

BIRR PARISH

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Monday - Saturday (excluding Wednesday)
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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. 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.

CRK Drama: Tickets now on sale for "Through the Chair". Booking number- 0892432578 or call to the Village Store in Carrig. Pre-sale of tickets will also take place in Carrig Hall on Friday 22nd Nov from 8-9 p.m.

Fr Ray Kelly in Concert - Fr Kelly of the Late Late Show, and Britain's Got Talent fame, will perform in St Joseph's Church, Moneygall on December 1st. Fr Kelly's concert commences at 7 pm and doors are open from 6 pm with unreserved seating. Tickets are €20 and all are welcome.

Mount Saint Joseph Abbey Roscrea: Advent Retreat **November 29th 30th 1st December.** Journey with Mary and Matthew, Led by Conor McCann Dublin Diocese pastoral worker.

Lusmagh Camogie Club: We are holding a fundraising night in St Cronan's Church, Lusmagh [on Sunday 15th December](#) with Paul Harrington. A mulled wine reception [starting at 7](#) in the parish hall and then the night of songs will [start at 8pm](#) in the church. Tickets € 25 are available to purchase on Eventbrite or by contacting Eithna [0876767404](tel:0876767404) or Catriona [0876580325](tel:0876580325)

Birr Review 2019 will be launched in Dooley's Hotel on Friday 29th November at 6.00pm. All Welcome.

Birr Christmas Market 2019 : Get into the Festive Spirit with the whole family and visit Pilkington's Marquee Birr Over 30 Stalls, Barn Music, Food, Disco Dome, Kids face painting and of course Santa's Grotto! Sat 07th & Sun 08th Dec 11am - 6pm. Free Entry. All proceeds Birr Lions Club

Birr Christmas lights group will turn on the Christmas lights on Friday November 29th at 6.15pm. Santa will arrive by train to Connaught st at 3.30pm there will also be story telling, face painting and mulled wine and from 3.30 to 5.30pm.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 23rd	7.30pm	John, Mary & Willie John Egan, Townsend Street Mary Egan Willie Egan Denis Parkinson Margaret Roe Lena Nowicka
Sun 24th	9.30am Carrig	Brendan Keeshan
	10.30am	Michael & Agnes Parkinson Paddy & Annie Mannion Willie & Josephine Milne, & Des & Anne Mahon, & O'Meara Families Patrick Bobby Sheils Matt Clifford
	12 noon	Bill & Dolores Owens & Owens & Mc Cormack Families Oliver Craughwell, Woodlands Park Joe & Delia Barry & sons Gerry & Des Sean Cooke, Grove Street Michael Quinn, Croghan
Mon 25th	10.00am	Monsignor Hamill Birmingham & O'Keeffe Families
Thurs	10.00am	Fr. Tom Seymour John Donoghue
Fri 29th	10.00am	Johnny Mc Carthy
Sat 30th	10.00am	Mary & John Doyle Nicholas Doyle John Doyle Geraldine Doyle
	7.30pm	Willie & Mary Ellen Coughlan & Family Bill Dwyer William & Josephine Kealey, Clonoghill Lower
Sun 1st Dec	8.30am	Michael Maher
Carrig	9.30am	Rynagh, Susan & Martin Byrne

Please pray for the souls of



**Elizabeth (Lizzy) Kelly, Presentation
Place, Birr.**

Bessie Loughnane, Woodlands, Birr.

**Christmas Mass Bouquets now available in
Parish Office with donation of €5. Proceeds are
used for charitable projects.**



Rosary in Clonoghill - Members of the Legion of Mary will recite the Rosary in Clonoghill cemetery on Sundays 10th, 17th and 24th November at 3.00 p.m. All are welcome.

Saints whose feasts celebrated this week

St. Columban - 23rd November, was born around 543. He became a monk of Bangor and later principal teacher there. In 591, desiring to 'go on pilgrimage for Christ', he set out with twelve companions and came to Burgundy. He established monasteries at Annegray, Luxeuil and Fontaine according to the severe Irish rule. Later he founded Bregenz in Austria and his greatest foundation at Bobbio, near Genoa where he died in 615. He is remembered as one of the greatest of the Irish missionary monks.

St. Colman - 25th November was born around 530, probably in west Cork. A bard by profession, he is reputed to have been influenced by St. Brendan to become a priest. His apostolate was to east Cork and his main foundation was at Cloyne.

St. Fergal - 27th November lived first in France and then in Bavaria, where he founded the monastery of Chiemsee. He was appointed Bishop of Salzburg around 754 and died in 784 leaving a reputation for learning and holiness.

School Boards of Management

We acknowledge the out going Boards of Management of our Catholic Parish Primary Schools who have completed their term. We thank all for sharing their time and expertise for the good of our young people and the faith community.

Altar Servers' Training

A training session for Altar Servers will take place on Wednesday 27th November at 7.30pm in St. Brendan's Church

**Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday € 2,020
Many Thanks
Parish Fund Collectors - December 1st
J. Kirwan & R. Scully**

Sponsored By

St. Pio Group

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Sollúntacht Chríost Rí na nUile

An Pápa Pius XI a bhunaigh an fhéile seo in onóir Chríost Rí na nUile sa bhliain 1925 mar fhrithfhreagairt ar an náisiúnachas agus an dí-eaglaisiú a bhí ag dul i dtreise ag an am. Rinneadh í a cheiliúradh i dtosach ar an Domhnach deiridh de mhí Mheán Fómhair. Sa bhliain 1969 thug an Pápa Pól VI ainm nua ar an bhFéile: "Ár dTiarna Íosa Críost Rí na nUile", agus dáta nua freisin lena ceiliúradh, sé sin an Domhnach deiridh den bhliain liotúirgeach. Is ullmhú cuí an fhéile don Aidhbhint.

Tá dílseacht againn d'Íosa nach bhfuil againn do dhuine nó deoraí eile ar dhroim na cruinne. Tá sé de dhualgas orainn a bheith inár bhfianaisí ar Ríocht Dé. Is é Críost an ceannródaí atá orainn agus mar sin táimid lán de mhisneach agus dóchas. Tugann an teideal Rí eolas ar leith dúinn faoi Íosa. Is É Rí na nUile, Rí na Cruinne. Is É foinse na maitheasa, so-las agus dóchas i ndomhan dorcha. Le páirt a bheith againn i ríocht Dé seasaimis d'ionracais, an ceart agus an fhírinne

Seo paidir dheas ón Ár bPaidreacha Dúchais

**Is é Íosa mo Rí-se, mo chara is mo ghrá;
Is é Íosa mo dhídean ar pheaca is ar bhás.
A Chroí Naofa Íosa go dtaga do ríocht. Áimeán**

The Feast of Christ our King was instituted by Pope Pius IX in 1864 in response to growing secularism and nationalism. It was originally celebrated on the last Sunday in September. In 1969 Pope Paul VI renamed the festival "Our Lord Jesus Christ King of All" to be celebrated on the last Sunday of the Liturgical year. This Festival is an appropriate preparation for Advent.

We have a duty to be witnesses to the Kingship of Christ. Christ is our leader and we are full of courage and hope. The title King expresses our special awareness of Jesus. He is the King of the Universe. He is the source of goodness, light and hope in a world of darkness. As part of His kingdom, let us stand for integrity, right and truth.

This prayer is taken from Ár bPaidreacha Dúchais:

**Jesus my King, my friend and my beloved;
Jesus my protection from sin and death.
Sacred Heart of Jesus may your Kingdom come.
Amen.**

Christmas Penitential Service

Wednesday 11th December

at 7.30pm

Led by Fr. Joe Mc Mahon O.F.M.