

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 11/12th January was **€2,650.00**

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

Pastoral Council Meeting Thursday January 23rd @ 7.30pm in the Conference room.

Christian Week of Prayer for Unity Friday January 24th @ 7.30pm. All welcome

Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Active Retirement Group - Chair Yoga with Nessa Feehan Carrig Hall Commencing Friday 17th January for 5 weeks 12-1pm. €50 for 5 classes. Contact Mary 086-8792096

WINTER SONG

An afternoon choral concert of classic and modern song presented by BALLYMORE CONNECT CHOIR - special guests VIRTUOSO ENSEMBLE. SATURDAY 1st FEBRUARY 4.00pm St. Brendan's Church of Ireland, Oxmantown Mall Booking: www.midlandsbooking.ie 057 9122911 Proceeds to Birr/Offaly Hospice & Church of Ireland Restoration Fund

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,

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 18th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 18th	7.30pm	Jim & Mollie Brien, Pound Street Kitty & Joe Dooley, Lisheen Tom Nolan, Connaught Street & all deceased members Liam Martin, Cappaneale Kathleen Loughnane
Sun 19th	8.30am	Margaret O' Neill, New Road
Sun 19th	9.30am	Bernadette Turner, Carrig (1st Ann) , her husband Tom & son Gareth
Sun 19th	10.30am	Eamon (Ned) Sheeran, William Street (MM) Rita Scully, Fortal Kevin & Kitty Whelan, Dublin
Sun 19th	12noon	Geraldine Bergin, Emmett Street Geoffrey Liffey, Hillside John Claffey & Family, Moorpark Street Donal Ryan, Leinster Villas Noel, Joan & Coleman Corboy Joseph Flynn, Tullamore Road Deceased members of the Church Choir
Mon 20th	10am	John Smyth, Connaught Street
Tues 21st	10am	Michael McCarthy, Ballinasloe (1st Ann) James McCarthy, Drumbane
Wed 22nd	10am	Private Intentions
Thurs 23rd	10am	Private Intentions
Fri 24th	10am	Private Intentions
Fri 24th	7.30pm	Church Unity Service
Sat 25th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 25th	7.30pm	Carmel Moore, Meadowcourt Evelyn Bell, Townsend Street & her parents Margaret & Michael Parady, Townsend Street Jack Ryan, The Terrace, Crinkill Alice & Philip Brady, Riverstown & Seffin
Sun 26th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 26th	9.30am	Thomas, Mary T & Maretta White, Carrig Michael Maher, Clonfinane
Sun 26th	10.30am	Hogan Family, Newbridge Street Michael Mulroony, John's Place Michael & Patricia Fallon
Sun 26th	12noon	Sheila Carter, Bulfin Park Thomas (Tucker) Parady, Chapel Lane, Edward & Lucy Hogan, daughters Sheila Hogan, Ciss Cashen, Ciss Hogan & Guilfoyle Family

Please pray for the souls of

John Craven, Freagh, Kilcormac, husband of Chrissie Connolly, Fairview, Birr



Catholic Schools Week from Sunday 19th January to Saturday 25th on the theme of **Catholic schools as communities of Service.**

Tuesday January 21st Mercy Primary School will participate in the 10am Mass .
Thursday January 23rd St. Brendan's Boy's school will participate in the 10am Mass as part of Catholic schools week



Sacramental Masses

We welcome the children from



St. Brendan's P.S. who will be participating in 7.30pm Mass, Carrig N.S. who will be participating in 9.30am Mass in Carrig. Killeen N.S. & Parish Preparation Programme who will be participating in the 10.30am Mass

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**One tree can start a forest.
 One smile can begin a friendship;
 One hand can lift a soul;
 One word can frame the goal;
 One candle can wipe out darkness;
 One laugh can conquer gloom;
 One hope can raise your spirits;
 One touch can show you care;
 One life can make the difference,
 BE THAT ONE TODAY.**

"I have one life and one chance to make it count for something. I'm free to choose that something. That something—the something that I've chosen—is my faith. My faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I can, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have, to try to make a difference."

President Jimmy Carter

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Seachtain na Scoileanna Caitliceacha

I mbliana ceiliúrfar Seachtain na Scoileanna Caitliceacha ón Domhnach 19 go Satharn 25 Eanáir. Is é téama na seachtaine ná, Aontaithe inár gCreideamh agus inár bPobal Críostaí. Bíonn tionchar ag na scoileanna ní hamháin ar a bpobal áitiúil ach ar an tsochaí i gcoitinne. Is sa teaghlach a chuirtear síol an chreidimh agus ba cheart aitheantas a thabhairt don ról atá ag tuismitheoirí mar chéad oidí. Sa scoil Chaitliceach leagtar béim ar mhisean Chríost agus cuirtear clár theagasc creidimh ar fáil a dhearbhaíonn agus a dhoimhníonn an tuiscint a bhíonn ag na daltaí maidir leis an gcreideamh Caitliceach. Tá ardmholadh tuillte ag na múinteoirí a oibríonn chomh dian, dícheallach lá i ndiaidh lae ag tabhairt dea-shampla ina saol pearsanta agus ag scaipeadh síolta an chreidimh. Guímíd ar son ár múinteoirí, gur oidí ar nós Íosa a bheidh iontu agus go ndéanfimid saothrú le chéile chun scoileanna Chaitlicigh den scoth a chur ar fáil. Go raibh rath Dé orthu agus ar na daltaí faoina gcúram. Áiméan

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from Sunday 19th to Saturday 25th. The theme for the week is United in Faith and Community. Schools enrich not only the local community but also society in general. The seeds of faith are planted in the home and the role of parents as primary educators ought to be recognised. The Catholic school emphasises the mission of Christ and the religious programme taught affirms and deepens the understanding the students have of the Catholic religion. Teachers who work hard day in day out giving witness and spreading the faith are to be lauded. Let us pray for teachers, that they may be faithful to the teachings of Jesus and that we may work together to create first class Catholic schools. May God bless them and the students in their care. Amen

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