

## BIRR PARISH

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*Parish Office Opening Hours*  
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### Clergy of Brendan Cluster

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### Psalter week 4

#### Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 22/23rd February was **€2,185.90**

The Rosary will be recited in the Church of the Annunciation Carrig on Sunday, 9th March - Sunday, April 20, 2025 before the 9.30am Mass. All Welcome.

**Birr Flower & Garden Club** Meeting in the County Arms Hotel on Tuesday 4th March @ 8pm. We welcome Siobhan O' Mahoney, who will give a talk a very interesting illustrated talk on her garden. All welcome €10.

#### Carrig & Riverstown Development

**Association AGM** are holding their AGM in the Community Hall in Carrig on Thur 6th March 2025 at 8pm. Our guest speaker will be celebrated archaeologist and historian, Caimin O'Brien, who will give a presentation on 'The Castles of Loughreen'. All are welcome to attend and to consider joining our active committee which manages the community services provided from the Carrig and Riverstown Community Hall.

**'Banagher Drama Group presents** - "the Kings of the Kilburn High Road" written by Jimmy Murphy directed by Brendan Hanamy in LOETB Banagher @8pm on Thur 6th, Friday 7th and Sat 8th March 2025. \*contains adult themes and explicit language. To book call, text or watts app (087) 477 8492 open 5-7pm daily.'

#### Invitation for Expressions of Interest After School Service Provider Carrig NS, Carrig, Birr

If you are interested in running an After School Service in Carrig NS, please e-mail your expression of interest with all relevant information to afterschoolcarrigns@gmail.com This is an opportunity for AN INDEPENDENT PROVIDER Closing Date March 14th

**EmployAbility Midlands** - Do you have a disability, illness or injury and would like help to find a job? If the answer is yes, you can contact Liam on 086 387 3047 or Patricia on 086 145 1074 and we will be happy to tell you more about EmployAbility Midlands service.

## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 1st	10am	<b>Kieran O' Donoghue, The Terrace Crinkill (MM)</b>
Sat 1st	7.30pm	Moira & Johnny Ryan & sons Larry & Harry Tommy Errity, Clonkelly & deceased members of the Errity families
Sun 2nd	8.30am	Elizabeth Maher, Crinkill
Sun 2nd Carrig	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 2nd	10.30am	<b>Anne Dwyer, Hollypark (1st Ann)</b> Martin McCarthy, Clonoghill Lower Jack & Mary Scully, Fortal
Sun 2nd	12noon	<b>Ivor Corboy Banks, School Street, Crinkill (1st Ann)</b> Paddy & Annie Kennedy, Fortal Eamon, Maura & John Garahy, Woodlands
Mon 3rd	10am	Private Intentions
Tues 4th	10am	Paddy Guinan Terry Masterson & her husband Frank Masterson
Wed 5th	10am	Frank Coughlan, New Road Hunt Family, Sligo
Thurs 6th	10am	Bernadette Sherlock, Lord's Park
Fri 7th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 8th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 8th	7.30pm	Jack & Peggy Roberts and family, Birr & Crinkill Liz, Con, John & Tommy Kennedy, Connaught Street Michael & Kathleen Regan & sons David & Alan, High Street Dick Welsh & Son the Sarge, High Street Sophia Scully, Meadowbrook Mossie & Tony Kelly, New Road & Cappaneale Lucy Antony, India Baby Sheila Cash, Daingean Road
Sun 9th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 9th Carrig	9.30am	Geoff Harding, Carrig
Sun 9th	10.30am	Agnes Pearson, The Rocks Patricia Shelly, Cornhill Riverstown Margaret & Johnny Guinan, Clonbrone
Sun 9th	12noon	William, Teresa & Donie Hanley Anna Pey and all deceased members of the Hanley & Pey Families John Fay, Mossfield, Clareen Dick Johnston, Military Road, Crinkill William & Ann Hough, Townsend Street

### Please pray for the souls of

Jack Ryan, Emmet Terrace, Birr  
 Baby Henry Pardy, 23 Woodlands Villas



## Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2025

This year Trócaire celebrates 51 years of reaching out to the poor and working for social justice in parts of the world where poverty and injustice exist. Through the generosity of Irish people over the past 51 years, the quality of life has improved for so many people. Still more than a billion people survive on less than €1 per day. One day this week skip a meal or give up something and put the money in your Trócaire box.

Why not do this through Lent as an act of solidarity with the poor?

Trócaire boxes are available in our churches

### Ash Wednesday - Lent

Wednesday next March 5th is Ash Wednesday the start of the joyful season of Lent. **Ashes are blessed and distributed on this day @ 7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm Mass in St. Brendan's.** Ashes will be available for people to take home and place on each other's foreheads reminding us of this special time (Lent) of blessing and renewal. Lent time is the 40 days before Easter, traditionally people have taken on a commitment or denied themselves of a luxury sweets/food/ alcohol etc. The prayer that accompanies the placing of the blessed ash "turn away from sin and believe in the good news"

### Temperance Sunday

This Sunday March 2nd the Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday is Temperance Sunday. We are invited to reflect on the gift of temperance and the struggle so many individuals and families have with alcohol and drugs. We remember the prayer of the fellowship

"Lord grant me the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, courage to change the things we can and wisdom to know the difference"

**Lourdes Pilgrimage** 5-9th August from €765 per person sharing. Price includes 4-night stay at the 4\* Hotel Roissy; return direct flights Dublin/Lourdes; Breakfast and Dinner each day; A limited number of single rooms are available for a €160 supplement. Spiritual director is Fr. Tom Hannon. Contact Phil Robinson 086-3956299. €200 deposit on booking.

**Birr Historical Society** - The Changing face of Offaly Towns in the early 1900s. Talk will focus on Birr, speaker Michael Byrne. Monday March 10th @ 8pm County Arms Hotel . All welcome.

**Sponsored by Anonymous**

## Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

### The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We welcome the month of March, month of the farmer, month of the violet, month of renewal. Be with us O Lord in the month of March. Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. It is a period of reparation in honour of the Passion of Christ. Ashes, reminding us of our mortality, are blessed and distributed with the words "turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel". This is a time of fasting, penance and prayer.

Jesus cleanse my heart and purify it each day; Jesus, let my mind be guided by your love.



### 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

### Ceremony of Light-Confirmation

Our ceremony of Light for all confirmation candidates will take place on Monday March 10th @ 7.30pm in St. Brendan's. All are welcome.

### Confirmation Day

**All our pupils receiving Confirmation will be confirmed by Bishop Fintan on Saturday March 15th @ 11am & 3pm ceremonies.**

The Ceremony for **St. Brendan's P.S./Mercy P.S./ Parish Preparation Programme** will be held at 11am

The Ceremony for **Crinkill N.S./Carrig N.S./ Killeen N.S** will be held at 3pm.

**We look forward to celebrating this special event in our Parish.**

### Prayer for Christian Unity

**Friday March 7th**  
**in St. Brendan's, Wilmer Road**  
**at 7.30pm. All welcome**