time. I feel that so much depends on these exams that I really feel burdened. I feel that in addition to carrying my own burdens, I am carrying the expectations of so many others - family, friends, society. Help me to keep calm at this time, so that I can think straight and apply myself to the best of my ability. Let your Spirit help and inspire me, so that I can remember all that I have studied and put together my answers in the best way. Guide me in all my ways, so that I may be fulfilled in you. Amen

Don't Quit

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will, when the road you're trudging seems all uphill, when the funds are low and the debts are high, and you want to smile but you have to sigh, when care is pressing you down a bit - rest if you must, but don't you quit. Life is queer with its twists and turns. As everyone of us sometimes learns. And many a fellow turns about when he might have won had he stuck it out. Don't give up though the pace seems slow - you may succeed with another blow. Often the goal is nearer than it seems to a faint and faltering man; Often the struggler has given up when he might have captured the victor's cup; and he learned too late when the night came down, how close he was to the golden crown. Success is failure turned inside out - the silver tint of the clouds of doubt, and when you never can tell how close you are, it may be near when it seems afar; so stick to the fight when you're hardest hit - it's when things seem worst, you must not quit.

Edgar Albert Guest

Cemetery Masses

Will Take place in **Clonoghill** on Friday 28th June and in **Carrig** on Friday 5th July. Masses on both evenings will begin at 7.30pm.

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Smaoineamh na Seachtaine

Ní fada go mbeidh na scoileanna go léir dúnta agus teaghlach ag dul ar saoire. Go raibh gach duine slán sábháilte ar na bóithre agus cois farraige i rith an tSamhraidh. Aon duine a thug aird ar na meáin chumarsáide le gairid, tá scéalta truamhéalacha cloiste faoi thubaistí uafásacha agus bás ar na bóithre. Dia idir sinn agus an t-olc. Go raibh saoire gan bhrón, gan sceon ag cách. Sa spioradáltacht Cheilteach bhí ár sinsear an-tugtha do Dhia. Bhí paidir ar leith acu do gach ócáid. Is iad seo a leanas dhá cheann a bhíodh i mbéal an phobail ar son na sábháilteachta.

Dia idir mé agus uisce mo bháite,
Dia idir mé agus tine mo dhóite,
Dia idir mé agus bás gan chairde,
Dia idir mé agus taisme bhóthar. Áiméan.

Crios Chorp Chríost is Muire,
Ár dtionlacan fan bóthar,
Nára turas é in aistear,
Gura leas dúinn gach orlach. Áiméan.

Thought of the Week

Schools are closed and families will be going on holidays. May everybody be safe on the roads and at the seaside during the Summer. We have heard sad reports recently in the media of disasters and deaths on the roads. God between us and all harm. May everybody have a holiday free from sadness and fear. According to Celtic Spirituality our ancestors were devoted to God. They had a prayer for every occasion. The following are two of their prayers for safety:

God between me and the water that may drown me, God between me and the fire that may burn me, God between me and death in debt, God between me and a road accident. Amen

May the girdle of Jesus and Mary
Be around us on our journey
May we have a safe trip
And benefit from every inch. Amen