

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.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Príomhoibreacha Spioradálta na Trócaire

Is féidir le creidmhigh cabhrú le gnó na hEaglaise trí í a chosaint ó ionsaí, trí bheith gnóthach i gcumainn chaitlicí agus trí dhea-shampla a thabhairt inár mbeatha féin. Is féidir linn tabhairt faoi Phríomhoibreacha Spioradálta na Trócaire lá ar bith. Déanaimis machnamh orthu an tseachtain seo.

- Teagasc a leas a thabhairt don pheacach.
- Eolas a thabhairt don ainbhiosach.
- Dea-chomhairle a thabhairt don té atá in easnamh.
- Sólás a thabhairt do dhaoine faoi bhrón.
- éagóir a fhulaingt go foighneach.
- Olc a mhaitheamh.
- Guí don bheo agus don mharbh.

Dóchas, creideamh agus grá

Bíodh go brách 'na stiúr do mo chroí

Agus cuir leosan foighid, a Dhia

Ba chabhair thréan don triúr é. Áiméan

(Ár bPaidreacha Dúchais)

Believers can assist the Church's apostolate by protecting it from attack, being active in Catholic societies and by giving good example in their own lives. We can reflect this week on the Spiritual Works of Mercy which are:

- To instruct the ignorant.
- To counsel the doubtful.
- To admonish the sinner.
- To bear wrongs patiently.
- To forgive offenses willingly.
- To comfort the afflicted.
- To pray for the living and the dead.

**Hope, faith and love,
Always guide my heart,
To these three add patience, O God
To help us do your will. Amen**

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 13th	7.30 p.m.	Joe Rowland (MM) Patrick & Elizabeth Donoghue, Eden Road
		Colin & Bernard Russell Raphael & Catherine Reynolds Maura Byrne
Sun 14th	10.30 a.m.	Kevin & Ann Madden Cora Kenny, Brendan Street Johnny Cleary John Colclough & son Sean
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Jack & Ciss Cashen
Mon 15th	10.00 a.m.	Patrick & Michael Hutchinson & grandchildren
Tues 16th	10.00 a.m.	Mary Sheehan
Wed 17th	10.00 a.m.	Jim O'Callaghan
Thur 18th	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Fri 19th	10.00 a.m.	Mary Touhey
Sat 20th	7.30 p.m.	Paddy O'Brien, Elm Park (1st Ann) Christopher 'Pops' Kelly & wife Kathleen Martin, William & Margaret Guilfoyle John O'Connor William & Florence Cooke & son Teddy
Sun 21st	10.30 a.m.	Joe Brennan, Green Street
	12 noon	Maureen & Jack Loughnane, Glebe St.

Please pray for the souls of



William Egan, Cree,
Kevin Reddan, Kerry & late of Fadden
son of Bridget, Sandymount.

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

Midland Living Links - Coffee morning in the Conference Room at the rear of St. Brendan's after 10.00 a.m. Mass next Tuesday, 16th July. All are welcome.

Saint Flannan's College A history of St. Flannan's College by historian Dr Ciarán Ó Murchadha is now in course of production. Anyone who may have material useful to the publication such as old diaries, letters written from the College, older school publications etc. is invited to contact Ciarán Ó Murchadha on 086 8963387.

Carer needed for mornings. Contact 086-3532736 for more details.

**Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday - €1,810
Many Thanks.**

Parish Fund Collectors - July 21st
F. Teehan, T.P. Walsh, T O'Meara

Sponsored By

Anonymous

Parish Accounts 2018

The statement of parish accounts for 2018 shows the continued generosity of the people of the parish to the support of our faith community. We thank you for your support in the upkeep of parish properties and the administration of our parish. 2018 shows a deficit partially due to the carry over of bills from 2017 repair works. The re-surfacing of St. Brendan's church grounds is a planned project for 2020.

In 2018, parishioners contributed €51,805 towards the Priests' Collections of which €19,252 was forwarded to the Diocesan Priest Central Fund ensuring all priests of the diocese receive an equivalent annual remuneration.

There were no claims for Income Tax rebate in 2018 due to a change in our system of recording donations. The new envelope system is vital in our eligibility to receive tax rebates from Inland Revenue. We now keep records of all identifiable contributions. While we very much appreciate the generosity of parishioners who contribute to the basket without using the envelope we are unable to receive tax rebate from these contributions. A special form (CHY3) has to be signed to enable the parish to be the recipient of this tax rebate.

Birr Parish Income & Expenditure 2018	
Income	
Basket Collection	€108,358.50
Parish Development Fund	€35,689.83
Shrines	€17,098.00
Bequests	€15,900.00
Income from Parish Properties	€14,285.00
Donations/Sponsorship	€4,918.00
Refunds	€545.06
Total Income	€196,794.39

Expenditure

Administration	
Wages	€65,055.11
Diocesan Levy	€23,296.00
Insurance	€10,717.69
Parish Office Consumables	€5,168.22
Publications/Printing/Newsletter	€3,845.35
Bank Charges	€992.92
	€109,075.29
Parish Activities	
Parish Functions/Hospitality/Speakers	€15,166.00
Liturgical Celebrations/Altar Supplies	€10,462.20
Youth Catechetics/ Faith Formation	€6,428.86
Donations (Mission Sunday, Lourdes Invalid Fund)	€4,080.00
	€36,137.06
Parish Property	
Maintenance/Requisites	€73,874.25
Heating/Electricity	€26,069.94
Water, Refuse & LPT	€2,603.17
Fire & Security Systems	€2,380.07
Webcam, Sound & IT	€2,001.31
	€106,928.74
Total Expenditure	€252,141.09
Summary	
Total Income	€196,794.39
Total Expenditure	€252,141.09
Excess of Expenditure over Income	-€55,346.70

Other

Priests Collection Income	€51,805.00
Trocaire	€5,368.00
Christmas Mass Bouquets	€4,350.00

We acknowledge the role of the Finance Committee, John Lynch, Accountant, the parish distributors, church collectors and counters.

Ní heart go cur le chéile.

*Owen Smyth
Chairperson
Finance Committee*

*Fr. Tom Hogan
Co-PP & V.F.*

A sincere **Thank You** for your generous contributions to the July **Priests' Collection** that was taken up last weekend. Your generosity to this collection is very much appreciated.

A **Holy Water** container is located at the back sacristy door of St. Brendan's if you wish to take some home.

Carrig and Riverstown Development Association - Car Treasure Hunt and BBQ on Saturday the 20th July 2019. All are invited to come along and support. This event is to raise 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. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Volunteering at Birr Credit Union - Birr Credit Union are forming a 3-year panel for Board and Committees volunteers with some or all of the following key competencies desired by the individual: Team Player, Strategic Thinking, Commercial and Business Awareness, Knowledge of Information Systems, Vision, Goal Setting and Ability to see and sell the Vision. If you are interested, please send your CV to nominations@birrcu.ie or by post to Nominations Committee, Birr Credit Union, Main Street, Birr.