

BIRR PARISH

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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.

COVID-19 Corona Virus

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

- ♦ **All public Masses are suspended until 29th March.** The obligation to be physically present at Mass on Sundays is therefore suspended for everybody until further notice.
- ♦ **Baptisms** - Only immediate family should attend the celebration of Baptism. People who might be susceptible to severe reactions to the virus should not attend.
- ♦ **Weddings** - Wedding guests should be limited to the Bridal Party and immediate family. Guests are asked to observe the hygiene protocols and observe social distance while in the Church.
- ♦ **Funerals** - In the light of the guidelines received we ask that only immediate family and close friends would attend the funeral liturgy.
- ♦ A **private Mass** will be broadcast daily at 10.00 a.m. via our radio link.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 21st	7.30 p.m.	Teddy Cooke, Military Road
Sun 22nd	10.30 a.m.	Helen Hogan, Killeen
	12 noon	Gretta Delaney (1st Ann) Eugene Garvey, Tullanisk Patrick & Elizabeth Mullins
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Patricia King (MM)
Tues 24th	10.00 a.m.	May Tierney
Wed 25th	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Thur 26th	10.00 a.m.	Terry Hctor, Crinkill
Sat 28th	7.30 p.m.	Joe Long M.M. Pauline Kennedy, Seffin
Sun 29th	8.30 a.m.	Elsie Hanlon & husband Anthony & Children Rosie, Essie, Tony, Margo, Charlie, John & Patsy
	10.30 a.m.	Margaret Guinan (MM) & husband Johnny Michael & Sadie Campbell & daughter Majella
	12 noon	Joe 'Phonsie' Kerrigan (1st Ann) Kieran Horan, Castle Street



Please Pray for the Souls of

Arthur Elliot, Coolderry,
 Margaret Rose Hanlon, Presentation Place,
 Josie Murphy, Ballyegan,
 Mother of Louise.



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.

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Happy Mother's Day

Hold My Mother Close

Heavenly Father,
 hold my mother close to your Heart
 As we hold her close to ours.
 Let her know today and every day
 How much we love her.
 Lord, comfort her mind
 and reassure her
 that her motherly care
 was everything we needed and wanted
 And that we love her dearly.
 Lord, comfort her body as she ages
 and grant her health and vitality
 as she goes through her days here on earth.
 Bring all good things to my precious mother,
 dear God, and bless her
 Every day, in every way. Amen!

Prayer for Healing and Hope in the face of the Coronavirus

Jesus, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Jesus, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus, heal us.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Domhnach Laetare.

Inniu Domhnach *Laetare*. Ciallaíonn an focal Laidine *Laetare*, lúcháir. Tosaíonn an tAifreann: 'Bíodh lúcháir ort, a Iarúsailéim'. Meabhraíonn an Scrioptúr dúinn go bhfuil cúis ghairdis sa Tiarna againn. Caitheann an sagart éide rósach agus an tAifreann á léamh aige inniu. De ghnáth ní bhíonn aon bhláthanna ar an altóir le linn an Charghais ach is féidir iad a bheith ann inniu. Fadó ní bhíodh an t- orgán le clos sa Charghas ach amháin ar Dhomhnach *Laetara*. Ceiliúrtar Lá na Máthar ar an gceathrú Domhnach den Charghas gach bliain. Go raibh lá sona, saor ó bhuairt ag gach máthair inniu. Guímid go mbeidh cosc ar leathadh domhanda an *Víreascorónach*, agus go mbeidh rath Dé ar an méid atá á dhéanamh ag saineolaithe dul i ngleic leis. ***A Dhia, trócaireach, uilechumhachtach, taispeánann tú do ghrá don chruthaíocht go léir. Éist lenár bpaidreacha dóibh siúd go léir atá faoi thionchar an Víreascorónach in Éirinn agus in áiteanna éagsúla ar fud an domhain. Tagaimid i do láthair ag iarraidh ort smacht tapa a chur ar an ráig. Go raibh leigheas ar fáil dóibh siúd atá buailte ag an ngalar, do na híospartaigh agus dá dteaghlaigh. Guímid ar dhochtúirí atá ag déanamh taighde go bhfaighfear vacsaín éifeachtach chun an bhreiteacht a chomhras. Guímis ar son an Rialtais agus na n-údarás sláinte go nglactaídh siad bealach iomchuí chun leasa daoine. Déanaimid an phaidir seo trí Chríost ár dTiarna. Áiméan.***

Today is Laetare Sunday from the Latin word meaning rejoice! The Entrance Antiphon begins: Rejoice Jerusalem! The Scriptures tell us that we have good reason to rejoice in the Lord. The priest wears rose coloured vestments today. There are usually no flowers on the altar during Lent but today is an exception. In times past the organ was silent during Lent but played on Laetare Sunday. Mother's Day is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent each year. May every mother have a happy and joy filled day. We pray for an end to the spread of the Coronavirus. ***Almighty and merciful God you show your love to all creation everywhere .Hear graciously the prayers we make for all those affected by the Coronavirus in Ireland and in various parts of the world .We come before you asking for a quick control of the outbreak, for healing for those affected, for the victims and their families. We pray for doctors doing research that an effective vaccine to combat the sickness will be speedily found .We pray for the Government and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of people. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen***