

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.

St. Pio Mass next Thursday evening at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome.

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 9120482 or 086 1515324.

Birr Lions Club - Midsummer Night Charity Art Auction in The Chestnut on Friday 21st June at 7.30 p.m. Auction of art by local artists at a range of prices. Cost €10 including Bar-B-Q. All are welcome.

Midland Living Links - Coffee morning next Tuesday morning in the Conference Room at the rear of St. Brendan's church after 10.00 a.m. Mass.

D.E.WILLIAMS LTD in Birr - in the past D.E.Williams Ltd played a massive part in the commercial life of Birr and it's surrounding district. The "Birr Review Book" committee is seeking photographs or other memorabilia/information which might be helpful in compiling an article about D.E.W. If you can help please contact John Molloy on 0868175514.

Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday - €1,997
Many Thanks.

Parish Fund Collectors - June 23rd
M. Breen & O. Nolan

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Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 15th	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 Stephen Shortt Tom & Mary Brummell
Sun 16th	10.30 a.m.	Anne Day (nee Loonam) Bud Burke & sister May McGregor
	12 noon	Mai Bergin (MM) Michael & Margaret Loughnane, sons Seamus & Michael & daughter Bridget Eamon O'Meara, Ballindarra Paul & Molly Kennedy, Moorpark Street Richard Hanlon
Mon 17th	10.00 a.m.	Paddy & Adrian Buckley
Tues 18th	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Wed 19th	10.00 a.m.	James & Christina Tooher & family
Thur 20th	10.00 a.m.	Sean Mulholland Eamon 'Sambo' Kelly Michael 'Dom' Egan
Sat 21st	10.00 a.m.	Bridy Ryan (MM)
Sat 22nd	7.30 p.m.	Martin Ryan (MM) Alf Regan Gerry Ryan Betty & Tom Lally Martin Burrow Sharon Guinan, Clonbrone Stephen Tierney Ranger Kelly & son Eamon (Sambo)
Sun 23rd	10.30 a.m.	Albert & Mary-Kate Watkins Kathleen Grant Patrick Nevin Oisín Watkins-Carroll
	12 noon	Eva Delaney, Syngedfeld

Please pray for the souls of



Tom Turner, Carrig,
Jim Noonan, Ballygarry,
brother of Nan Hogan, The Swan Bar.
Dan Ryan, Coolderry and late of
Newbridge Street, father of Jayne Mahon &
Karen Murtagh

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.

Happy Father's Day

Father's Day

Sonora Dodd from Washington State first had the idea of a Father's Day. The idea came to her while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in her local church in 1909. She wanted a special day to honour her father, William, a veteran in the American Civil War whose wife died giving birth to her sixth child. Sonora realised as an adult the love, generosity and practical sacrifice her dad had made as a single parent raising six children. Sonora's father was born in June so she chose to hold the first Father's Day in Spokane, Washington on June 19th, 1910. The celebration included all who served in a fatherly fashion including granddads, uncles, mentors and spiritual fathers.

A Father's Day Blessing

Lord God you are our father
and the source of all fatherhood.
Bless all fathers
especially those gathered here.
May their fatherhood reflect yours.
May they offer wise guidance
and sound example to their children.
May they be patient and kind.
Bless them in times of difficulty or uncertainty.
Give them a strong and lively faith
and help them to share that faith
with their children.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Many thanks for your extra donations to the collection that was taken up for the **Killaloe Lourdes Invalid Fund** last weekend. As a result of your generosity €800 will be forwarded to the fund.

Many thanks to all who organised the **Corpus Christi celebration** on Thursday last and to all who attended. It was great to see so many present.

We continue and remember to pray for our **students sitting examinations** these days.

Dates for Your Diary

Cemetery Mass will be held in Clonoghill Cemetery on Thursday 4th July at 7.30 p.m. and in Carrig Cemetery on Thursday 11th July at 7.30 p.m.

We are saying farewell to some of our **mass servers** this weekend. We thank them for their great dedication and service; thanks to their parents and families for your encouragement which is very much appreciated.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An Tríonóide Rónaofa.

Ceiliúraimid inniu Féile na Tríonóide Naofa. Is í an Tríonóid an rúndiamhair is mó agus is doimhne de na rúndiamhra Chríostaí. Thóg sé na céadta bliain ar an Eaglais bealach a fháil chun foirmle a bhaint amach faoin rúndiamhair seo. Creidimid go bhfuil trí phearsa i nDia, gur Dia an tAthair, Dia an Mac agus Dia an Spiorad Naomh aon Dia amháin. Ní féidir leis an réasún daonna é seo a thuiscint ach tháinig Dia an Mac, Íosa Críost, ar an saol agus mhínigh Sé é sin dúinn. Ó lá ar mbaisteadh tagann Dia chun cónaithe ionainn. Cuireann an fhéile seo os ár gcomhair gurb é atá i ndán dúinn tar éis báis ná maireachtáil i láthair na Tríonóide ar feadh na síoraíochta. I gCóineartú tuigtear dúinn go bhfuil misean againn bheith dílis don chreideamh agus Íosa a fhógairt don saol mór. Is iad Comhartha na Croise, Glóir don Athair agus Beannachtaí na hEaglaise na deabhóidí is mó atá againn don Tríonóid Naofa agus na paidreacha is minice a deirtear i rith an lae.

Don Tríonóid Naofa

(An Duanaire 1600-1900: Poems of the Dispossessed.)

Trí fhille in éadach 's gan ann

ach aon éadach amháin,
trí ailt i méar 's gan ann ach aon mhéar amháin,
trí dhuilliúir i seamróg 's gan ann

ach aon seamróg amháin.

Sioc, sneachta, leac oighir, níl sna trí ní sin
ach uisce,

mar sin tá trí Phearsa i nDia 's gan ann
ach aon Dia amháin.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Blessed Trinity. It is the deepest of all Christian mysteries. The Church spent many years devising a formula for this mystery.



We believe that there is

only one God but there are three persons God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost in God. Human reason cannot understand this, but Jesus Christ came on earth and explained this to us. In Baptism God comes to dwell in us. This feast reminds us that after death we will live in the presence of the Trinity for all eternity. In Confirmation we are given the mission to be faithful to our Faith and to proclaim Jesus to the world. The Sign of the Cross, the Glory be to the Father and Church Blessings are the usual devotions to the Blessed Trinity which are recited many times daily.

To the Holy Trinity

Three folds in cloth, yet there is but the one cloth.
Three joints in a finger, yet there is but one finger.

Three leaves in a shamrock,
yet there is but the one shamrock.

Frost, snow and ice...yet the three are only water,
Three Persons in God likewise,

and but the one God.