

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.

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.

Rally for Life - A rally to celebrate the lives of Mothers and their unborn babies will be held on Saturday July 6th in Dublin city centre. It starts with Mass at 1pm celebrated by Bishop Kevin Doran in the Dominican church, Dominic St., The Rally will depart from Parnell Square at 2pm. Posters and Banners will be available. To book a seat on the bus run by Fr. Pierre Pepper contact 087-6960542 /086-2093720.

Irish Wheelchair Associations Coastal Camino 2019
The Irish Wheelchair Association is looking for volunteers for **Coastal Camino Walk** which is suitable for people of all age and fitness levels from Vigo to Santiago de Compostela next October. For more information see www.iwa.ie/camino or contact: Jacqui O'Connor on 086 1284124 or jacqui.oconnor@iwa.ie.

The organisers of the recent fundraising concert in Kinnitty Church for the **Fr. Michael Walsh Zambian OVO Fund** raised €7,400 and would like to thank to all who supported it.

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Remembered in Mass this Week

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, Syngefield
Mon 24th	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Tues 25th	10.00 a.m.	Sr. Ambrose Kennedy
Thur 27th	10.00 a.m.	Gail Kelly, The Green/Meadowbrook
Fri 28th	10.00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Pioneer Association
Sat 29th	7.30 p.m.	Peter & Denis Murphy, High Street
Sun 30th	12 noon	Frank McGilton



Please pray for the soul of

Bridget Molloy, Cork and late of Crinkill.

Peter's Pence & Diocesan Needs Collection

This weeks basket collection will be donated to the above collection and we ask for your generous support. The monies received from this collection will go to assist the Diocesan Administration as well as supporting the salaries of Diocesan Officials in the area of our Catechetics, Pastoral Formation and Diocesan Office. Many thanks.

Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday - €1,858

Many Thanks.

Parish Fund Collectors - June 30th

M. O'Gorman & R. O'Brien

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.

Holy Spirit (Fr. Jude Siciliano OP)

We need to get the grammar right:
the Holy Spirit is not only past tense,
but present tense as well.

We need to get the maths right:
the Holy Spirit of the New Testament
equals the Holy Spirit of our present
time and circumstances.

We need to get the colours right:
the Holy Spirit doesn't belong just to one race,
but to all colours.

We need to get the language right:
the Holy Spirit doesn't just speak in our language,
but in many tongues.

We need to get the location right:
the Holy Spirit doesn't belong only
behind our closed church doors,
but has burst out into the whole world.

If the Holy Spirit is not confined,
then how can we tell

where the spirit is present?

Just keep your eyes and ears open
for the fire and the breath of new life!

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 more 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.



We welcome to our faith community the following children who were baptised recently:

Alex Crombie, Naomi Hanlon,
Diego, Fabian & Oktavio Sadowski,
Jakub Szabelski, Cody Corrigan,
Paul & Michael Costello, Isabella McDonagh,
Shane Noonan, Anna Lawlor, Conor Mahon,
Louise Kiely, Sadbh O'Connor,
Octavia Kerrigan, Joseph Molloy, Tadhg Maher,
Darren Clougher, Enzley Falkiner Carroll,
Patricia McCarthy, Ann Hanley,
Ella Carter, James Pilkington.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Féile Chorp Chríost

Déanamid ceiliúradh inniu ar Fhéile Chorp Chríost. Ag Séire an Tiarna an oíche sula bhfuair Sé bás, thug Íosa a Chorp féin do na deisceabail agus dúinne á rá 'tógáigí, ithigí agus ólaigí iad seo, Mo Chorp agus m'Fhuil'. (Matha 26:28). Ba é seo an chéad Aifreann. Ó shin i leith tá sé de phribhléid againn freastal ar an Aifreann agus Comaoin Naofa a ghlacadh. Léirigh muintir na hÉireann ómós agus grá don Aifreann i gcónaí fiú le linn na bPéin Dlíthe (1695-1746) nuair a bhí cosc ar dhaoine freastal ar an Aifreann. Ag an am deirtí an tAifreann ag Carraig an Aifrinn in áiteanna iargúlta agus bhí ár sinsear sásta a mbeatha a chur i mbaol le grá do Dhia. Is mó Carraig an Aifrinn atá le fáil ar fud na hÉireann. D'fhág Íosa an tAifreann againn lena chuimhne a choimeád beo agus buan dúinn. Paidir tar éis na Comaoine:

Go raibh ainm milis Íosa

go taitneamhach scríofa, ar lár mo chróise.

A Mhuire, a Mháthair Íosa,

go raibh Íosa agamsa

agus mise ag Íosa. Ceangal grá

bheith eadrainn go bráth, gan scaoileadh.

Áiméan a Íosa, go bráth 's choíche. Áiméan

We celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi today. At the Last Supper, the night before He died, Jesus gave His Body and Blood to His disciples and to us saying "take this and eat it, this is my body, take and drink, this is my blood". ((Matthew, 26:28). This was the first Mass. Since then it is our privilege to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion. The people of Ireland always had a great love and reverence for the Mass. During the Penal Laws (1695-1746) attendance at Mass was prohibited so the Eucharist was celebrated in isolated places using a boulder as the altar. These are now known as Mass Rocks. Jesus left us the Mass so that we keep his memory alive forever. Prayer after Holy Communion:



May the sweet name of Jesus

be written in my heart,

Mary, mother of Jesus,

may Jesus be in me

and I in Jesus.

May the bond of love

be always between us

and never be broken.

Dear Jesus, may it be thus forever.

Amen