

## 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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### 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.

**Carrig and Riverstown Development Association** - CRK Drama group returns to the stage in Carrig hall for one night to perform their fantastic production of Billy Canning's 'Through the Chair' on Saturday the 15th February 2020 at 8pm as a special fundraiser going towards the hall extension. Tickets are on sale for €10 each and are available from any member of Carrig and Riverstown Development Association committee or by contacting 089 2432578. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

**Group Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** - 19th - 26th August 2020. Price €725. Accompanied by Fr. Tom Hannon as spiritual director. For more information contact Phil on 086-3956299.

### Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 8th	7.30 p.m.	Bridget Featherstone (MM) Pat, Mary & Brendan Dwane Jimmy & Irene O'Neill
Sun 9th	10.30 a.m.	Michael & Betty O'Brien Gerry Harte
	12 noon	Eileen Talbot (MM) Sean & Frances Hogan, Burkes Hill Susie Pardy Babe & Kevin Murphy
Mon 10th	10.00 a.m.	Bridget & James Flynn & family George Flynn & family
Tues 11th	10.00 a.m.	Deceased Eucharistic Adorers
Wed 12th	10.00 a.m.	Dinny Kelly, Pound Street
Thur 13th	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Fri 14th	10.00 a.m.	Paul O'Dwyer
Sat 15th	7.30 p.m.	Eoin Eastwood (1st Ann) Áine Pyne Lily & Ranger Kelly Liz, Con & Tommy Kennedy Sheila & Paddy O'Callaghan Bridget Reynolds Tommy Kelly-Shaw
Sun 16th	10.30 a.m.	Mary Harty Hayes family, Annagh Mahon family, Seffin Patrick Connor
	12 noon	Michael de Forge Betty O'Dwyer & son Brendan
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Mary King, Killeen



### Please Pray for the Souls of

Bridget (Bridie) Flannery, Clareen, mother of Mary Watkins, Crinkill, Charles Monahan, Clonfert, Tommy Ryan, Monard, father of Mary Kinsella, Syngfield, Margaret Fitzgerald (Nee McNamara), London sister of Mary Butler, Moorpark Street, Pat Daly, Northampton, sister-in-law of Dolores Hegarty, Cappaneale.

**Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday €1,678**  
**Many Thanks**  
**Parish Fund Collectors - February 16th**  
**M. Hogan & C. Mulrooney**

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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# Anonymous

Next Tuesday, 11th February is the **Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**. The **Sacrament of the Sick** will be administered during the 10.00 a.m. Mass.

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A **Priests Collection** will be taken up at all masses next weekend, 15th & 16th February. Your generosity to collection will be very much appreciated.

**Purple Priests' Collection** envelopes are located to the front of the box of envelopes recently delivered to homes.

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The **Methodist Church in Birr celebrates its 200th Anniversary in 2020** and will a number of celebrations during the year. The series of events kicks off on **Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> of February at 7:30pm** with a return visit of **Rev. John Parkin** who was Methodist Minister for Birr, Athlone, Tullamore, Ethiopia and South Africa from 1987 - 1995. John will reflect on his experiences abroad and ask: what is our mission now in today's world? All are very welcome to come along.

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**Midland Living Links** will hold their monthly **Coffee Morning in the Conference Room** at the rear of St. Brendan's at 10.30 a.m. next Tuesday, 11th February. All are welcome. Note - if there is a funeral the Coffee Morning will be held on the following Tuesday.

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### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

This Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February World Day of Prayer for the Sick is the 162<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady to St. Bernadette in Lourdes. This year's Diocesan Pilgrimage will leave Shannon on Friday June 26<sup>th</sup>, returning on Wednesday July 1<sup>st</sup> The cost this year is €725 per person sharing. €20 discount for online booking at [www.joewalshstours.ie](http://www.joewalshstours.ie).

Booking forms can be obtained from: Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2. Telephone: (01) 2410810

A limited number of sick or assisted pilgrims will be accommodated in the Sanctuary of Lourdes at a cost of €638. Applications for sick pilgrims only to Fr. Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director, Cathedral House Station Road Ennis, Co. Clare. Telephone: (065) 6824043 Families or individuals often sponsor a family member, parents, or a friend on the occasion of an anniversary or Jubilee with a visit to Lourdes. Sponsorship for sick people is always welcome. For more details, see the Killaloe Diocese website [www.killaloe-diocese.ie](http://www.killaloe-diocese.ie) or from Fr Tom Ryan on the above number.

**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](mailto:info@marian.ie).

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### Muire Lourdes

Ceiliúrtar Taibhsiú na Maighdine Muire do Naomh Bernadette ar 11 Feabhra. Sa bhliain 1858, thaispeáin An Mhaighdean Mhuire í féin do Bernadette Soubirous, cailín bocht ceithre bliana déag d'aois. Níl áit ar bith ar fud an domhain ina bhfuil Críostaithe, nach bhfuil cáil ar Lourdes de bharr na sluaite, a thugann cuairt ar an Scrín bheannaithe ag iarraidh leighis dá ngalair agus grásta dá n-anam. Is mó duine atá ag fulaingt de bharr breoiteachta. Iarann an Eaglais orainn guí ar son daoine atá breoite ar an Mháirt. Agus sinn ag smaoineamh orthu is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá:

**A Mhuire Mháthair, mo mhíle grá tú**  
**Mo choimirce chúnta in am gach gá tú**  
**Mo dhochtúir leighis, tinn agus slán tú.**

Tá an paidir seo a leanas ón Traidisiún:  
**A Íosa, glan mo chroise go gléghlan gach lá,**  
**A Íosa, cuir m'intinn faoi léirsmacht do ghrá.**  
**Déan mo smaointe go fíorghlan agus briathra mo bhéil, Is a Thiarna, 'Dhia dhílis, stiúir choíche mo shaol.**

Tá an stocaireacht thart agus ár vótaí caite againn san olltoghcháin agus ní fada go mbeidh Rialtas nua i gceannas na tíre. Go n-éirí go geal leis.

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is celebrated on 11 February. In 1858 Our Lady appeared for the first time to Bernadette Soubirous a poor girl, fourteen years of age. Many come to the Sacred Shrine each year from all over the world seeking healing and spiritual grace. We are all aware of people who are ill and we remember them especially on this feast day as we pray:

**Mother Mary your love protects me in all distress. You are my physician in sickness and health. Comfort all those who suffer. Be with them always. Amen.**

The following prayer is from oral tradition:  
**Jesus, cleanse my heart each day and make it spotless. Jesus, rule my mind by the power of your love. Make truly clean my thoughts and the words of my mouth, and, dear Lord God, direct my life now and forever. Amen.**

The electioneering is over and we have cast our votes. Soon we will have a new Government. We pray it may be successful.