

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter Week 1

Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 7/8th December was **€2,722.50**

The Christmas Priests Collection will be taken up at all masses next weekend 21/22 December. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity to this collection

Christmas Mass Bouquets are now available from the Parish Office. €5 each
 Pack of 6 Christmas Cards also available from Parish office. €5 each

History of St. Brendan's "A place in all our Hearts" by Brian Kennedy on sale in the Parish office, Horan's Daybreak & Birr Castle for **€15.00**.

Carol Service - Led by the children from Mercy Primary School will take place in St. Brendan's Wednesday December 18th @ 1pm. All welcome

The Rosary will be recited during Advent in the Church of the Annunciation Carrig before 9.30am Mass. All Welcome

St. Brendan's Church Choir are preparing for Christmas Ceremonies. You are most welcome to join in the singing. Choir practice will be held in the Church on Wednesday 18th December at 7:30 p.m. Please come along.

Birr Theatre & Arts Centre

Hosting award winning actors, The Holdovers is a delightful 1970's style movie brought to the modern day! And one certainly worth a watch! 5 students in boarding school are unable to go home for Christmas.... watch the story unfold! The Holdovers, Thurs 19 Dec 8pm. Get ready for a festive whirlwind of fun and laughter for all the family, A Christmas Carol, brings Charles Dickens classics to life like never before. Sat, 21 December 3pm. www.birrtheatre.com

Busy Bodies Montessori School Christmas Play will take place in Carrig Hall Birr @ 3pm Sunday December 15th. No charge at the door but all donations on the day will be shared between Carrig Autistic Unit & Carrig Development. All welcome

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 14th	10am	James Hehir, The Terrace, Crinkill (1st Ann)
Sat 14th	7.30pm	Claire Grimes, Seffin Ave (MM) Tom & Mary Ryan, Seffin Annie, James & Seamus Murtagh Michael Clery Castletown & his brother Jack
Sun 14th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 15th	9.30am	Brendan, Sarah & Vincent O' Brien Carrig
Sun 15th	10.30am	Michael Hogan, Hillside (MM) Michael & Annie Mannion, Ballinree, Killyon, their daughter & son in law Paddy & Mary Hogan, Hillside Joseph Billane, High Street Michael Hogan & Frances Quinlisk, Sandymount
Sun 15th	12noon	Helen Liffey, Hillside (1st Ann) Virginia Duffy, Woodlands Drive Peter Hynes, Castle Gardens & his Father Martin Anthony & Catherine Lawlor, Kilcormac, Sean, John & Bridget Horan, John's Mall Marie & Billy Corbey, Kilcormac Mary & Frank Dunne, Rahan Deceased members of the Heffernan & Lawlor families
Mon 16th	10am	Matt Clifford, Burkes Hill
Tues 17th	10am	Private Intentions
Tues 17th	7.30pm	Reconciliation Service
Wed 18th	10am	Private Intentions
Thurs 19th	10am	Private Intentions
Fri 20th	10am	Charlie Brummell, Cappaneale
Sat 21st	10am	Jennifer Coghlan, Rosse Row (MM)
Sat 21st	7.30pm	Tom Nestor, Riveroaks, Riverstown (1st Ann) Mary Touhey & her husband Vincent, Drumbane John Roe, Clonoghill Jodie Donoghue & the Donoghue Family Daly Family & James Quinn John Hogan, Newbridge Street Kealy Family, Fairview & Wisbrech England
Sun 21st	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 21st	9.30am	Thomas Hynes, Glencorrig, Shinrone, (MM)
Sun 21st	10.30am	John Whelan, Boveen (1st Ann) Liam Roycroft, Cork John & Bridget Doyle Tom McInerney & Paddy Wall Marian McCarthy Paddy & Mag Donoghue Adelaide O' Donoghue, Moorpark St
Sun 21st	12noon	Anthony Doran, Military Street, Patrick & Ann Maughan, daughter Mary & son Anthony Patrick & Bernadette Troy, Fortal

St. Brendan's Community School Giving Tree

St Brendan's Community School have set up a giving tree with St. Vincent De Paul in St. Brendan's Church. The aim of the giving tree is to share goodwill and kindness with those who need it most during this holy season of Advent. The giving tree will be active from 4/12/24 - 18/12/24.

How the Tree works:

Students prepare and place tags on the tree which will be restocked as needed.
 Members of the public are welcome to take a tag and buy a small gift for the age range noted on their tag. Add the tag to your gift and place it under the tree for collection by St. Vincent De Paul members. Gifts placed under the tree will be collected on a regular basis until the 18th December.

Dates for Diary

Sunday December 15th

Bambamelli Sunday, we invite you to bring the figure of Baby Jesus from your family crib to church for blessing.

Tuesday December 17th @ 7.30pm

Reconciliation Service for Brendan Pastoral Area in St. Brendan's led by Fr. Michael Kinnitty

The Annual Ecumenical Carol Service will be held in St. Brendan's Church of Ireland, on Sunday 22nd December @ 7.30pm. All welcome

Christmas Mass Times

St. Brendan's Church, Birr

Christmas Eve	Family Mass	6.00 p.m.
	Vigil Mass	9.00 p.m.
Christmas Day	8.30 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 12.00 Noon	

Church of the Annunciation, Carrig

Christmas Eve	Vigil Mass 7.45 p.m.
Christmas Day	Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Christmas Eve

The Pike/St. Patricks	Mass @ 6.30pm
Kinnitty/St. Flannans	Mass @ 7pm
Coolderry/St. Ita's	Mass @ 8pm

Christmas Day

Longford/St. Finian	Mass @8.30am
Ballybrit/St. John the Baptist	Mass @9.30am
Roscomroe/St Molua's	Mass @10.30am
Kilcolman/St Coleman	Mass @ 11am
Shinrone /St. Mary's	Mass @ 11am
Cadamstown/St Luna's	Mass @12noon

Please pray for the souls of

Padraig Gibbons, Glebe Street, Birr
 Eileen McCarthy, High Street, Birr
 Mary McNamara, Limerick & formerly Moorpark Street, Birr
 Ann O'Regan, Clonmel sister of Teresa McGuinness, Roscrea Road, Birr

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born Of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen



Sacramental Masses

We welcome the children from Killeen N.S. & The



Parish Preparation Programme who will be participating in 7.30pm Mass, Carrig N.S. who will be participating in 9.30am Mass in Carrig.

St. Brendan's P.S. who will be participating in the 10.30am Mass

Reflection for

Bambamelli Sunday Baby Jesus

God our Father, You loved us so much you sent us

your only Son, Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, to save us and lead us back to you.

We pray that, with your blessing, these images of Jesus might be a sign of your presence and love in our homes.

Good Father, give your blessing to all who gather with us this

Christmas, our family and friends.

Open our hearts, that we might receive Jesus in joy, do always what he asks of us, and see him in those who need our love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son, who came to give peace to the world. You, who live and reign forever and ever. Amen

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