

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 28/29th December was **€2,589.00**

Tax Back Scheme

All who donate €250 or above and pay tax can avail of a tax back refund for the parish by signing the CHY3 form available from the Parish office you may signed up previously and it may need to be updated

We acknowledge the continued financial support of parishioners to the Parish Development Fund and to the Priests Remuneration Fund.

Midland Living Links supporting those bereaved by suicide. Coffee Morning 7th January, Conference room in St. Brendan's Church after 10.00 a.m. mass. All welcome

Birr Historical Society - "Offaly-America"

Uileann Piper, Bernard Delaney of Tullamore. Talk will focus on his life, story behind his enrolment into the elite Irish Music Club of the Chicago police department. Live music David Kinsella Monday January 13th @ 8pm in the County Arms Hotel

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.

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,

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Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 4th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 4th	7.30pm	Mary Ann Molloy (nee) Deegan, Boolanarrig (MM) Agnes Parady, Brigid Fogarty & Evan Hogan, High Street Tommy & John Dunican, Castletown Peter Dunican, Kent, England
Sun 5th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 5th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 5th	10.30am	Cathy Curley, Castlecourt Denis Guinan, Lisheen
Sun 5th	12noon	Sr. Maeve Quinlan, Convent of Mercy Riverside, Birr (MM) Gerry & Mary Hoare and son Fintan, Railway Road
Mon 6th	10am	Private Intentions
Mon 6th	7.30pm	Private Intentions
Tues 7th	10am	Private Intentions
Wed 8th	10am	Private Intentions
Thurs 9th	10am	Ellen & James Feehily & daughter Ann
Fri 10th	10am	Eileen McCarthy, High Street (MM)
Sat 11th	10am	Mary McNamara, Moorpark Street (MM)
Sat 11th	7.30pm	Padraig Gibbons, Glebe Street (MM) Tommy & Myra Wrafter, New Road Anne & John Sherlock, Killeen
Sun 12th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 12th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 12th	10.30am	Mary Wynne, Hillside (MM) Margaret Doyle, Croghan Road Elizabeth O' Meara, Fortal Patrick & Margaret O' Meara
Sun 12th	12noon	Agnes & Gerry O' Brien, Westgate Teresa Sharkey, Joe Sharkey & Dan Meleady Des & Eileen Talbot, Hillside

Please pray for the souls of

Kevin Purcell, Croghan House, Birr
Jimmy Cassidy, Tullamore, husband of the late Kathleen Murphy, Pound Street
Fergal Dolan, Banagher, brother in law of Lisa Kennedy, Staff Crinkill N.S.
Teresa Corrigan, Kinnitty, sister of Seamus Kealey, Sandymount & Danny Kealey, Clonbrone



"I lit a candle for a friend today. The light from it to guide is way in to your arms sweet Jesus".

Happy New Year & Every Blessing for 2025

Feast of the Epiphany



We celebrate the **Feast of the Epiphany** on January 6th It celebrates the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. We also know it as Little Christmas or Nollaig na mBan.

Monday 6th January Mass Times
St. Brendan's at 10.00 a.m & 7.30 p.m

"Prayer for the beginning of a New Year"



God of this New Year, we are walking into mystery. We face the future, not knowing what the days and months will bring us or how we will respond. Be love in us as we journey. May we welcome all who come our way. Deepen our Faith to see all of life through your eyes. Fill us with Hope and Abiding trust that you may dwell in us amidst our joys and sorrows. Thank you for the treasure of our Faith life. Thank you for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance of your walking through the day with us. God of this New Year we praise you.

Joyce Rupp



Pope Francis has declare 2025 to be a Jubilee year (this occurs every 25 years). The Holy year has the theme Pilgrims of Hope, for a world suffering the impacts of wars, the ongoing effects of Covid 19 pandemic and climate crisis. The logo shows four figures stylised to indicate humanity coming from the four corners of the earth. The figure at the head is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which embraces, but also the hope which can never be abandoned because we are always in need of hope especially in moments of great need. Life's pilgrimage does not always move in calm waters. Life's circumstances and the events of the world often demand a greater call to hope and because of this we see the lower part of the cross has turned into an anchor which stands out in the storms.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen