

BIRR PARISH

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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

Birr Methodist Church (Celebrating 200 years) - Evening of music, reflection and celebration on Sunday 15th March at 7.30 p.m.. All welcome

Carrig & Riverstown Development Association

Our AGM originally planned for the 24th February was cancelled due to a local bereavement and will now take place on Monday the 9th March 2020 at 8pm in Carrig and Riverstown Community Hall. Special Guest speaker is Margaret Quinn from Muintir Na Tire at 8.30pm. All are welcome and we ask people from the community to support this event.

Healthy Ireland at Birr Library – March 2020:

Dementia Impacts Every Community: an awareness talk by a member of Alzheimer's Society Ireland takes place on Wed, March 11th at 6.30pm. Booking is essential (phone Birr Library on 057 9124950).

Lenten Novena to Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

Nine Day Lenten Novena to Saint Thérèse of Lisieux will take place in St Cronan's Church, Roscrea, commencing on Wednesday 25th March. Novena Prayers will be offered at the 8am & 10am Masses. There will be an evening Mass on the final three days.

Tuesday 31st March: Faith

– Speaker Fr. Martin Shanahan

Wednesday 1st April: Hope

– Speaker Kathleen Chada

Thursday 2nd April: Love & Mercy

– Reconciliation Service with Fr. Michael Reddan.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 7th	7.30 p.m.	Mossie Kelly-McMahon (1st Ann) Michael & Kathleen Regan & sons Alan & David Jack Roberts & Roberts family Tom O'Meara James & Margaret Horan
Sun 8th	8.30 a.m.	Martin & Mary-Jane Carroll, Seffin & sons & daughter
	10.30 a.m.	Agnes Pearson Peter O'Meara Patricia Shelly Margaret O'Brien, Glebe Street
	12 noon	John Fay Paddy & Annie Kennedy, Fortal Richard Johnston, Military Road
Mon 9th	10.00 a.m.	Bridie Maher & family
Tues 10th	10.00 a.m.	Brendan & Margaret Hutchinson & family Ellen Doyle Deceased Eucharistic Adorers
Wed 11th	10.00 a.m.	Tom & Hannie McCarthy
Thur 12th	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Fri 13th	10.00 a.m.	Charlie Warren William & Sarah Russell
Sat 14th	7.30 p.m.	Michael Deegan Teresa Shortt & her parents Elizabeth & Daniel & brothers John, Tom & Willie & his wife Bridget Geraldine Cleary
Sun 15th	10.30 a.m.	Tommy & Doreen Rigney
	12 noon	Paddy & Elsie Gillen Elizabeth & Thomas Nee Jim Normile

Please Pray for the Souls of



Elizabeth Brookes, Drumbane & Birr C.N.U.,
Canon Pat Taffe, late of Tubber, Co. Clare,
Josephine Nealon, Sligo
& late of Birr, sister of Mary O'Gorman,
Willie & Sean Loughnane

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, 10th March. All are welcome. Note - if there is a funeral the Coffee Morning will be held on the following Tuesday.

Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday €2,200
Many Thanks
Parish Fund Collectors - March 15th
R. Verney & M. Mannion

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Lent 2020 - Birr Parish

Stations of The Cross

Each Wednesday of Lent

after 10.00 a.m. Mass in St. Brendan's

Reflecting on the Sunday Readings of Lent

Using the Lectio Divina approach

Each Thursday of Lent

after 10.00 a.m. Mass in the Conference Room
at the rear of St. Brendan's

Triduum in Lent in St. Brendan's Church

"Catching The Heart Off-Guard"

Monday March 30th - 7.30 p.m.

led by Fr. Pat Kiernan P.P. Banagher

Tuesday March 31st - 7.30 p.m.

led by Fr. Martin Delaney P.P. Rathdowney

Wednesday April 1st - 7.30 p.m.

led by Fr. Michael O'Meara, Kinnitty

COVID-19 Corona Virus

In line with HSE guidelines the Diocese of Killaloe is implementing the following precautionary measures:

- ◆ **No holy water** will be in fonts
- ◆ There will be **no handshake** for the Sign of Peace - people are urged to smile and nod in recognition
- ◆ **Holy Communion** will only be distributed into the hand and not on the tongue
- ◆ The **communal chalice** will not be available. Gluten-free hosts are available at all masses.

Imagining the Church of the Future

Bishop Fintan has initiated a **diocese-wide** process of **reflection and planning** over the next 18 months. The aim is to help parishes and pastoral areas to think about and plan for the future. The first part of this process, called **Let's Imagine**, will take place from March to May 2020. People who are thinking and writing about the future of the Irish Church will offer presentations at different venues across the Diocese. The first of these takes place this coming week. **Fr Michael Conway**, from Maynooth College, will speak on **The Church of the Future** in the **Barack Obama Plaza on Thursday next March 12th at 7.30 p.m.** Everyone who is interested is welcome to attend. Bishop Fintan especially encourages the participation of members of Pastoral Councils and Pastoral Area Groups.

This week children from across the parish will celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for the first time; ceremonies will be in St Brendan's Church Birr on Tuesday and Wednesday and in the Church of the Annunciation Carrig on Thursday. They begin each evening at 7.30pm and are always joyful celebrations of this wonderful healing Sacrament. All are welcome to attend and the Sacrament will be available for everyone at the end of the ceremonies.

Tuesday 10th March - Mercy P.S. and Crinkill N.S.

Wednesday 11th March - St. Brendan's Boys P.S.,

Killeen N.S. & Parish Preparation Programme

Thursday 12th March - Carrig N.S.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Ceiliúrtar Aifreann Fhéile na hInse inniu ag tabhairt molta agus glóire do Dhia as na tallanna go léir a bhronnann Sé ar aos óg ár linne. Cuidíonn sí go mór leis an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn ó cheann ceann an réigiúin. Molaimid go mór a dtuismitheoirí, a múinteoirí, ár moltóirí agus gach duine a thugann tacaíocht dúinn. Go maire an Ghaeilge slán.

Seo a leanas Paidir do Ghaeilgeoirí:

A Thiarna, labhair tú leis na ciníocha ina dteangacha dílse féin Domhnach Cincise. Labhair tú fós le muintir na hÉireann ina dteanga féin trí Phádraig, Bhríd, Cholm Cille agus naoimh uile ár dtíre. Soilsigh ár n-aighe chun urraim a thabhairt don oidhreacht uasal a tháinig chugainn tríd an teanga sin, agus neartaigh ár dtoil chun í a shlánú agus a láidriú chun do glóire féin agus onóir na hÉireann trí Chríost ár dTiarna Áiméan.

Guímis ar son ár bpolaiteoirí atá ag iarraidh rialtas a bhunú :

A Dhia Uilechumhachtaigh, Foinse na Gaoise, iarraidimid ort na polaiteoirí náisiúnta atá tofa againn a bheannú. Tabhair sin dóibh trína bplé agus trína gcinntí ionas gur féidir linn ár gcuid fadhbanna a réiteach go héifeachtach, feabhas a chur ar fholláine ár náisiúin, agus sochaí níos cothroime agus níos aontaithe a bhaint amach le chéile.Áiméan.

A Week of Speaking Irish

We celebrate, praise and thank God for the gifts and talents with which our young people are endowed with. We take pride in and pay tribute to our songs, stories, poetry and music in the Irish language. We appreciate the support of parents, teachers and all who assist. May the Irish language never be forgotten

Prayer for Irish speakers:

Lord, you spoke to the nations in their own languages on Pentecost Sunday. You spoke to the people of Ireland in their language through Patrick, Bríd, Colmcille and all our saints. Enlighten our minds to respect the noble heritage that came to us through that language, and increase our desire to secure and strengthen it for your glory and the honour of Ireland through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for our politicians as they endeavour to establish a government: Eternal God, Fount of wisdom, we ask you to bless the national leaders we have elected. Grant that through their discussions and decisions we may solve our problems effectively, enhance the well-being of our nation, and achieve together a fairer and more united society. Amen.