

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.

Window Wanderland August 2nd and 3rd - Birr is the first venue in Ireland for Window Wanderland! All residents of Birr are invited to make displays in their windows that will form a magical light trail through the town. Create your own or allow a 'window artist' to create for you. See www.windowwanderland.com to register. Email birrwindows@gmail.com for further details.

The **Stoma Support Group** meeting will take place on Tuesday 11th June 6.30-8.30pm in the Dóchas Offaly Cancer Support Group Centre. Please contact Anne on 086 3074846. All are welcome.

Offaly Hospice need volunteers to help with Hospice Sunflower Days on Thurs 6th, Friday 7th & Saturday 8th June all over the county if you have an hour or 2 to spare and would like to help us please contact Mary on 0868595046.

Saturday 8th June, Shinrone Church of Ireland parish of St Mary's annual Fete, Sale and Fun Dog Show will be held at Cloughmoyle School, Shinrone. Everyone is very welcome to come and join in the fun. Dogs of all sorts are particularly welcome. There are great prizes all of which have been generously sponsored or donated. The ongoing raffle will be drawn. €500 of which will be donated to Birr Community Care Unit.

Birr Garden Club - Annual outing Thursday 13th June to Kilgar House & Herbert's Garden. Names and money (€30) can be left into Pat Guinan's shoe shop.

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Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 1st	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
	10.30am	Brian Mc Manus Brendan Burns
	12 Noon	Rosemary Mooney, Woodlands Park
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Pat (Patricia) Sullivan (nee Quinn), late of Lacka & Wales (MM) Mary Keeshan Teresa & John Kennedy & daughter Mary Rice & Kennedy families Paddy Meara
Mon 3rd	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Wed 5th	10.00 a.m.	Mary Hehir & son Geoffrey, High Street Collins family
Thur 6th	10.00 a.m.	Michael Delaney, Burkes Hill
Sat 8th	7.30 p.m.	Helena Cavanagh (1st Ann) & husband Joe Michael Joseph Molloy Con Phelan Rita & Joe Scully
Sun 9th	10.30 a.m.	Valerie McIntyre (MM)
	12 noon	Margaret Lally (MM) Mary Hogan (MM)
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Des Reddan, Fadden Anne & Sheila Lenihan Tom Delahunty & family

Please for the souls of



Martin Ryan, Crinkill,
May Mann,
Elmgrove NH & Sharavogue,
Paul Davis, England
& late of Compton Row,
Jimmy Condon, Limerick,
brother of Bernie Kirwan, Riverstown,
John Corcoran, Ferbane,
brother of Gerry, Burke's Hill.

Date for your diary

The feast of **The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)** will be marked with a **Procession of the Blessed Sacrament** on Thursday 13th June. It will begin at 7.30 p.m. in St. Brendan's Church and proceed to the Garden of Tranquility at the rear of the church. All are welcome and we especially invite the children who recently received their First Holy Communion. It will finish with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday - €1,829
Many Thanks.
Parish Fund Collectors - June 9th
M. Hogan & C. Mulrooney

Praying for those taking Exams

The state exams begin on Wednesday of this week. We remember all our young people who will be sitting their Junior Cert and Leaving Cert exams. A "Book of Intentions" where you are invited to write the names of those you wish to be remembered during these days is in front of the altar. You are invited to take one of the prayer cards and remember the intentions of all.

Prayer Before an Examination

Dear Lord, as I take this exam, I thank you that my value is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me. Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together. Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way.

As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked. Help me to remain focussed and calm, confident in the facts and in my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are there with me. Amen

A very sincere **Thank You** for your generous contributions to the **Priests' Collection** that was taken up last weekend. Envelopes can still be left into the parish office or put in the basket. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Next weekend a collection will be taken up for the **Killaloe Lourdes Invalid Fund** and we ask that if you can donate something to this collection we would be very grateful.

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 almost 45% of the donations from the Revenue Commissioner. The Revenue send this additional sum directly to the charity concerned. Birr Parish has the status 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 willing 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 Revenue Commissioners. Forms are available from the Parish Office and the church porches permitting the parish to avail of the scheme. Please give consideration to this if you have not previously done so. Many thanks.

Next Friday, 7th June is the first Friday of the month; Mass will be at 10am in St. Brendan's, Birr. 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.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí an Mheithimh

I Mí an Mheithimh bí linn, a Thiarna. Is í seo mí mheáin an tSamhraidh, mí na scrúduithe, mí na mbláthanna. Is í intinn an Phápa don mhí seo ná: Go raibh sagairt trí gheanúlacht agus umhaíolacht a mbeatha tiomanta go gníomhach dóibh siúd atá fíorbhocht. Inniu táimid ag comóradh Dheascabháil Ár dTiarna Íosa Críost agus tugaimid chun cuimhne Íosa ag filleadh ar a Athair. Tá a mhísean teagaisc, a pháis agus an t-aiséirí curtha i gcrích agus lá na cinniúna buailte le hÍosa. Bhí breis is trí bliana caite ag na deisceabail i bhfochair Íosa agus grá mór acu dó. Ní aon ionadh gur bhraitheadar uaigneach agus imníoch nuair a bhí Sé ag imeacht uathu chun na bhFlaitheas. Bhí fíis ag Íosa dá dheisceabail go leanfaí lena shaothar ag craobhscaoileadh an dea-scéil. "Imígí faoin domhan uile agus fógraigí an dea-scéal". (Marcas 16:15). Gheall Íosa go seolfadh sé an Spiorad Naomh chucu chun treoir agus misneach a thabhairt dóibh.

Tá tráth na scrúduithe buailte linn agus beidh daltaí na tíre ag tabhairt faoi scrúduithe an Teastais Shóisearaigh agus Teastas na hArd Teistiméireachta. Guímid gach rath ar dhaltaí an pharóiste agus iarraidimid ar an Spiorad Naomh teacht i gcabhair orthu agus iad a choimeád saor ó stró agus stрус. Bain triail as an bpaidir seo.

Tar anuas a Spiorad Naoimh agus cabhraigh liom mo dhícheall a dhéanamh ionas go bhfaighe mé toradh maith ar mo chuid saothair. Áiméan.

Lord, be with us during the month of June. It is the mid-Summer month, month of examinations, the month of the flowers. The Pope's intention for June is: That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor. Today we are celebrating the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ and we recall Jesus returning to His Father. His mission of teaching, his passion and resurrection have been completed and the day of victory has arrived. The disciples had spent over three years with Jesus and loved him greatly. It is not surprising that they felt lonely and anxious when He was leaving them to go to Heaven. Jesus had a vision for his disciples which was to spread the kingdom of his love, the Good News. "Go into the whole world and spread the Good News". (Mark 16 :15) Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to guide and give them courage.

It is examination time once again and soon students will be sitting the Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations. We wish the students of the parish good luck as we ask the Holy Spirit to come to their aid and keep them free from stress. Say this prayer:
Come Holy Spirit and help me to do my best and so reap the fruit of my work. Amen.