

## BIRR PARISH

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Parish Office Opening Hours

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. Mary's, Shinrone - Sunday 11.00 a.m.

St. Patrick's, The Pike - Saturday 6.45 p.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.

- Alternate Sunday

St. Molua's, Roscomroe - Sunday 9.30 a.m.

- Alternate Sunday

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.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**Christmas Market 2019** in St. Brendan's Community School on Thursday 12th December in the School Gym from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Open to all members of the public. All are welcome.

**Banagher College Coláiste na Sionna presents "Robin Hood"** on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in the School Hall. Admission: Students €5; Adults €10. All welcome. A great nights' entertainment is promised. Raffle each night sponsored by local traders.

**Carrig & Riverstown Christmas Card Game** in Carrig Hall on Tuesday 10th December at 8.30 pm. Raffle & hot food. All are welcome.

**Carrig & Riverstown Annual Timber Auction** will take place this Sunday 8th December at 12 noon.

**Lourdes 2020** - The 64th Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday 26th June to Wednesday 1st July; €725 full board with €20 discount for online booking to: [joewalstours.ie](http://joewalstours.ie) The gift of a Pilgrimage to Lourdes for a family member this Christmas is often the solution for family members wondering what might be a suitable gift for their parents, family member or friend.

**The Magic of Christmas VI** - Join Birr Stage Guild at Birr Theatre & Arts Centre, Friday 13th & Sat 14th December for a magical night of festive charm, a winter wonderland of seasonal songs and stories, new and old. Booking on 057 9122911 or [www.birrtheatre.com](http://www.birrtheatre.com). Two nights only - always a sell-out so early booking advisable.

### Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 7th	7.30pm	Georgie Hackett (MM) John & Catherine Lally & son Michael Eddie & Christina Brewer Paddy & Margaret Guilfoyle Margaret Mongan, grandson Patrick Hutchinson, daughter Margaret, son Michael & husband Brendan Gerard Wynne, Hillside Paddy & Margaret O'Brien & son Paul Florence & William Cooke & son Teddy
Sun 8th	8.30am	Mullaney & Byrne Families Willie & Kathleen Kinsella
	10.30am	Dinny, Thomas, Brigid & Marie Sheeran Paddy, Molly & John Quigley Chris & Seamus Kennedy William, Michael & James Fitzgerald
	12 noon	Seamus & Triona Loughnane & daughter-in-law Gail & family Loughnane & O'Donnell families Michael & Monica Connery, daughter Pauline & son Michael, Bridge St. Mary & Tom Ryan, Seffin Patsy Garahy Maureen & Patrick Maher
Tue 10th	10.00am	Nellie, Gerry & Anne Daly Deceased Eucharistic Adorers
Wed 11th	10.00am	Ann Reddan John Grace
Thurs 12th	10.00am	Conor Mc Manus John & Annie Coolahan & sons Michael & Paschal
Sat 14th	10.00am	Richard Flanagan
	7.30pm	Padraig Gallagher, John's Mall & USA (MM) Rita Molloy Adelaide O'Donoghue Nevin Family Paddy 'Paudge' O'Meara, Burke's Hill Annie & James Murtagh Sean, Angela & Emmett Ryan
Sun 15th	8.30 a.m.	Patsy Hanlon
	10.30am	John Hogan, Newbridge Street Anne Mulvey Jimmy & Francis Naughton Michael Hogan & Frances Quinlisk Luke & Judy Nolan
	12 noon	Helen Carroll, Whiteford (1st Ann) Peter Hynes, Castle Gardens Gerry Hoare & son Fintan Ian Smith Tom Feenane, Fortal & sons Morgan & Thomas Eileen Ryan

### Please pray for the soul of



Sheila Murdock, Presentation Place &  
Carnrock, Belmullet

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

### Bambinelli Sunday (Baby Jesus Sunday)

is a beautiful Advent tradition. Every year on one Sunday of Advent, families bring the figure of Baby Jesus to St. Peter's Square, Rome for the Pope to bless them. Many homes in our parish still give a central place to the crib among their Christmas decorations. This Saturday and Sunday we invite you to bring the Baby Jesus from your home to any mass in Birr Parish and they will be blessed by the celebrant.



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### Advent Prayer



God our Father  
Through the power  
of the Holy Spirit  
You send your son Jesus  
To come as a little child  
To tend us on our Advent Journey

As we prepare this Advent  
For his coming again  
Open our hearts to the wonder  
Of his presence in our lives.  
Heal our wounds  
Bless our endeavours  
And make us gentle of heart.  
Amen

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The **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** is celebrated this Sunday, 8th December. We celebrate Mary, her special place in our faith because of her trust and faith in God. She is our model as we enter into the season of Advent and all that it brings.

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### Dates for your Diary

**Christmas Penitential Service** - Wednesday 11th December at 7.30pm. Led by Fr. Joe Mc Mahon O.F.M. All are welcome

**Mercy PS** are holding a **Carol Service** in St Brendan's Church Birr on Friday 13 December at 12.30 pm. All are welcome.

Our **Ecumenical Carol Service** will be in St Brendan's R.C. Church at 7.30pm on Sunday 15 December. All are welcome.

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**Society of St. Vincent de Paul** - The Annual Church Gate Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be held on 7th/8th December. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

### Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

#### An Dara Domhnach den Aidhbhínt

Cuirimis fáilte roimh Mhí na Nollag, Mí thús na hAidhbhínte, Mí Bhreith ár Slánaitheoir, Mí lár an Gheimhridh. Mí dheireadh na bliana. A Íosa, bí linn i rith na míosa seo. Is é intinn an Phápa don mhí seo ná: Go nglaca gach tír na bearta cuí chun tú áite a thabhairt don aos óg, go háirithe iad siúd atá ag fulaingt. Ní fada uainn féasta Bhreith Ár dTiarna. Is léir agus is cinnte gur tréimhse dhian ullmhúcháin saolta í dúinn go léir. Caithimid ullmhúcháin spioradálta a dhéanamh freisin. Sna heaglaisí feicfidh tú Crann leise, crann ginealaigh Íosa Chríost, agus samhail chomhartha na ndaoine a chuaigh roimhe ó Ádhamh agus Éabha go dtí Muire Máthair Íosa. Ba é leise duine díobh siúd mar gurbh é athair Daibhéad é a chónaigh i mBeithil. Bhí an cine daonna ag feitheamh ar theacht an fhuascailteora. Ba é Íseáia an Fáidh ba mhó a bhí acu. Is aige a bhí na tuairiscí ba líonmhaire agus ba thábhachtaí. Thug sé sólas dóibh i dtaobh an fhuascailteora úd a bhí geallta. Mhínigh sé don phobal faoi mar a chuirfeadh sé an t-olc, an éagóir agus an t-eascairdeas ar chúl. Scaipfeadh sé an dorchadas agus chuirfeadh sé i réim ríoga síochána agus sonas do chách. Iarraimid ar ár Slánaitheoir arís teacht i gcabhair orainn le sólas agus síocháin. *Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá i rith na hAidhbhínte*  
**Tar chugainn, a Thiarna, Íosa Chríost. Áiméan**

#### Second Sunday of Advent

December, month of Advent, month of the Birth of our Saviour, last month of the year. Lord, be with us during this month. The Pope's intention of this month is: That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering. Christmas is near. It is a time of feverish preparation and buying for most. We ought to make spiritual preparation also. In the churches, you will see the Jesse Tree, the genealogy of Jesus and the symbols of persons from Adam and Eve to Mary the mother of Jesus. Jesse was one that the Saviour would end injustice and enmity. He would dispel darkness and proclaim a kingdom of peace and grace for everyone. Let us ask our Saviour during Advent to come to our aid and bring joy and peace: **Come to us, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday €1,647.00**

**Many Thanks**

**Parish Fund Collectors - December 15th**  
**M. O'Gorman & R. O'Brien**

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