

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.

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.

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.

Volunteer Recruitment Drive - Daughters of Charity Disability Support Services are looking to recruit volunteers to befriend our service users as well as companions to support our service users working in the community. We also need volunteers with skills and talents in Arts & Crafts, Music, Computers, Literacy/Numeracy & Gardening. For more information on our Volunteer Programme contact Tom Connolly, Volunteer Coordinator, Daughters of Charity Disability Support Services Ltd. Mobile: 087-9283425 E-Mail: tom.connolly@lim-docservice.ie

Good Food, Good Mood - Offaly Local Development Company's community wellness event - takes place in Birr Rugby Club on Thursday August 1st, from 11am to 3pm. This is a free event, with something for all the family to enjoy including cookery demonstrations, information zones, zumba, children's entertainment and more! For information, call Louise on 087 692 5276.

Remembered in Mass this Week

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. Thomas Hynes
Wed 24th	10.00 a.m.	Cleary & Buckley families
Thur 25th	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Sat 27th	7.30 p.m.	Helena Cahill (1st Ann) Enda Cooke, daughter Geraldine & granddaughter Natalie Paddy Nugent Michael & Patricia Fallon Frank Reilly William (Billy) O'Donoghue
Sun 28th	12 noon	Philomena & Michael Clavin, Burkes Hill David 'Budgie' Byrne & father Camillus
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	McCormack family

Please pray for the souls of



Betty Dore, Mill Street,
Peg Leonard, Ballingarry and Birr C.N.U.
Brendan Talbot, Enniscorthy
and late of New Road.

Pilgrimage to Lough Derg - 3rd & 4th September. Includes Holy Mass in Knock on Tuesday 3rd, overnight stay in Bundoran with evening meal and B&B included. On Wed 4th travel to Lough Derg for Day Retreat 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. Returning home directly with a meal in Roscommon. Contact the Parish Office on 9122028 for more details.

Annual Concelebrated Mass of St. Feichin - Mass will be concelebrated in St. Feichin's Cemetery, Lackan in Abbey parish on Sunday July 21st at 7pm to honour the 1439th anniversary of the birth of St. Feichin, the Patron Saint of Abbey parish. Covered seating is available. A cup of tea for all after Mass. All are welcome. Those attending this Mass should go to Portumna and then on to the village of Abbey and follow the direction signs.

Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday - €1,534

Many Thanks.

Parish Fund Collectors - July 28th

B. Bolger & G. Cashen

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We thank parishioners who have completed the special form to enable Birr Parish to be the recipient of a charity tax rebate. This is a scheme facilitated by the Revenue Commissioner that enables a designated charity to be the recipient of income tax paid on charitable donations over €250 only.

If you or someone you know has been bereaved or are finding it difficult to cope with the loss of a loved one, please call **Birr Parish Bereavement Group** for one to one bereavement support. This is a confidential and free service. For information or an appointment call 089 4670926.

In the coming week we celebrate **Saints Mary Magdalene and Bridget of Sweden**. Mary Magdalene stood by the Cross of Jesus and was one of those who discovered the empty tomb and encountered the Risen Jesus early on that first Easter morning. Her feast day is 22 July. On 23 July we honour Bridget of Sweden who lived in the 14th century and who after the death of her husband dedicated herself to a pure and simple life. She is a Patron Saint of Europe.

*Mary, Queen of Peace, we entrust our lives to you.
Shelter us from war, hatred and oppression.
Teach us to live in peace,
to educate ourselves for peace.
Inspire us to act justly, to revere all God has made.
Root peace firmly in our hearts and in our world.
Amen.*

What is Prayer?

Prayer doesn't just happen when we kneel or put hands together and focus and expect things from God. Instead...

Thinking positive and wishing good for others - That is prayer

When you hug a friend - That's a prayer

When you cook something to nourish family and friends - That's a prayer

When we send off our near and dear ones and say 'Drive Safely' or 'Be Safe' - That's prayer

When you are helping someone in need by giving your time and energy - You are praying

When you forgive someone by your heart - that is prayer.

Prayer is a Vibration- A feeling - A thought.

Prayer is the voice of love,

Of friendship and genuine relationships.

Prayer is an expression of your silent being!

Keep praying....always.

*If you don't know where you are going,
Any road will get you there.*

Lewis Carroll

On the Killaloe Diocesan website, Facebook and Twitter pages videos are available for viewing of this year's Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Autumn Pilgrimage leaves from Shannon Airport on **Sunday 29th September to Friday 4th October**. €699 with €20 discount for online booking at joewalshstours.ie

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.

Information Morning for Older Persons on Thursday 25th July from 11am to 1pm in Dooly's Hotel, Emmet Square including:

- Benefits of Message in a Bottle by Lions Club.
- Crime Prevention advice.
- Paramedic's demonstration of CPR and choking.
- David O'Meara from O'Meara's Chemist
- Haven Pharmacy Butlers
- Muintir Na Tíre Information

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Príomhoibreacha na Trócaire

An tseachtain seo caite rinneamar machnamh ar Phríomhoibreacha Spioradálta na Trócaire. An tseachtain seo déanaimis machnamh ar Phríomhoibreacha na Trócaire. Seo iad.

- Bia a thabhairt don ocrach.
- Deoch a thabhairt don tartmhar.
- Éadach a thabhairt don nocht.
- Dul ag fiosrú na ndaoine atá i mbraighdeanas.
- Óstaíocht a thabhairt don deoraí.
- Dul ag fiosrú na n-easlán.
- Adhlacadh na marbh.

Paidir an tSuaimhnis.

A Dhia deonaigh dom suaimhneas,
Chun glacadh le rudaí nach féidir liom athrú,
Misneach chun rudaí a athrú nuair is féidir,
Agus gaois chun an difríocht a aithint. Áiméan.

Last week we reflected on the Spiritual works of Mercy. Let us reflect this week on the Corporal Works of Mercy which are:

- To feed the hungry.
- To give water to the thirsty.
- To clothe the naked.
- To shelter the homeless.
- To visit the sick.
- To visit the imprisoned.
- To bury the dead.

Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity,
To accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And wisdom to know the difference. Amen