

BIRR PARISH

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Parish Office Opening Hours

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

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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.

Borrisokane Community College Adult Education Classes. Enrolling for the following classes on Monday January 13th from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Woodturning for Beginners and Improvers, Laptop, iPad, Digital Photography, Counselling & Psychotherapy, Conversational Irish. Contact Borrisokane CC 067 27268.

BIRR YOUNG VOICES 2020 - An invitation to ALL BOYS & GIRLS who like to sing! Ages 9-12 years (2nd-6th classes) JOIN BIRR YOUNG VOICES - A growing multicultural children's choral group, THURSDAYS 4pm-5.15pm from 16th January-May. Enrolment forms at Birr Library, Birr Theatre or www.birrtheatre.com. Nominal enrolment fee, no other costs. Enquiries 087 2836675.

Diabetes Education Course - CODE - 'Community Oriented Diabetes Education'. Programmes are run by Diabetes Ireland, and are free to attend. The next CODE programme in Co Tipperary will run at Cre House, Primary Care Centre, Roscrea, starting Weds 22nd Jan 2020 in the morning. It runs over 3 weeks, and each session lasts 2 - 2 ½ hours, with a follow up at 6 months. To book your place, phone 071 9146001 or email info@diabetes.ie. Please note: places are limited and must be pre-booked.

West Offaly Training - FREE Smartphone/Computer/iPad training for beginners starting 10th Jan, Train the Trainer QQI level 6 starting 7th Feb, Manual Handling/Abrasive Wheel training (weekly), New After-school coding for kids starting 14th & 16th Jan (Micro:bit & Stop Motion), Makeup Course Starting 27th Jan, Tai Chi starting 23rd Jan, Mindfulness Course starting 5th Feb, ECDL starting 20th Jan, Understanding Autism starting 5th Feb and MS Excel & Word starting 22nd Jan. Call 0579152003 to find out more.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 11th	7.30 p.m.	Jim & Mollie Brien Tommy Wrafter Gerry Lynskey Mary & Tom Brummell & son Tony
Sun 12th	10.30 a.m.	Patrick, Jimmy & Margaret Smyth Elizabeth O'Meara, Fortal John Irwin
	12 noon	James & Ellen Feehily & daughter Ann Sarah Mackey, Eden Road Margaret Shortt, Eden Road
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Sean Whyte Kathleen Coolahan & son Fred
Mon 13th	10.00 a.m.	Murphy family Kathleen Cassidy & daughter Barbara
Tue 14th	10.00 a.m.	Winifred Mongan Deceased Eucharistic Adorers
Wed 15th	10.00 a.m.	Peter McGrath, Presentation Place
Fri 17th	10.00 a.m.	Patrick Quinn & parents Michael & Margaret brothers William & Noel & sister Margaret
Sat 18th	7.30 p.m.	Evelyn Bell & parents Michael & Margaret Pardy Kathleen Loughnane
Sun 19th	8.30 a.m.	Kathleen & Noel McEvoy
	12 noon	Geraldine Bergin, Emmet Street Brian Guidera Joe & Teresa Sharkey Dan Meleady John Claffey & Claffey family George Boyd
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Thomas & Mary Teresa White & daughter Maretta Patricia Harding

Please pray for the souls of



Eileen Talbot, Hillside,
Siobhán Kennedy Meikle,
daughter of the late Paddy Kennedy, Ballagh
& niece of Jack Kennedy, Cornhill,
Ada Carroll, Shinrone,
sister of Ann Delaney, Burkes Hill,
Johnny Hoolan, Dunkerrin,
father of Brendan, Cumberland Terrace.

St. Brendan's Community School Birr are inviting you to join them in a dual celebration of the launch of their publication **'The Streets of St. Brendan's CS 40 Years of Magical Memories'** and the opening of **'Keeping Ireland Modern Exhibition'** by Queens University in conjunction with John McLaughlin Architects. The publication contains pictures of school life from each decade across a host of different categories such as sport, the school show, graduations and much more. This event will be launched by Mr. Joe McHugh T.D. the Minister for Education and Skills on Friday 17th January at 7.30pm in the sports hall of the school. Reserved seating only – a large attendance is anticipated at this free event. To book your seat follow the link on the school homepage www.stbrendanscsbirr.ie.

Daily Prayer for 2020

Dear God, as I begin this day
Let me turn my thoughts to you
and ask Your help in guiding me
In everything I say and do.

Give me the patience that I need
To keep my piece of mind,
And with life's cares, I hope, Dear God,
Some happiness to find.

Let me live but for today,
Not worrying what's ahead,
For I have trust that You will see
I get my "Daily Bread".

Give me the courage to face life's trials
And not from troubles run,
Let me keep this thought in mind,
"Thy will, not mine, be done."

And if some wish I do not get
Though I have prayed to Thee,
Help me to believe and understand
You know what's best for me.

I've failed You many times, I know,
But when tonight I rest,
I hope that I can kneel and say
"Dear God, I've tried my best."

Next Sunday the basket collection will be taken up in aid of the **Irish Bishops' Conference** and its agencies and commissions. To find out more about the Irish Bishops' Conference see www.catholicbishops.ie. Your generosity to this collection will be very much appreciated.

Midlands Living Links will host a coffee morning in the Conference Room at the rear of St. Brendan's next Tuesday morning after 10.00 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to come along.

Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday €1,835
Many Thanks
Parish Fund Collectors - Jan 19th
H. Haverty & C. Scully

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Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Baisteadh ár dTiarna Íosa Críost.

Ócáid thábhacht i saol ár Slánaitheora ab ea a bhaisteadh in abhainn na hIordáine. Ní hionadh go bhfuil Baisteadh Íosa mar cheann de rúndiamhra an tsolais sa Choróin Mhuire. Lena bhaisteadh chuir Íosa in iúl croílár a mhisean, sé sin, na daoine a bhí ar seachrán i ndorchadas a bpeacaí a thabhairt chun athmhuintearas le Dia. Léirigh Íosa gur theastaigh uaidh na peacaigh a thionlacan agus croí na trócaire a thaispeáint dóibh.

Tugann Féile Bhaisteadh ár dTiarna deis dúinn athnuachan a dhéanamh ar cad go díreach a chiallaíonn ár mbaisteadh féin agus sinn ag maireachtáil agus ag obair le daoine eile. Tá dlúthbhaint idir ár mbaisteadh agus baisteadh Íosa. Táimid baiste in ainm na Tríonóide. Ba é Comhartha na Croise an chéad phaidir a d'fhoghlaimar agus gach uair a deirimid é, táimid ag cur in iúl ár muinín agus ár ndílseacht mar dhisceabail ár dTiarna. Is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá chuig an Tríonóid Naofa:

Athair, Mac is Spiorad Naomh, bíodh an Triúr -in-Aon linn lá is oíche, ar chúl na dtonn nó ar thaobh na mbeann. Áiméan

The Baptism of our Saviour in the river Jordan was an important event in the life of Jesus. It is no wonder that it is one of the Mysteries of Light in the Rosary. In the Baptism of Jesus we see the essence of his mission which was the people who strayed in darkness be reconciled with God. He showed that he wanted to accompany sinners and show them his mercy. This Feast gives us an opportunity to renew the meaning of our own baptism as we live and work with others. There is a close connection between the baptism of Christ and our baptism. We were baptised in the name of the Blessed Trinity. The Sign of the Cross was the first prayer we learned and every time we recite it we express our trust and loyalty as disciples of Jesus. We can recite this prayer:

May Father, Son and Holy Spirit enfold us day and night, on sea or on land. Amen.

Group Pilgrimage to Medjugorje - 19th - 26th August 2020. Price €675 if booked before February 1st (€725 afterwards) Accompanied by Fr. Tom Hannon as spiritual director. For more information contact Phil on 086-3956299.

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