

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.

Three Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg from 20th-22nd June. Bus pick-up Emmet Square. For further details on travel arrangements please contact the Parish Office.

St. Brendan's Community School Birr Parents' Council Annual Golf Classic 2019 to raise funds for educational facilities and opportunities for students. Friday, 10th May 2019. Entry Fee: €120 per team (Contact Francie in Birr Golf Club: 0872857282) and Tee Box Sponsorship is €50 - Contact Pat 0866014930, Dermot 0876132631, Denise 0876380516. Your support is appreciated.

Friends of Birr Community Nursing Unit 5K Stroll 'n Roll in association with Haven Pharmacy Butlers on Sunday 26th May at 1pm. Start/Finish at Birr Community Nursing Unit. €5 per person/€10 per family. Sponsorship cards available from Haven Pharmacy Butlers & Birr Community Nursing Unit.

Date for your diary - Annual Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on Sunday 23rd June 2019. Led by Bishop Fintan Monahan. 2:30 p.m. - Anointing of the Sick - 3:00 p.m. - Concelebrated Mass.

Annual Mass & anointing for people with disabilities and chronic illnesses in Ennis Cathedral on Wednesday, **15th May** from 2 to 3pm with Bishop Fintan Monahan as chief celebrant and homilist, assisted by many Priests for the anointing. All are welcome.

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Grave Maintenance Service

For more details contact
Matt Feenane on 087 4197968

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 4th	7.30 p.m.	Martin Loughnane (MM) Joe Donoghue, Drumbane Billy Watson George Smith
Sun 5th	10.30 a.m.	Gretta Delaney (MM) Wall family, Clonoghill
	12 noon	Martin Hynes Jim & Kathleen Colohan Monica Boyd
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Brendan & Sarah O'Brien
Mon 6th	10.00 a.m.	Patrick & Aileen O'Gorman Peg Scully & family
Tues 7th	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Wed 8th	10.00 a.m.	Betty & Tom Connole
Thur 9th	10.00 a.m.	Winifred & Thomas Kinsella, High St.
Sat 11th	7.30 p.m.	Tim Hutchinson Carmel Milne Michael Calvey
Sun 12th	10.30 a.m.	O'Meara Family, Cree Johnny Carroll
	12 noon	Frank Wrafter Christy & Nora Cleary Tommy Pey



Please for the souls of

Kevin Heffernan,
Emmet Street & Ferbane,
Mary Darcy, Lorrha
sister-in-law of Bernadette Carroll

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

Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday - €2,203
Many Thanks.
Parish Fund Collectors - May 12th
H. Haverty & C. Scully

Jesus in the Power of Thomas

On the morning of the last day of the week
Jesus says to Thomas:
Show me the holes the nails
have made in your hands;
Show me the houses and sheds that you have built;
Show me the toil and sweat that you have spilt;
The bare hands removing
The blocks that obstruct.
The nails that have rusted
And must now be replaced
The threats are made safer
While your hands are defaced.

At noon on the last day of the week
Jesus says to Thomas:
Show me your body and the wounds you accrues;
Show me the risks you have taken so brave:
Assisting the weak, the poor and the slave.
The wounds you incurred,
And the risks you embraced,
Protecting the weak
So defenceless in place.
That struggle for justice,
Leaves a deep wounded trace.

In the evening of the last day of the week,
Jesus says to Thomas,
I know you are doubting
with remorse, guilt and shame,
Like other disciples, mistakes you have made.
But Thomas, that's incarnation,
Compassion aglow,
You can't heal others
Unless deep pain you know.
Without doubt overcome,
There's no faith to show.

Sometime late that night,
Jesus says to Thomas:
Look at those nails, wounds and doubts!
And when others see what I see
They, too will acclaim:
My Lord and my God.

The month of May is a special time in the Catholic calendar to honour our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Bring flow'rs of the fairest,
Bring flow'rs of the rarest,
From garden and woodland
And hillside and vale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
Our Glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest
Rose of the vale.

O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May,
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Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

May is Safeguarding month in the Diocese of Killaloe.

Safeguarding seeks to be proactive and covers both children and vulnerable adults. Education and training are key in keeping the safeguarding message current and not allowing complacency. We hold regular training days, conferences and information sessions. On the evening of the 15th May in Oakwood Hotel Shannon a safeguarding conference is being held. Key speakers are Kevin Hyland OBE- Child Trafficking in Ireland and Dr Maureen Griffin-Online solicitation of minors. To book a place please visit www.killaloediocese.ie/safeguarding

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí na Bealtaine

Is í mí na Bealtaine an chéad mhí den Samhradh i bhféilire na hÉireann agus tá an- trácht ar Lá Bealtaine agus an mhí ar fad sa bhéaloidias agus sna seanfhocail. Bhí bliain na gCeilteach roinnte ina dhá leath, an dorchadas agus an loinnir. Chuir Samhain tús le tréimhse an dorchadais. Ba í Bealtaine tús séasúr an tsolais. Cuirimis fáilte roimh mhí na Bealtaine, mí na Maighdine Muire, tús an tsamhraidh, mí na caiche agus na bhfáinleog, mí na mbláthanna. I mí na Bealtaine bí linn, a Thiarna.

Is í intinn an Phápa don mhí seo ná: Go raibh an Eaglais san Afraic ina gortann aontachta dá pobail agus ina chomhartha dóchais don mhór-roinn i gcoitinne trí dhúthracht a ball. Is féidir linn ár ngrá don Mhaighdean Mhuire a léiriú i rith na míosa tríd an Choróin Mhuire a rá go rialta agus an t-iomann seo a rá freisin:

**A Mhuire na ngrást, a Mháthair Mhic Dé,
go gcuire tú ar mo leas mé.
Go sábhála tú mé ó gach uile oic,
go sábhála tú mé idir anam is corp.
Go sábhála tú mé ar muir is ar thír,
go sábhála tú mé ar lic na bpian.
Garda na n-aingeal os mo chionn,
Dia romham agus Dia liom. Áiméan**

May is the first month of Summer in the Irish calendar. The first day of May was celebrated and throughout the month new beginnings were marked so the month is often mentioned in folklore and proverbs. The Celtic year was divided into two halves, darkness and light. November began the period of darkness. May was the beginning of the season of light. We welcome the month of May, month devoted to Our Lady, beginning of Summer, month of the cuckoo, swallows and flowers. Lord, be with us during the month of May

The Pope's intention for May is: That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent. We can show our love for Our Lady by reciting the Rosary and the following hymn during the month of May:

**O Mary of Graces and mother of God
May I tread in the paths that**

the righteous have trod

**And mayest thou save me from evil's control
And mayest thou save me in body and soul.
And mayest thou save me by land and by sea
And mayest thou save me from tortures to be
May the guard of the angels around me abide.
May God be before me and God at my side. Amen.**