

BIRR PARISH

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Brendan Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

St. Brendan's, Birr - Saturday 7.30 p.m.,
Sunday 8.30 a.m., 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon

Church of the Annunciation, Carrig -
Sunday 9.30 a.m.

St. Colman's, Kilcolman - Sunday 11.00 a.m.

St. Ita's, Coolderry - Saturday 8.00 p.m.

St. John's, Ballybritt - Sunday 9.30 a.m.

St. Mary's, Shinrone - Sunday 11.00 a.m.

St. Patrick's, The Pike - Saturday 6.45 p.m.

St. Finian Cam, Longford - Sunday 9.30 a.m.

St. Flannan's, Kinnitty - Sunday 11.30 a.m.

St. Molua's, Roscomroe - Sunday 10.30 a.m.

St. Lugna's, Cadamstown - Saturday 8.00 p.m.

CHY3 Charity Tax Back

For several years now a scheme has been in place where people who pay income tax can direct that it go to a particular registered charity. Birr Parish is such a recipient. A special form, CHY3, has to be signed by the tax payer. It applies to both PAYE and self-employed so if you have donated more than €250 to Birr Parish and are paying tax you are eligible. This scheme is at no cost to you as the money comes from the Revenue Commissioners and you have already paid it in taxes. It is an important source of income towards the running cost of the parish. By completing the form you can make a significant difference. Blank forms are available in the Parish Office or church porches.

Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday - €1,915
Many Thanks.

Parish Fund Collectors - April 28th
F. Teehan, T.P. Walsh & T. O'Meara

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Campbell's Hackney Service

Contact Michael on 087-2618507 or 057-9120407

Woodland Park, Birr

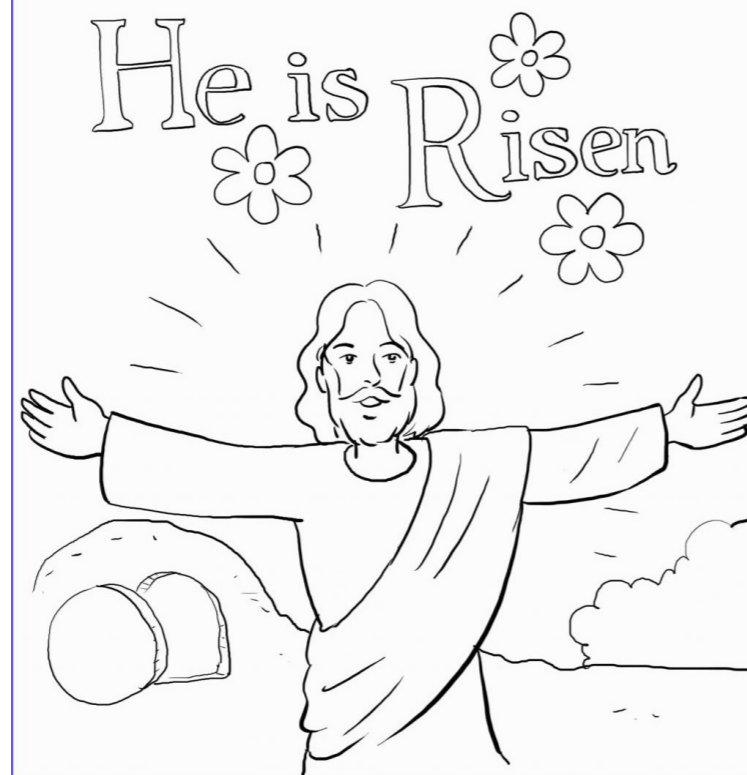
Remembered in Mass this Week

Sun 21st	8.30 a.m.	Easter Mass Bouquet Intentions
	10.30 a.m.	Johnny Kennedy & baby son John & his mother Mary Wall family, Clonoghill
	12 noon	Dilly McAteer, New Road
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Easter Mass Bouquet Intentions
Mon 22nd	10.00 a.m.	Mary & Michael Haverty
Tues 23rd	10.00 a.m.	Easter Mass Bouquets
Wed 24th	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Thur 25th	10.00 a.m.	John, Mary & Nicholas Doyle
Fri 26th	10.00 a.m.	Helena Cleary
Sat 27th	10.00 a.m.	Joe 'Phonsie' Kerrigan (MM) Gregory Keighery
	7.30 p.m.	Kevin Whelan (1st Ann) Anthony Nevin Snr & son Anthony Derek Maher, Cappaneale Park Jim Bob Donoghue Eric Byrne Teresa O'Brien, Brosna
Sun 28th	8.30 a.m.	Joan Molloy
	10.30 a.m.	Tod Dolphin (1st Ann) & parents Michael & Terry & brother Michael George & Nina Ringrose Vera Tobin & Tobin family Sullivan family, Lordspark, Rathcabbin Frank & Betty Dolphin & son Kieran Stan Hayes Har & Bridget Naylor & son Harry
	12 noon	Annie, Michael & Roddy Harte, Pound St

Please for the soul of

Barbara Cassidy, Tullamore, daughter of the late Kathleen Murphy, New Road.

Colour Me



Easter Blessings To All



Easter Reflection

Breaking through the powers of darkness
Bursting from the stifling tomb
He slipped into the graveyard garden
To smell the blossom air.

Tell them Mary, Jesus said,
That I have journeyed far
Into the darkest deeps I've seen
In nights without a star.

Tell them Mary, Jesus said,
That fear will flee my light
That through the ground will tremble
And despair will stalk the earth
I hold them firmly in my hand
Through terror, to new birth.

Tell them Mary, Jesus said,
The globe and all that's made
Is clasped to God's great bosom
They must not be afraid.
For though they fall and die, He said
And the black earth wrapped them tight
They will know the warmth
Of God's healing hands
In the early morning light.

Tell them Mary, Jesus said,
Smelling the blossomed air
Tell my people to rise with me
To heal the earth's despair.

Edwina Gately

Cead Míle Fáilte to Syrian families who, in recent weeks, have come to make their home in Birr. This is part of an E.U. wide programme in helping the millions of Syrians whose lives have been destroyed by civil war over the past years and are refugees. We welcome them to our community and in our long experience of emigration we know what it is to be made feel wanted and respected. Cead míle fáilte roimh.

A very sincere thank you for your generosity to the **Priests' Easter Collection** that was taken up last weekend. It is very much appreciated.

Please remember to return your **Trócaire** boxes or envelopes as soon as possible so that we can remit same to the Diocesan Office. Many thanks.

Divine Mercy Sunday - on next Sunday, April 28th. Chaplet at 2.45 p.m. followed by Mass at 3.00 p.m. All welcome.

Apostolic Workers display next weekend after all Masses in the Conference Room at the rear of St. Brendan's. All support appreciated.

The Presbytery phone, 057 9120098 is out of order. Please contact priests on Parish Mobile above.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Domhnach Cásca

Inniu ceiliúrtar Aiséirí ár dTiarna Íosa Críost mar an fhéile is mó i bhféilire na hEaglaise. D'aiséirigh Críost ón marbh Domhnach Cásca. Is mór an t-athrú a tháinig ar thuiscint agus ar dhearcadh na ndeisceabal maidin Domhnach Cásca. Cúpla lá roimhe seo, bhí siad ag féachaint ar Íosa ag fulaingt a pháise agus ag fáil bháis ar an gcros. Ní foláir nó go raibh a croí briste. Nuair a d'aiséirigh Íosa léirigh Sé gur bhuaigh Sé ar an mbás, ar an bpeaca agus ar chumhacht an oilc. Chruthaigh sé gurbh é féin Dia. Nuair a chonaic na deisceabail an tuama folamh thuig siad teagasc Íosa.

Chreid ár sinsir go ndearna an ghrian damhsa sa spéir le háthas agus go raibh gach gné den dúlra faoi lúcháir ar Dhomhnach Cásca de bhrí go raibh ár Slánaitheoir ina bheatha arís. Bíodh áthas agus gairdeas orainn um Cháisc. Éirimis as an bpeaca agus glacaimis faoi stáid na ngrást cairdeas Íosa atá aiséirithe.

Moladh go deo leat Íosa, Alleluia!

Cáisc faoi shéan is faoi mhaise do chách.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the greatest feast in the Liturgical Calendar. Jesus arose from the dead on Easter Sunday. The understanding and outlook of the disciples changed greatly on Easter Sunday. A few days before, the disciples saw Jesus suffer His agony and die on the cross. No doubt their hearts were broken. When Jesus arose from the dead on Easter Sunday, it was a victory over sin, death and evil. He proved that He was God. When the disciples saw the empty tomb, they understood the teaching of Christ. Our ancestors believed that the sun danced and that nature celebrated on Easter Sunday because Jesus had risen from the dead. Let us be glad and rejoice. Let us turn away from sin and accept the grace and friendship of the risen Jesus.

Praised be Jesus always, Alleluia!

Happy Easter to all.