

## 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.

**Carrig and Riverstown Development Association** will hold a Car Treasure Hunt and BBQ on Saturday the 20th July 2019. This event promises to be full of fun and excitement for all ages and everyone is invited to come along and support. Following the success of last years event, the Association have decided to run the event again this year to continue raising funds towards the planned extension to the hall, due to commence shortly. The extension will house new disabled toilet facility and kitchen creating a larger multi-purpose room for the community. Also this year the development association would like to upgrade the defibrillator storage unit located at the hall in Carrig village. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**Birr Methodist Church** - Service of Welcome for the Rev. Nigel Gill will be held on Sunday 14th July at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome.

**West Offaly Training - Summer courses** - One day Working with Autism Course 13<sup>th</sup> July. Kids Computer camp in Ferbane, Clareen, Kilcormac. Kids Irish Camp 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> August, Professional Photography through smartphone TBC and Smartphone training/Manual Handling/Abrasive Wheel training (weekly). Call 0579152003 to find out more.

### Pilgrimage to Fatima - 9th-16th September, 2019.

Spiritual Director: Rev. Fr. Tony Gavin, P.P., Tubber, Moate, 7 nights full board Santo Amaro Hotel. Cost €779 p.p.s. Single Supplement €175 (Limited Availability). A Pilgrimage with comprehensive itinerary which includes visiting Sr. Lucia's Convent Coimbra, Eucharistic Miracle at Santarem and St. Anthony's Shrine in Lisbon. A Pilgrimage not to be missed. Booking deposit €200 payable to Joe Walsh Tours. Immediate booking essential. Final payment due 31st July, 2019. For further details and bookings contact Mrs. Anna Condon. Tel. No. 090-6482228 or 085-7700198.

### Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 6th	7.30 p.m..	Bernie Hanlon-Bennett, 16 Ashbrook Drive, (1st Ann) Christina & Tom Brereton James Ryan, 26 Newbridge Street Anna & Patrick Corboy Margaret Lynch, Drumbane
Sun 7th	10.30 a.m.	Ellen & Thomas McGee & daughter Jacqueline Quealy Thomas & Mary-Kate Cox Cox, Carter & O'Connor families Eileen King
	12 noon	William Dwyer (1st Ann) Fr. Tony Cahir Phelan Family, Riverside
Mon 8th	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Tues 9th	10.00 a.m.	Brendan Murphy Deceased Eucharistic Adorers Michael Tuohy
Thur 11th	10.00 a.m.	Brendan & Peggy Gallagher & family Tom Gallagher Molly Nevin
Fri 12th	10.00 a.m.	Mary Sheehan
Sat 13th	7.30 p.m.	Joe Rowland (MM) Patrick & Elizabeth Donoghue, Eden Road Colin & Bernard Russell Raphael & Catherine Reynolds John Colclough & son Sean
Sun 14th	10.30 a.m.	Kevin & Ann Madden Cora Kenny, Brendan Street Johnny Cleary
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Jack & Ciss Cashen



### Please pray for the souls of

Ann McGovern, Dublin,  
daughter of Nan Cooper, Tinnakelly,  
Patty Grace, Nenagh  
sister of Dr. Donal O'Brien, Military Road.

**Now and again,  
it's good to pause in  
the pursuit of happiness  
and just be happy!**

**Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday - €1,500  
Many Thanks.  
Parish Fund Collectors - July 14th  
M. Gibbons & C. Loughnane**

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The **Cemetery Mass in Carrig** will take place on Thursday 11th July at 7.30 p.m.

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July to December **boxes of envelopes (Parish Development Fund & Priests Collection)** have been distributed. If you did not receive a box and would like one please contact the Parish Office on 057-9122028. We take this opportunity to thank you for your continued financial support. It is very much appreciated. We would also like to thank the distributors for their continued hard work in ensuring the envelopes are distributed in a timely manner.

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The **July Priests' Collection** will be taken up at all masses this weekend. Your generosity to this collection is very much appreciated.

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### Holy Water

In our Catholic tradition, Holy Water is one of our most popular sacramental. We use the Holy Water as a reminder of God's presence, protection and providence. A Holy Water container is located at the back sacristy door of St. Brendan's if you wish to take some home.

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We welcome our new **mass servers** this weekend. We thank them for their generosity and thanks to their parents and families for their encouragement which is very much appreciated.

We acknowledge and say **Thank You** to the altar servers in fifth class who have chosen to continue serving mass for the coming year.

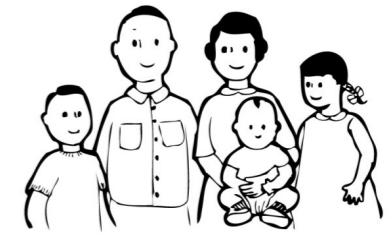
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We say farewell to a number of teachers and SNAs in our parish schools this summer including Bríd Connolly, Assumpta Kelly, Ann Cooney, Anne Hogan and Mary Roddy. We thank them for their faithful service and wish them every blessing in the next phase of their lives.

We take this opportunity to thank all in our parish catholic schools who have made such a wonderful contribution to our parish in the past academic year and those who have given so much of their time and energy to building their school communities we also say míle buíochas.

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The **annual national pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick 'Reek Sunday'** takes place on Sunday **28 July**. Mass will be celebrated on the summit of the mountain on the hour with the first Mass at 8:00am and the last Mass at 2:00pm. Confessions will be available on the summit from 7:30am to 2:00pm.



### Prayer for Family

May my family be protected from harm, misfortune & sadness. May we enjoy the privilege of spending time together to share joy, celebrate happy occasions and to be there for each other when there is need for comfort. May good health prevail and may there be ever-present faith in God's mercy and grace. Amen.

### Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

#### Mí lúil

Mí lúil, mí an fhéir thirim, mí na laethanta saoire, mí imeacht na gcuaich, críoch an tSamhraidh. I mí lúil bí linn, A Thiarna. Is í intinn an Phápa don mhí seo ná: Go léirí lucht dlí agus cirt ionracas ina bpáirtíocht leis an bpobal, ionas nach mbeadh an bua ag lucht na héagóra atá i dtreis faoi láthair.

Gabhaimid buíochas le Dia as an dea-aimsir a bhí againn le tamall anuas agus an ghrian ag scoilteadh na gloch gach lá. Tá súil go mbeidh a thuilleadh teaspach againn sa mhí seo. Beidh na sluaite ag tabhairt a n-ghaidh ar aibhneacha, lochanna agus trána. Tá rabhadh tugtha do dhaoine bheith cúramach le linn tréimhse na dea-aimsire sna laethanta amach romhainn. Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá:  
**Ár nAthair ar Neamh,  
Cruthaitheoir uile,  
foinse gach maitheas agus grá,  
féach anuas orainn  
agus gabhaimid buíochas leat  
as an aimsir bhrothallach a bhronn tú orainn.  
Áiméan.**

July the month of haymaking, holidays, the departure of the cuckoo, the end of Summer. Lord, be with us during this month. The Pope's intention for July is: That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

We thank God for the recent beautiful weather we have had with glorious sunshine each day. May it continue in July. Many will engage in water sports on rivers, lakes and on beaches. Please always put safety first as we have been warned. We can recite this prayer of thanksgiving for the fine weather:  
**Father in Heaven, Creator of all,  
and source of all goodness and love,  
please look kindly upon us  
and receive our heartfelt gratitude  
for the fine weather. Amen.**