

## 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.

Annual Carrig & Riverstown GAA 8k run will take place on Sunday 5th May at 11.30 a.m. Runners and walkers of all ages are welcome.

Seeking God in Prayer and Community - Mount St Joseph Abbey are hosting a Monastic Experience Weekend from Friday 28th - Sunday 30th June 2019. It is an opportunity for men between the ages of 20 and 50 who may be discerning a monastic vocation to find out more about our life and to listen to God's call by sharing the rhythm of the monastic daily prayer schedule. To make an enquiry or arrange a meeting to talk to our Vocations Director, Br Malachy Thompson, text 'INFO' to 085 8338503 or email to [vocations@msjroscrea.ie](mailto:vocations@msjroscrea.ie).

Citizens Online - Free Basic Internet Training Course for people with little or no experience of using the internet. This course runs for four Wednesdays and is free. Starts Wednesday 8th May in Birr Library from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. To book a place call 05793-53177.

Next weekend (May Bank Holiday) Birr Festival of Music brings Irish National Opera, Crash Ensemble, International Singers and Musicians, Birr Young Voices, The Trench Award and more, to perform at various venues. See [www.birrtheatre.com](http://www.birrtheatre.com) or call 057 9122911,

Cashel & Emly Three Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg from 20th-22nd June. For further details on travel arrangements please contact the Parish Office.

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Campbell's Hackney Service

Contact Michael on 087-2618507 or 057-9120407

Woodland Park, Birr

### Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 27th	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 Kevin Behan
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 & Rody Harte, Pound St
Mon 29th	10.00 a.m.	Patrick Kiely, Crinkill
Tue 30th	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Sat 4th	7.30 p.m.	Martin Loughnane (MM) Joe Donoghue, Drumbane Billy Watson
Sun 5th	10.30 a.m.	Gretta Delaney (MM)
	12 noon	Martin Hynes Jim & Kathleen Colohan Monica Boyd
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Brendan & Sarah O'Brien

### Please for the souls of



Margaret Lawlor, New Road  
Helen Cleary, London,  
wife of Noel, formerly Moorpark Street.  
Fr. Abe Kennedy P.P.,  
Abbey-Duniry Parish,  
Bob Lupston, U.K., husband of  
Maura O'Leary, formerly of Fairview.

### Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service seeking marriage preparation facilitators

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation course facilitators.

- If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church
- If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

Accord wants to hear from you!

Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation courses locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [info@accord.ie](mailto:info@accord.ie)

Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday - €1,915

Many Thanks.

Parish Fund Collectors - May 5th

B. Bolger & G. Cashen

### This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday

Chaplet at 2.45 p.m. followed by Mass at 3.00 p.m. All welcome.

An excerpt from the *Diary* of St. Faustina:

(*Diary*, 699)

"On one occasion, I heard Jesus say these words to me: 'My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners.

On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Font of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

On that day, all the divine floodgates, through which graces flow, are open. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it human or angelic, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.

Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy.

Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity."

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### Next Friday, 3rd May is the first Friday of the month;

Mass will be at 10am in St. Brendan's, Birr and at 7.30pm in the Church of the Annunciation, Carrig. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in St. Brendan's on Saturday with **Benediction at 11 a.m.**

Calls to the sick and housebound will take place during the coming week - if you or someone you know would like a call please contact the priest on duty 086 3531955.

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

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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.

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**A Mass for Sri Lanka** - Bishop Brendan Leahy will celebrate a Mass for Sri Lanka, especially for the victims of the Easter Sunday bombings, in the Redemptorist Church, Limerick, on Sunday April 28th at 7.15pm.

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**Night Vigil to Knock** will take place on Friday May 5th. Confessions from 8-9 p.m. followed by Vigil from 9 pm to midnight with Rosary, Holy Hour & Mass. Bus will call to Birr at 4.30 p.m. sharp. Fare €15. To book contact 087-1509522 or 0864055570.

## Buíochas

In our Irish Tradition Holy Week is known as An tSeachtain Mór - The Great Week. A sincere thanks to all who contributed to the various liturgies and ceremonies during Holy Week and Easter Sunday; the choirs and choir directors, cantors and all involved in music ministry, altar servers and their leaders, readers, Eucharistic ministers, altar societies, sacristans, liturgy groups and various people who helped. Míle Buíochas.



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### New Rotas for Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of the Word for St. Brendan's

- We acknowledge the generosity of people to the Ministries of both the Eucharist and the Word. New rotas are available from the back of the altar. Please collect yours after Mass. Many thanks.

### Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

#### Domhnach Thrócaire Dé .

Inniu ceiliúrtar Domhnach Thrócaire Dé. Is é Naomh Eoin Pól II a bhunaigh an fhéile seo i mí na Bealtaine 2000. Spreagadh deabhóid Trócaire Dé trí scríbhinní Siúr Faustina, bean rialta ón bPolainn a fuair bás sa bhliain 1938 agus í in aois tríocha trí bhliain. Ní haon rud nua an teachtaireacht maidir le Trócaire Dé. Ach meabhraíonn sé dúinn gur mhúin an Eaglais i gcónaí sa Scriptoráil agus sa traidisiún go bhfuil Dia thrócaireach agus go bhfuil maithiúnas ar fáil do gach peaca. Tá a thrócaire i bhfad níos mó ná aon pheaca. Níl le déanamh againn ach teacht os comhair Dé go humhail agus muinín a bheith againn as a thrócaire. Is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá inniu:

*A Thobair na Beatha,*

*Trócaire Dé glanrúnda,*

*imchluídaigh an domhan uile*

*agus doirí Tú féin anuas orainn. Áiméan*

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. It was instituted by St John Paul II in May 2000. The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina a Polish nun who died in 1938 aged thirty three years.

The message of God's Divine Mercy is nothing new. The Church has always taught through Scripture and through tradition that God is merciful and that forgiveness is available for all sins. His mercy is much greater than any sin. We ought to come before God humbly and with confidence in his Divine Mercy. We can say this prayer today;

*O fount of Life,*

*unfathomable Divine Mercy,*

*envelop the whole world*

*and empty Yourself out upon us.*