

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.

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. Bus leaves Emmet Square at 9.15 a.m. For Enquiries please phone 057 9129482 or 086 1515324

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.

Gala Fundraising Concert featuring the Hein Ensemble and Sliabh Bloom Sessions in aid of Fr. Michael Walsh Zambian Orphans & Vulnerables Organisation Fund in St. Flannan's Church, Kinnitty on Thursday 13th June at 8.00 p.m. Tickets €10 and are available at the door.

Birr Tidy Towns has been nominated by Offaly Co. Co. for the 'Pride of Place Awards 2019' and the judges are coming to town on Monday 17th June. The Tidy Towns group have asked that everyone be vigilant with litter around the town as this would be most helpful.

**Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday - €1,582
Many Thanks.**

Parish Fund Collectors - June 16th
J. Kirwan & R. Scully

Sponsored By

Anonymous

Remembered in Mass this Week

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| Sat 8th | 7.30 p.m. | Helena Cavanagh (1st Ann) & husband Joe Michael Joseph Molloy Con Phelan Rita & Joe Scully Betty Sherlock |
| Sun 9th | 10.30 a.m. | Valerie McIntyre (MM) May Bergin, Emmet Street |
| | 12 noon | Margaret Lally (MM) Mary Hogan (MM) |
| Carrig | 9.30 a.m. | Des Reddan, Fadden Anne & Sheila Lenihan Tom Delahunty & family |
| Mon 10th | 10.00 a.m. | Anthony & Catherine Lawlor Sean, John & Bridget Horan, Mary & Frank Dunne John McNally Joe Rushe Heffernan & Lawlor families |
| Tue 11th | 10.00 a.m. | Deceased Eucharistic Adorers |
| Wed 12th | 10.00 a.m. | People of the Parish |
| Thur 13th | 10.00 a.m. | Andy Tierney Pat & Marian McCarthy |
| Sat 15th | 10.00 a.m. | Mick, Zora & Michaela Kenny |
| | 7.30 p.m. | Tony McLoughlin (MM) Brendan Donoghue, McAuley Drive Willie Power & brother Fr. Jim Willie, Nancy & Fergal Parkinson James & Elizabeth Martin, Cappaneale John Dwyer, Hollypark Kathleen & Tom Dowd Jack & P.J. King King & Dowd families |
| Sun 16th | 10.30 a.m. | Anne Day (nee Loonam) Bud Burke & sister May McGregor |
| | 12 noon | May Bergin (MM) Michael & Margaret Loughnane, sons Seamus & Michael & daughter Bridget Eamon O'Meara, Ballindarra Paul & Molly Kennedy, Moorpark Street |

Please for the souls of



Joe Rowland, Sandymount View,
Elizabeth 'Betty' Weir (nee Fitzgerald), Ontario, Canada and late of
Newbridge Street, Birr.

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.

Praying for those taking Exams

We continue to remember those taking exams and pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them in the coming days.

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

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

The feast of **St Anthony** is on Thursday 13 June. He was only 36 when he died and was re-nowned as a preacher. Legend has it that he once preached to the fish for the easing of his own heart and frustrations with people. When people saw the fish gathering they began to pay attention to his words! He is known, of course, as the **patron saint of lost things**.

Come Holy Spirit. Creator blest,
And in our hearts take up Thy rest:
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid:
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

St. Anthony, powerful in word and work:
Grant what we ask of thee.
St. Anthony, our patron and advocate,
Grant us what we ask of thee.
St. Anthony attentive of those who invoke thee,
Grant us what we ask of thee.
St. Anthony, whom the Infant Jesus so much loved: Grant us what we ask of thee.

Buíochoas - Aoife Scallon would like to thank all who supported her recent fund-raising efforts for her volunteer trip to India with the **Lasallian Developing World Projects**. A total of **€3,400** was raised on the 18th/19th May and all proceeds will go to the community of Keelamudiman in India. A **very sincere thank you** to all for your support and generosity. It is much appreciated.

The feast of **The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)** will be marked with a **Procession of the Blessed Sacrament** this Thursday 13th June 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.



Participants are invited to assemble **outside** the church, behind the cross bearer on the Sacred Heart side (weather permitting). The First Communion Girls and Boys will assemble **inside** the church. You are all invited to join in the Prayers and the Singing with the church choirs to honour the Blessed Sacrament on this special feast day.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Domhnach na Cincíse

Ceiliúrtar Domhnach na Cincíse caoga lá tar éis Dhomhnach Cásca. Thuirling an Spiorad Naomh ar na hAspail. Líonadh Muire, na hAspail agus cairde Íosa leis an Spiorad Naomh. Chuaigh na hAspail amach láithreach ag fógairt an dea-scéala faoi bheatha, bhás agus aiséirí ár dTiarna. Trí sheanmóireacht Naomh Peadar glacadh trí mhíle duine isteach san Eaglais. Thug an Spiorad Naomh cumhacht do na hAspail agus tríd an chumhacht sin rinne siad "aghaidh na talún a athnuachan" Glacaimid an Spiorad Naomh sa Bhaiste agus i nDul faoi Lámh Easpaig dúinn. Ar an Domhnach Cincíse seo cuimhnimis gur Críostaithe sinn agus go mbainimid leis an Tiarna Íosa Críost. Is é Spiorad na Fírinne an Spiorad Naomh a chabhróidh linn ár mbeatha a chaitheamh de réir na fírinne. Is í seo a leanas an chéad phaidir a d'fhoghlaimíomar.

In ainm an Athar agus an Mhic agus an Spioraid Naoimh. Áiméan.

Moladh go deo leat a Spioraid Naoimh.

Líon ár gcroí le do ghrá agus le do dhíograis.

Déan Aspail dínn a Spiorad Beannaithe. Áiméan.

Pentecost Sunday is celebrated fifty days after Easter. The Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles. They together with Mary, and the friends of Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Apostles went out to proclaim the good news of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Through the teaching of Saint Peter three thousand were admitted into the Church. The Holy Spirit gave power to the Apostles and through that power they "renewed the face of the earth". We receive the Holy Spirit in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. On this Pentecost Sunday let us remember that we are Christians and that we belong to Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth who will help us to live our lives according to the truth. The following is the first prayer we learned.

**In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.
Holy Spirit may you be praised for ever.
Fill our hearts with your love and dedication.
Make us disciples of Jesus. Amen**