

## BIRR PARISH

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*Parish Office Opening Hours*  
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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 27/28th July was **€2,578.00**

**Eucharistic Adoration in the Adoration Chapel Monday to Friday from 10.30 - 12noon**

**The Erin Story** - Jackpot/Erin Peat Products/Erin Horticulture by John Molloy and Shay Garvey, compiled and edited by Anthony Dargan will be launched on **Wednesday 7th August in Dooly's Hotel at 7:30.**

**Birr Theatre & Arts Centre:** Breakfast Art Talk, Tues 6 Aug -10.30am. Women in Art with Carol O'Neill. Inspiring and engaging multimedia art talk about women artists throughout history.

**The Wonderful Story of the Camcor** - John Feehan, Wed 7 Aug - 3pm.

**Birr native Mark Lyndon** invites you to a live-music performance of his original songs, based on folk stories from the Blackwater Valley in North Cork where he now lives. **Birr Theatre & Arts Centre**, Wednesday 7th Aug @ 8pm Tickets, €15, **05791 22911**

#### Shinrone Social Group

Shinrone Social Group Annual Trip to Knock will take place on Thursday 22nd August. The cost of the trip remains at €40 which includes lunch and evening refreshments. If you would like to book a seat on the bus contact: Anne Hannon 087 7616551, Teresa Cleary 086 0616137 or Anne O Meara 087 2410736. We will be able to stop in Birr to collect anyone who wishes to travel.

**Marys meals** are walking to Knock from St Johns in Kilkenny and from Tipperary starting in Thurles on 7th August over 9 days 7th to 15th August to raise funds to feed starving children in the poorest countries in the world.

#### We begin on 7th August from Tipperary

(Wed) Thurles - (Thurs) Templemore- (Fri) Roscrea - (Sat) Birr - (Sun) Ferbane - (Mon) Athlone - (Tues) Roscommon - (Wed) Ballymoe - (Thurs) Ballyhaunis - Knock. If anyone would like to walk all, a day, 5k or 1k or if anyone would assist in collections, please contact Josephine 0872037173 or Fr Eamonn 0879077985.

## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 3rd	10am	Frank Doorley, Hillside
Sat 3rd	7.30pm	<b>Margo Regan, Elm Park (1st Ann)</b> Patricia Parsons, Presentation Place John Kennedy, Bridge Street William O'Donoghue, Moorpark St.
Sun 4th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 4th Carrig	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 4th	10.30am	Nora & Michael Grennan, Crinkill Denis Doran, Grove Street Eileen King, Woodlands Deceased members of the Cox, Carter & O'Connor families Tony Devine, Donaghmede, Dublin
Sun 4th	12noon	<b>Birr Vintage Week Festival Mass</b>
Mon 5th	10am	Private Intentions
Tues 6th	10am	Private Intentions
Wed 7th	10am	Brendan Mc Donagh, Drombane
Thurs 8th	10am	Private Intentions
Friday 9th	10am	Tony & Patricia Darcy, Borrisokane & all deceased family members
Sat 10th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 10th	7.30pm	Christy & Mary Hough, Bengal Lodge Lil Roe and her Granddaughter Rosaleen Waters, Clonoghill
Sun 11th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 11th Carrig	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 11th	10.30am	<b>Dan Coolahan, Cornmarket Street, Apts. (1st Ann)</b> Johnny Hogan, Clonoghill Lower
Sun 11th	12noon	<b>Michael Kelly, Ballaghanoher, Banagher Road, Birr (MM)</b> <b>Mary O'Connor, Hillside (MM)</b> Margaret & Michael Kearns, Townsend House William & Catherine Delaney, Mile Tree, daughter Kathleen & son Billy and son-in-law John Hardman, Castlepollard

### Please pray for the souls of

**Sally Nugent**, Green Street Birr  
**Maura Kerrigan**, Ealga Lodge Shinrone & Parkrise, Birr  
**Ger Pardy**, Killaun, Birr  
**Jan Honza Stehlich**, Lisheen, Birr  
**Mary Hanamy**, Blackmills, Banagher & Birr Community Nursing Unit, Mother of Martin Hanamy (Staff)  
**Leslie Hutchinson**, Birr Community Nursing Unit  
**Christopher Connolly**, Thurles, Father of Edel Connolly, The Bothy, Birr Castle



## St. Brendan's Church Birr 1824 - 2024 Bi-Centenary Celebration



All Are Invited!

To the Bi-Centenary Celebration of St. Brendan's Church on Saturday August 10th at 7.30pm. Bishop Fintan will be the celebrant of the Mass.

If you have a connection with Birr Parish we would be delighted with your presence on the evening .

**Lough Derg Pilgrimage - Cashel & Emly One Day Retreat Wednesday 4th September** includes Holy Mass and Confessions in Knock on Tuesday 3rd, overnight stay in Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran with evening meal & B&B included. On Wednesday 4th travel to Lough Derg for one day retreat 10am - 4pm. Returning home directly with a meal in Roscommon on Wednesday evening. To book your place please contact the Parish Office, Birr 05791-22028.

### Volunteer Ministries in the Killaloe Diocese

Have you ever thought of enriching your faith or of equipping yourself to be able to give something to your Parish or Pastoral area? The Diocese of Killaloe is hoping to build on the success of our initial lay ministry training programme by offering training to those who feel called to give time as Catechist and as Ministers of Pastoral Care. It is hoped to begin journeying with those interested in the Autumn. These ministries will be of interest to those already involved in their parish or pastoral area or those wishing to be more involved in the life of their local Church community. This programme involves lay people working side by side with priests in key ministries in our parishes and pastoral areas. Brochures are available in your parish or on the Diocesan Webpage. Further information and application forms can be found at <https://www.killaloe-diocese.ie/our-diocese/lay-ministries/>

## BIRR VINTAGE WEEK & ARTS FESTIVAL

**August 2nd - August 10th**  
**Some Highlights**

### Saturday August 3rd

Vintage Market, Green Street 10-6pm

### Sunday August 4th

Vintage Week Annual Mass in St. Brendan's, Church @ 12 noon.

Parade @ 3pm Streets of Birr

### Monday August 5th

Hibernian Antiques Fair  
 County Arms Hotel @ 11am  
 Car Treasure Hunt , Dooly's Hotel @ 5.30pm  
 Back to Banba Hall Irish music & song, Banba Hall, Church Street @ 7.30pm

### Tuesday August 6th

Historic walk of Birr @ 7.30pm from St. Brendan's RC, Wilmer Road  
 Connaught Street Capers, Connaught St 7pm  
 Ruairi O'Shea followed by Luminaries, Courthouse Yard @ 8pm

### Wednesday August 7th

Children's Treasure Hunt, Courthouse Yard @ 3pm  
 The Book Launch - Erin Story, Dooly's Hotel @ 7.30pm

### Thursday August 8th

Fireworks & Gig Rig Rugby club @ 7pm

### Friday August 9th

Lunchtime Organ Recital in St. Brendan's Col Oxmantown Mall @ 1.05 p.m.

### Saturday August 10th

Leinster Regiment Annual Lecture, Birr Civic Offices From 10am  
 Crinkill Barracks @ 1.30pm for Wreath-Laying Ceremony

Crinkill Soap Box Derby from 1pm

**Bi-Centenary Mass, St. Brendan's RC @ 7.30pm** with a Liturgical performance of the Birr Mass by Peter Whyte. This is the premier of this work specially written by Peter for the Birr Choral society to mark its 50th anniversary. Performance by the Birr Choral Society.

Conductor: Charles Marshall  
 Organist: Enda O'Connor

**Sponsored by Anonymous**