

## BIRR PARISH

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*Parish Office Opening Hours*  
Monday - Friday 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

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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 14/15th December was **€2,596.00**

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

The Adoration Chapel will close @ 12noon on Friday December 20th and will re-open Thursday January 2nd.

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

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

**GOAL Mile Birr** - The annual GOAL Mile Birr will take place on Christmas Day at 1pm at Emmet Square to raise much needed funds for those most vulnerable around the world.

#### Christmas Tractor Run:

Lusmagh Development Association is holding a Christmas Tractor Run on Sunday 22nd December. Registration takes place between 3.30pm-4.30pm at Lusmagh GAA carpark with prizes and spot prizes given. Santa will come at 4.30pm for a special visit. €20 entry fee.

**Nenagh Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 2025** : Joe Walshes. Date, 2nd July to 9th July 2025 Departing from Cork Arriving in Dubrovnik. We Celebrate the 44th Anniversary this year. All are welcome. Accompanied by Father Rexon our Spiritual Director. The price is €879. RECEIVE €100 OFF, if Paid in Full by December 20th. For more details please contact Seán & Elaine Connolly, 085 863 6371 or 067 32178,

**The Parish Office will Close Monday 23rd December & re-open on Friday 3rd January**

## Remembered in Mass this Week

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 Ann Mulvey, Hillside Jimmy & Frances Naughton Jodie Donoghue & the Donoghue Family Daly Family & James Quinn Billy Curran & Kathleen John Hogan, Newbridge Street Kealy Family, Fairview & Wisbrech England
Sun 22nd	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 22nd	9.30am	Thomas Hynes, Glencorrig, Carrig
Sun 22nd	10.30am	Liam Roycroft, Cork John & Bridget Doyle & Daughters Tom McInerney & Paddy Wall Marian McCarthy Eileen McCarthy Paddy & Mag Donoghue Adelaide O' Donoghue, Moorpark St
Sun 22nd	12noon	John Whelan, Boveen (1st Ann) Anthony Doran, Military Street, Patrick & Ann Maughan, daughter Mary & son Anthony Patrick & Bernadette Troy, Fortal
Mon 23rd	10am	Private Intentions
Tues 24th	10am	Dan Boyd, Oxmantown Mall Mick & Eileen O' Regan, Moorpark Street and deceased members of the O' Regan families Michael Mongan, Mill Brook Park Hugh & Margaret Doyle Hugh & Helen Doyle and all deceased members of the Doyle family, Croghan Road Patrick & Margaret O' Brien & deceased family members John, Joanne & Patrick Tuohy and all deceased members Margaret, Brendan, Michael & Patrick Hutchinson and deceased family members Margaret Mongan Mongan Family, Banagher
Tues 24th	6pm	Christmas Bouquet Intentions
Tues 24th	9pm	Christmas Bouquet Intentions
Wed 25th	8.30am	Christmas Bouquet Intentions
Wed 25th	10.30am	Christmas Bouquet Intentions
Wed 25th	12noon	Christmas Bouquet Intentions
Thurs 26th	10am	Private Intentions
Fri 27th	10am	Paddy O' Callaghan & his wife Sheila, Moorpark Street

## 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	Mass @ 7.45pm
Christmas Day	Mass @ 9.30am

### Brendan Pastoral Area

#### 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



### Sacramental Masses

We welcome the children from Mercy P.S.



who will be participating in 7.30pm Mass.  
Crinkill N.S. who will be participating in the 10.30am Mass

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

### Prayer for Christmas Day

Father, thank You for bringing us all together safely this Christmas. We don't get to see each other often enough, and sometimes it feels like a miracle just having everyone in one place. Please bless this time that we spend together this Christmas. In the name of Your son Jesus, I pray, amen."

### Please pray for the souls of

Ann Wynne, Hillside, Birr  
Ned Sheeran, William Street, Birr  
Mary Watson, Ballingarry mother of Teresa Watson, formerly staff of Birr Community Nursing Unit  
"I lit a candle for a friend today. The light from it to guide is way in to your arms sweet Jesus".

## Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

### An Nollag

Táimid ag tnúth go dílis le féile na Nollag, Breith ár dTiarna Beimid ag ceiliúradh le dícheall is le dúthracht ar an Luan seo chugainn. Tá na cártaí Nollag seolta na bronntanais dáilte agus is comharthaí grá iad seo go léir. Féile ghrá is ea an Nollaig. Ghráigh Dia chomh mór sin, sinne gur sheol Sé a Mhac chugainn mar Shlánaitheoir. Déanaimis ullmhúchán spioradálta as seo amach. Bhíodh an phaidir seo á rá i mBéarla ag ár sinsir mar ullmhúcháin do bhreith an Linbh Íosa. Seo leagan Gaeilge de:

Is beannaithe an nóiméad a rugadh Mac na hÓige, ag meán oíche i mBeithil i lár an gheimhridh ghairbh. Deonaigh a Dhia, trí idirghuí Íosa Críost agus Muire, Máthair Íosa, éist le mo ghuí agus glac le m'achainí. Áiméan

Tá an Cró Nollag againn le beagnach ocht gcéad bliain. Naomh Proinsias as Assisi san Iodáil a chuir tús leis an gCró Nollag san Eoraip. Sa bhliain 1220 thug sé cuairt ar Bheithil agus thaitin an tslí inar ceiliúradh an Nollaig ansin go mór leis. Nuair a d'fhill sé abhaile rinne sé mainséar as uaimh. Chuir sé íomhá chloiche den leanbh Íosa isteach inti agus chuir sé ainmhithe beo timpeall uirthi. Bhí na daoine an-sásta leis an gCró Nollag agus d'fhás an nós as sin.

Nollaig bheannaithe agus athbhliain faoi mhaise go raibh agaibh go léir agus is é seo mo ghuí daoibh: Síocháin an Naí Íosa a gealladh do lucht na dea-thola, go raibh ag lucht léite mo Chúinne Domhnach i ndiaidh Domhnaigh.

### Christmas

Christmas is near and we must prepare for it. We look forward with anticipation and excitement to the feast of Christmas, the Birth of our Lord and we will soon celebrate with effort and commitment on Monday. The cards have been sent and the presents distributed which are signs of love. God loved each of us so much that He sent His son into the world to be our Saviour. Let us prepare spiritually from now on. Friendship with Christ is the light that leads us in this world. This prayer was said by our ancestors in preparation for the birth of the Child

Jesus. 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 petition through the intercession of Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary His Mother. Amen.

May you have a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year. This is my wish for all who read the cúinne each Sunday. May peace of the Infant Jesus, promised to people of good will be with you all who read my Cúinne each Sunday.

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