

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. Molua's, Roscomroe - 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. Lugna's, Cadamstown - Saturday 8.00 p.m.

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.

Birr FET Centre, Outdoor Education Centre, Roscrea Road
invite you to an Open Day on Wednesday 29th May from
11.00 – 2.00, to find out about courses available. Courses
are aimed at persons over 21 and signed-on for more than
six months. Contact 057 91 21571.

Good Food, Good Mood

Offaly Local Development Company are hosting a free com-
munity event, "Good Food, Good Mood", on Thursday Au-
gust 1st in Birr Rugby Football Club, 11am – 3pm. If you are
involved in the local food industry, in any way, and are inter-
ested in exhibiting at this event, contact Niamh on 087
7799853 or Rebecca on 086 8336873, or by emailing Louise
at llarkin@offalyldc.ie

Busy Bodies Summer Camp 2019 takes place in Killeen
National School. Starting 1st July for 3 weeks. Ages 3 to 10
years. Hours are 9.30am to 3.00pm. For more information
please phone Ann on 0879625218. Forms available in Birr
Credit Union.

Midlands Myeloma Support Group 10 year Anniversary
Mass in Tullamore Parish Church on Thurs 30th May @ 7pm.
Contact maryb.kelly@hse.ie or 086 7804007 for details

Carrig Tidy Towns AGM Thursday 30th May @ 8.30pm in
Carrig Hall

Sponsored By

Grave Maintenance Service

For more details contact
Matt Feenane on 087 4197968

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 25th	7.30 p.m.	Jimmy Kelly (1st Ann) Emily & Devassy Thekkan Devassy O Antony Paddy O'Connor Michael Lally
Sun 26th	10.30 a.m.	Vincent Sammon Lil & Pat Egan
	12 noon	Kathleen Kinahan (1st Ann) Mikey Donoghue Bill Cooney Teena Purcell Sean, Christy & Joan Featherstone Featherstone Family
Mon 27th	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Tues 28th	10.00am	Edward Dooley
Wed 29th	10.00am	Gareth Turner
Thurs 30th	10.00am	John Flynn
Fri 31st	10,00am	Jack, Rose & Katie Grimes
Sat 1st June	10.00am	Patrick Reddan, Michael Collins Joe Carroll
	7.30pm	Mary Sherlock (1st Ann), husband Edward and Son Eddie, Mary Hogan (1st Ann) Tim & Maureen Ryan & son Michael
Sun 2nd	8.30am	Paddy Corrigan
	9.30am Carrig	Mary Keeshan, Teresa & John Kennedy & daughter Mary Rice & Kennedy Families Paddy Meara Pat (Patricia) Sullivan (nee Quinn), late of Lacka & Wales
	10.30am	Brian Mc Manus Brendan Burns
	12 noon	Rosemary Mooney, Woodlands Park



Please pray for the souls of
Bridget (Bridy) Ryan, Fairview.
Patricia (Biddy) Feeney, High Gate.
Adrian Gallagher, son of Charlie
Gallagher, formerly of High Street.
David Barry, Cambridge, England
formerly of Townsend Street.
Lily Sheeran, Galway, formerly of Mill Street.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN) would like to
thank the parish for their generosity a total of €2,395
was donated.

**PILGRIMAGE TO Fatima, Lisbon, Cascais & Sintra – 8
– 14th August, 2019.** Afternoon flights from Dublin €935.
Includes return flights (Dub – Lisbon) 4 nights half board in
Estoril **on the sea**, two nights full board in Fatima, coach-
es, 20K baggage included, full religious programme.
Spiritual Director Fr. Tom Hannon, guided tours, full
time accompaniment . Contact **Mary 087 1247 669.**

Congratulations to all the young
people of Carrig N.S. who are receiving
the **Sacrament of First Holy Commun-
ion** in Carrig Church this Sunday. Please
keep all the children in your prayers at
this special time.



Tax Back to Birr Parish

A tax scheme exists whereby people who contribute
€250 or more to a charity in a given calendar year can
allow the charity claim an additional sum equal to al-
most 45% of the donations from the Revenue Com-
missioner. The Revenue send this additional sum di-
rectly to the charity concerned. Birr Parish has the sta-
tus of a charity for this purpose so any contributions to
the parish are classified as charitable donations. There
is no cost or loss incurred by any taxpayer who is will-
ing to be part of this scheme and confidentiality will be
assured in all aspects of the process. In 2016, almost
€19,000 was contributed to parish funds by the Reve-
nue Commissioners. Forms are available from the
Parish Office and the church porches permitting the
parish to avail of the scheme. Please give considera-
tion to this if you have not previously done so. Many
thanks.

Date for your diary - Annual Killaloe Diocesan Pil-
grimage 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. – Concele-
brated Mass.

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

Prayer for Preparation to Study

Lord, I know you are with me and love me.
Give me peace of mind as I prepare for this time of study.
Help me to focus on my books and notes,
keep me from all distractions so that I will make the best use
of this time that is available to me.

Give me insight that I might understand what I am studying ,
and help me to remember it when the time comes.
Above all, I thank you for the ability to be able to study
and for the many gifts and talents you have given me.
Help me always to use them in such a way

Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday - €1,528
Many Thanks.
Parish Fund Collectors - June 2nd
D. Naughton & A. Mellsop

May is Safeguarding month in the Diocese of Killaloe.

Garda Vetting - The Diocese ensures that all parish
staff / volunteers who have a role with children and or
vulnerable adults are garda vetted every 5 years. This
includes all priests, safeguarding representatives, Eu-
charistic Ministers, leader / helpers involved in parish
activities. To check our garda vetting policy visit,
www.killaloediocese.ie/safeguarding.
**May is Safeguarding month in the Diocese of
Killaloe.** May is Safeguarding month in the Diocese
of Killaloe. How we communicate the Churches safe-
guarding message, policies and procedures is an im-
portant role of the safeguarding committee. On the
safeguarding page of the Diocesan website
www.killaloediocese.ie/safeguarding you will find our
safeguarding plans, policies and guidance. We have
also produced a safeguarding newsletter which is
available in the church and on the website.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Láithreacht Dé. /The Presence of God.

Is minic a deirtear gurb í Láithreacht Dé an ghné is sun-
tasaí dár spioradáltacht Cheilteach. Is dual dár gcreide-
amh ár saol a chaitheamh i láthair Dé. Taispeánann an
iliomad paidreacha dúinn gur mar sin atá. Tá na gnáth
beannachtaí mar “go mbeannaí Dia duit “ “beannacht Dé
leat” “bail ó Dhia ar an obair” “go dté tú slán” “go gcum-
hdaí Dia tú” cloiste againn go minic. Tá na céadta
paidreacha eile ann a bhaineann le cúrsaí uile ár saol ó
bhreith go bás, ó éirí go luí. Tuigimid gur féidir linn
labhairt ó chroí le Dia pé tráth den lá é nó pé obair atá
idir lámha againn. Is féidir linn gach nóiméad den lá a
naomhú le hurnaí. Mothaímid Dia gar dúinn gach lá
agus braithimid air i ngach uile ní. Cuirimis ár muinín i
gcumhacht agus i gcumhdach Dé de shíor. Tugaimis
aire do na nósanna beaga a chuireann ár gCreideamh in
iúl mar chomhartha na croise a dhéanamh ag dul thar
séipéal nó reilig, Fáilte an Aingil a rá nuair a chloisimid
an clog ag bualadh, altú a rá roimh agus tar éis béilí
agus uisce coisricthe a thógáil agus sinn ag fágáil an tí.

The Presence of God is often said to be the most
significant aspect of our Celtic spirituality This was
natural in Irish life as we see in the many blessings we
have inherited such as “God bless you” “God be with
you”, “God bless the work” “may God protect you.”
There are hundreds of other prayers relating to our lives
from birth to death, from morning until night. We
understand that we can speak to God at any time of the
day no matter what work we are doing. We can sanctify
each minute of the day with a prayer. We feel God close
to us every day as we depend on him . Let us always put
our trust in the power and protection of God. Let us
observe the external signs of our Faith which we have
inherited, such as blessing ourselves passing a church
or graveyard, praying the Angelus when the bells ring at
midday and at six o’ clock., say grace before and after
meals and sprinkle holy water when leaving the house.