

BIRR PARISH

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Priest on Duty - Please call Parish Mobile - 086 3531955

Parish Office Opening Hours

Monday - Saturday (excluding Wednesday)
9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Fr. Tom Hogan—057-9121757

Fr. Michael Reddan—057-9122470

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Fr. Antony Sajeesh - 057-9122470

Fr. Kieran Blake, Kilcolman - 057-9120812

Fr. Michael O'Meara, Kinnitty - 057-9137021

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, Roscommon - 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.

Midland Musical Youth and Dylan Rooney & Friends in "A World of Song" A feast of popular classics from the world of Opera & Musical Theatre to open Birr Vintage Week & Arts Festival 2019! Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd August - Birr Theatre & Arts Centre 8.00pm Booking 057 9122911 - www.birrtheatre.com

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 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
	10.30 a.m.	James & Mary Kemmy, Garbally Raymond Hoare & son Brendan
Sun 28th	12 noon	Philomena & Michael Clavin, Burkes Hill David 'Budgie' Byrne & father Camillus
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	McCormack family
Mon 29th	10.00 a.m.	Maria & Jimmy McInerney Babby Flynn Bill Foran & family James & Frances Hayes Michael & Mary Ellen King & son Martin
Tues 30th	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Wed 31st	10.00 a.m.	Bridget O'Meara
Thur 1st	10.00 a.m.	Mary Burns-Kennedy
Fri 2nd	10.00 a.m.	Adam Case
Sat 3rd	7.30 p.m.	John Girvin, brother Paul & parents Dorothy & John Patricia Parsons, Presentation Place
Sun 4th	12 noon	Dolly King Michael & May Kenneally & son Des Edward & Lucy Hogan & daughters Sheila Hogan & Ciss Cashen Ciss Hogan
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Toohar family

Please pray for the souls of



Nuala Molloy, Dublin,
sister of Liz Parry, Burkes Hill,
Mary Belton Keenagh,
sister of Antoinette Enright,
William Spain, Rath
nephew of Mick and Carmel Spain.

Don't raise your voice. Improve your argument.

Bishop Desmond Tutu

Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday - €1,767
Many Thanks.
Parish Fund Collectors - August 4th
H. Haverty & C. Scully

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Next Friday, 2nd August is the First Friday of the month; Mass will be at 10am in St. Brendan's, Birr. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in St. Brendan's on Saturday with **Benediction at 11 a.m.** Calls to the sick and housebound will take place during the coming week - if you or someone you know would like a call please contact the priest on duty 086 3531955.

Buíochas

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.

Leisure

By W. H. Davies

WHAT is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare?—

No time to stand beneath the boughs,
And stare as long as sheep and cows:

No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass:

No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night:

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance:

No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began?

A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

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.

Pilgrimage to Fatima - 9th -16th September, 2019. Last remaining seats. Spiritual Director: Rev. Fr. Tony Gavin, PP, Tubber, Moate. 7 nights full board Santo Amaro Hotel. Cost €779 pps. Pilgrimage inclusive of Coimbra, Santarem and Lisbon. **Important:** Immediate booking essential. For further details and bookings contact 090-6482228 or 085-7700198.

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.



Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Cruach Phádraig.

Ar an Domhnach seo beidh na sluaite ag tabhairt aghaidh ar Chruach Phádraig i gCo Mhaigh Eo ar oil-ithreach. Tagann grúpaí ó gach aird na hÉireann ann ar an Domhnach ar leith seo. De réir an tseanchais, bhí daoine ag dreapadh an tsléibhe seo ón gCloch Aois go dtí an lá atá inniu ann gan idirbhriseadh. Chuaigh na ré-amh -Chríostaithe go dtí a bharr chun tús an Fhómhair a cheiliúradh. Chaith Naomh Pádraig daichead lá ag troscadh agus ag guí ann sa bhliain 441AD. Go raibh lá tairbheach, slán ag gach duine atá ag dul ann inniu ag guí chun Dé.

Paidir ar son na hEaglaise in Éirinn

*A Dhia ár nAthar,
Déan athnuachan ar an gcreideamh a thugann
beatha agus slánú chugainn,
an dóchas a gheallann maithiúnas agus
athbheochan phearsanta dúinn,
agus an charthanacht a dhéanann sinne a
íonghlánadh agus ár gcroí a oscailt,
ionas go mbeidh grá againn duitse,
agus uaidh sin do gach aon duine dár
ndeartháireacha agus dár ndeirfiúreacha.
Áiméan.*

Today hundreds will arrive at Croagh Patrick on pilgrimage. Groups come from all over Ireland on this special Sunday. According to tradition people have been climbing this mountain continuously from the Stone Age to the present day. Pre-Christians went there to celebrate the beginning of Autumn. Saint Patrick spent forty days there fasting and praying in 441AD. May all have a beneficial, safe and prayerful day there on Sunday.

Prayer for the Church in Ireland.

*God our Father,
Renew the faith that gives us life and salvation,
the hope that promises forgiveness
and personal rejuvenation,
and the charity that purifies
and opens out hearts
so that we may love Thee,
and so all people our brothers and sisters.
Amen.*