

## BIRR PARISH

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Parish Office Opening Hours

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

Fr. Tom Hogan—057-9121757

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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. 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.

A volunteer **Eucharistic Minister** is needed to lead a **Holy Hour** once a month (Thursday 2.15 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.) in Birr Community Hospital. If you are interested in this ministry please give your name into the Parish Office or ring 057-9122028.

## Community News

**Ring found** - please contact the Parish Office.

The **Legion of Mary** will gratefully accept **used stamps**. If you have any please drop them into the Parish Office. Thank you.

**PARENTS - Is your child starting school September 2020? HOW TO ENROL - An Enrolment Application Form can be obtained by phoning or calling to the school of your choice - (27<sup>th</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020).**

The Enrolment Application Form **must be returned** to the school by **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Mercy Primary School 057 9120259  
St. Brendan's P.S. 057 9121033  
Killeen National School 057 9121682  
Carrig National School 057 9120804  
Crinkill National School 057 9120803

### Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 25th	7.30 p.m.	Paul Townsend (MM), Bulfin Park John Sherlock (1st Ann) Carmel Moore Michael Lynch Kathleen Carry Jack Ryan, Crinkill
Sun 26th	8.30 a.m.	Jill Tully (MM)
	10.30 a.m.	Hogan family, Newbridge Street Margaret & Patrick O'Meara, Fortal John Smyth
	12 noon	Thomas 'Tucker' Pardy Leon Maloney-Coughlan
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Eleanor & Patrick O'Neill Michael Maher, Clonfinane
Mon 27th	10.00 a.m.	Helen Coughlan, Crinkill
Thur 30th	10.00 a.m.	James Patrick Doran
Sat 1st	10.00 a.m.	Denis Carroll
	7.30 p.m.	Eileen Cahill, Bulfin Park Barbara Bracken & Bracken family
Sun 2nd	10.30 a.m.	Daniel & Bridget Hogan, Killeen
	12 noon	Billy Kirwan Agnes & Paddy Shiels Maura & Eamon Garahy William & Ann Hough

### Please pray for the souls of



**Virginia Grogan (nee Pardy), Tullamore & late of Townsend Street, Birr, Frances Kinsella, Nenagh, sister-on-law of Mary Kinsella, Syngfield**

**Congratulations to Elizabeth (Lizzie) Brooks, Drumbane and Birr Community Nursing Unit who celebrated her 100th birthday recently. May she enjoy continued health and happiness.**

**Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday €2,073  
Many Thanks  
Parish Fund Collectors - February 2nd  
M. O'Connor & Sr. Anne**

If you would like to **sponsor the newsletter** in 2020 please contact one of the priests or the Parish Office. The cost is **€100 per month**.

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**Catholic Schools Week** runs from 26 January - 2 February. The theme of this year's celebrations is **'Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God's Creation'**.

In the next couple of weeks our parish schools will mark **Catholic Schools Week** in their own ways. We will welcome Mercy P.S. next Wednesday to the 10am Mass and St Brendan's Boys P.S. on Thursday to the 10am Mass.

Living in Harmony with God  
Living in Harmony with our Neighbours  
Living in Harmony with All Generations  
Living in Harmony with the Earth  
Living in Harmony in our Catholic School

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**Next Saturday 1st February is the Feast of St Brigid**, patron of Ireland. Born in Co Louth, she lived during the time of St Patrick and became renowned for her generosity and hospitality. Her most famous convent was that in Kildare although she founded many others as well as a school of art.

### St Brigid's Blessing

May Brigid bless the house wherein we dwell.  
Bless every fireside, every wall and door.  
Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof.  
Bless every hand that toils to bring its joy.  
Bless every foot that walks through the door.  
May Brigid bless the house that shelters us.

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**Pope Francis established this Sunday (26th January)**, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as the Sunday, of the Word of God. It is a day for the celebration, study, and spreading of the Word of God. Sunday Mass is the unique moment when we gather as a community to be nourished by Word and Sacrament.

Pope Francis is inviting Catholics across the world to deepen their appreciation, love and faithful witness to God and his Word.

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**Appeal for Nurses** - This year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from Friday 26th June to Wednesday 1st July. To care for sick and assisted pilgrims, the Diocese is looking to recruit 20 volunteer nurses who would assist and care for these pilgrims. Nurses who would like to express interest in volunteering or to find out more information are asked to contact Michael Daly 086-3813677.

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### Seachtain na Scoileanna Caitliceacha.

Cuirtear tús le Seachtain na Scoileanna Caitliceacha 2020 ar an Domhnach, 26 Eanáir, an Tríú Domhnach Saor. Is é an téama do 2020 ná: 'Maireachtáil go sítheach le gach ar chruthaigh Dia'. Is é seo an dara bhliain déag de Sheachtain na Scoileanna Caitliceacha. Cé go mbíonn obair na scoile á cheiliúradh gach lá, is tráth speisialta é seo le gach ar chruthaigh Dia a cheiliúradh, agus ar na bealaí inar féidir linne a bheith páirteach sa ghluaiseacht leis an domhan timpeall orainn a - fheabhsú, agus obair Dé á dhéanamh againn. Tugtar cuireadh do scoileanna machnamh a dhéanamh ar an gcaidreamh atá idir an baile, an scoil agus an paróiste. Is paidir í seo gur féidir le daltaí scoile a rá i rith na seachtaine:

**A Thiarna Íosa, gabhaimid buíochas leat as ucht scolaíocht Chaitliceach a bhronnadh orainn, lá i ndiaidh lae. Cabhraigh linn aire a thabhairt don timpeallacht agus freagra cuí a thabhairt don chreideamh a tugadh dúinn, ionas go n-aithneofar sinn mar do dheisceabail. Aiméan.**

Catholic School's Week begins on Sunday 26 January, the third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The theme for this year is "Living in Harmony with God's Creation". This is the twelfth year of Catholic School's Week. Although the work of the school is celebrated each day, this is a opportune time to acclaim all of God's creation and the ways we can participate in a movement to improve the world in doing God's work. Schools are invited to reflect on the relationship between home, school and parish. Students may recite this prayer during the week.

**Lord Jesus, we thank you for our Catholic schooling day after day. Help us to care for God's creation and respond appropriately to the faith given to us, so that we will be known as your disciples. Amen.**

**Bishop Fintan Monahan** will lead a 7-night pilgrimage to Medjugorje from July 22-29, 2020 with direct flights from Dublin. Accommodation close to St James' Church with breakfast and evening meals included. Price is €725 per person sharing. For more information please contact Marian Pilgrimages on Dublin 01.878.8159 or info@marian.ie

**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: joewalshtours.ie.