

## 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.

# Community News

**Birr/Crinkill Active Retirement Group** will meet in the Resource Centre, Glebe Street, on Thursday 20th Feb at 2.30-4pm - 1st meeting of 2020. Tea/coffee and a chat to plan outings, etc. Existing and new members welcome.

**Birr Historical Society** - Local historian David Broderick, Lorrha, will speak on 'Finding Ogle' (The runaway Portumna Workhouse master), in the County Arms Hotel, on Monday 17 February, at 8 pm. All are welcome. Non members of €5 cover charge.

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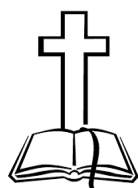
The **Legion of Mary** will gratefully accept **used stamps**. If you have any please drop them into the Parish Office. Thank you.

**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.

**Emmanuel House of Providence**, Clonfert are holding 7 weeks **Life in the Spirit Seminar** including Mass, starting on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February from 2.30pm – 5.00pm. Bishop Michael Duignan: 1<sup>st</sup> seminar on God's love. Contact: 057 91 51552 or email [contact@emmanuelhouse.ie](mailto:contact@emmanuelhouse.ie).

### Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 15th	7.30 p.m.	Eoin Eastwood (1st Ann) Lily & Ranger Kelly Liz, Con & Tommy Kennedy Sheila & Paddy O'Callaghan Bridget Reynolds Tommy Kelly-Shaw
Sun 16th	8.30 a.m.	Bella Coonan
	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
Thurs 20th	10.00am	Carmel & Joseph O'Hare Mary & Paddy Flynn Margaret Conroy
Fri 21st	10.00am	Michael Halvey & Halvey Family Thomas & Ellen Mc Gee & Jacqueline
Sat 22nd	10.00am	Catherine & Anthony Lawlor Mary & Frank Dunne Sean, John & Bridget Horan John McNally & Joe Rushe Heffernan & Lawlor Families Rosaleen Guinan
	7.30pm	Catherine Campbell (1st Ann) John Murdock
Sun 23rd	8.30am	Margaret, Edward & Michael Grogan Rose Hughes & Hughes family
	10.30am	Michael & Nellie Whelan & son Michael Moir Ryan Harry, Larry & Johnny Ryan Michael Parnell & his parents Edward & Mary Parnell, Killeen John Pilkington Jack & Mary Scully
	12 noon	Paul & Winifred Sheils Jimmy & Annie King, Glebe Street



### Please Pray for the Souls of

Michael White, Lacka, Carrig,  
Teresa Carroll, Knock, Roscrea,  
sister of Pauline Milne, Crinkill.

**Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday €1,588**  
**Many Thanks**  
**Parish Fund Collectors - February 23rd**  
**J. Kirwan & R. Scully**

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# Anonymous

A **Priests Collection** will be taken up at all masses this weekend, 15th & 16th February. Your generosity to collection is 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 this **Sunday, 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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**St Pio** monthly Mass takes place next **Thursday, 20th February at 7.30 p.m.** All are welcome.

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### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Mary, God's Mother appeared to Bernadette in Lourdes 162 years ago and asked that people would come on pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Fintan Monahan who warmly invites you to join him in Lourdes from the 26<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July. 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.killaloediocese.ie](http://www.killaloediocese.ie) or from Fr Tom Ryan on the above number.

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**M Ed in Religious Education degree at Mary Immaculate College** - Applications are now open for its Master of Education in Religious Education. This two-year, part-time Master in Education is designed for teachers and educators who want to augment their understanding of religious education in the contemporary classroom and become religious education leaders in their schools, offers a variety of experience to build knowledge, competency and skills in religious education, framed within the primary-level context. For full details on the programme go to [www.mic.ie](http://www.mic.ie) or contact the Admissions Office at [admissions@mic.ul.ie](mailto:admissions@mic.ul.ie) or T: 061 204348.

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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**.

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### An tSeanmóir ar an Sliabh: Na Biáide

Is féidir linn machnamh an tseachtain seo ar Na Biáide. Nuair a chonaic Íosa na sluaite, chuaigh sé an suas an sliabh. Shuigh sé síos agus tháinig a dheisceabail chuige. Thosaigh sé ag caint leo á dteagasc agus dúirt:

- Is méanar dóibh seo atá bocht ó spiorad, óir is leo ríocht na bhflaitheas.
- Is méanar do lucht an dobróin, óir sólásófar iad.
- Is méanar dóibh seo atá ceansa, óir gheobhaidh siad an talamh mar oidhreacht.
- Is méanar dóibh seo a bhfuil ocras agus tart chun na fíréantachta orthu, óir sásófar iad.
- Is méanar do lucht na trócaire, óir déanfar trócaire orthu.
- Is méanar dóibh seo atá glan ó chroí, óir feicfidh siad Dia.
- Is méanar do lucht síochána a dhéanamh, óir glaofar clann Dé orthu.
- Is méanar dóibh seo a d'fhulaing géarleanúint mar gheall ar an bhfíréantacht, óir is leo ríocht na bhflaitheas.

When Jesus saw the crowd, he went the mountain. He sat down and his disciples came to him. He began to teach them and said:

- Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
- Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.
- Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.
- Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Gospel of St. Matthew (5:3-10)

### Arise – National Young Adult Event ARISE –

Young Adult 18+ National Event takes place in Knock Shrine on March 7th 2020. There will be inspirational speakers, music, celebration, fun, a chance to meet with other young adults and much more. Registration is from 10am and the day will finish at 4:30pm, Cost €10. For more information, booking, etc. please contact Joanne O'Brien, Director of Youth Ministry, Killaloe Diocese. Text, Call, etc. to 085 874 9207 or email: [jobrien@killaloediocese.ie](mailto:jobrien@killaloediocese.ie)