

## 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.

### Message from Pope Francis

"Tonight before falling asleep think about when we will return to the street. When we hug again, when all the shopping together will seem like a party. Let's think about when the coffees will return to the bar, the small talk, the photos close to each other. We think about when it will be all a memory but normalcy will seem an unexpected and beautiful gift. We will love everything that has so far seemed futile to us. Every second will be precious. Swims at the sea, the sun until late, sunsets, toasts, laughter. We will go back to laughing together. Strength and courage. See you soon! "

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### Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 4th	7.30 p.m.	Jim & Lily Reid Michael Hough, Bengal Lodge Margaret Michael & John Molloy Christy Loughnane
Sun 5th	10.30 a.m.	Midleton & Kennedy families
	12 noon	Bridie Smyth Seamus Hogan, Ballindarra
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Bill O'Meara & O'Meara family, Fadden
Wed 8th	10.00 a.m.	Jimmy Fitzpatrick
Sun 12th	10.30 a.m.	Mary Sheils, Whiteford Celia Harte, Newbridge Street Martin & Winnie Mongan, daughter Tina & son Anthony
	12 noon	Michael Ryan, Burkes Hill



Please Pray for the Soul of  
Doreen Horan, Castle Street.

### Corona Virus Prayer

Dear God,  
I pray for healing for all  
affected by this deadly virus.  
Only You can move in a  
mighty way and do the  
impossible for them.  
We pray for all negative  
outcomes to be resolved  
by Your healing hands.  
Bless and embrace each  
and every single person and  
bring full healing to their  
bodies, minds and spirits. Amen

**A Prayer for Healthcare Workers**  
*during this time of the Coronavirus COVID-19*  
Loving God,  
we place into your care  
all our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers.  
Give them courage of heart  
and strength of mind and body.  
Keep them safe from harm.  
May they know our deep gratitude  
for all they are doing  
to heal and help those affected by  
the coronavirus.  
God of all consolation  
may they know your protection and peace.  
Bless them in these challenging days  
and bless their families. Amen.

The Parish Office is closed to the public until further notice. Please phone 057-9122028 or email info@stbrendansbirr.ie for assistance.

### Easter 2020

Although our churches are closed the Eucharist is celebrated each day from the sacristy and is broadcast on FM Radio and on Facebook (Brendan Birr). Daily Mass is celebrated at 10.00 a.m. preceded by a recitation of the Rosary. Sunday Mass is celebrated at 10.30 a.m.

The schedule for this coming week, Holy Week is as follows:

Holy Thursday – 10.00 a.m. Mass and Adoration  
Good Friday – 10.00 a.m. Liturgy  
and Stations of the Cross.  
Holy Saturday – 10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
9.00 p.m. Easter Vigil with  
Blessing of Easter Candle  
and Mass  
Easter Sunday – 10.30 a.m. Mass

Bishop Fintan will celebrate Mass at 11.00 a.m. on Holy Thursday from the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul, Ennis with the Blessing of Holy Oils. This can be viewed on the Ennis Parish website (www.ennisparish.com).

Birr Parish emergency mobile is 087-3515294.

### Holy Week Broadcasts on TV and Radio RTÉ broadcasting of liturgies during Holy Week 2020

**Holy Thursday 9 April**  
16.40 Mass of the Lord's Supper.  
(RTÉ One TV)  
The Mass will air on radio at the later time of 19.00.)  
**Good Friday 10 April**  
15.00 Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday.  
(RTÉ One TV & RTÉ Radio 1 Extra)  
**Holy Saturday 11 April**  
22.00 Easter Vigil Mass.  
(RTÉ Two & RTÉ Radio 1 Extra).  
**Easter Sunday 12 April**  
10.00 Easter Sunday Mass.  
This Mass is in French with translation and commentary by Fr Thomas McCarthy OP  
(RTÉ One & RTÉ Radio 1 Extra).  
11.00 Urbi et Orbi:  
Pope Francis' Easter Message. Pope Francis will deliver his Easter blessing To the city and the world with prayer and encouragement by video link from within the Vatican. Translation and commentary by Fr Thomas McCarthy OP (RTÉ One).

### Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

**Domhnach na Páise/Domhnach na Pailme.**  
Inniu díríonn an Eaglais ár n-aire ar Pháis Chríost, a léiríonn an mórghrá a bhí ag Íosa ár Slánaitheoir dúinn agus a mhúsclaíonn aithrí inár gcroí mar gheall ar ár bpeacaí. Cuirtear tús leis an tSeachtain Mhór inniu mar atá Domhnach na Pailme, Céadaoin an Bhraith, Déardaoin Mandála, Aoine an Chéasta agus an Satharn Naofa. Ar Dhomhnach na Pailme, bhí áthas ar na daoine Íosa a fheiceáil ar a bhealach go Cathair Iarúsailéim. Leath cuid acu a mbairt ar an talamh roimhe. Bhain cuid acu craobhacha na gcrann. Na sluaite a bhí á leanúint, bhí siad ag scairteadh in ard a gcinn: "Is beannaithe an té atá ag teacht in ainm an Tiarna. Hósanna sna harda". A mhalairt ar fad a bheadh le cloisteáil roimh dheireadh na seachtaine nuair a bheadh an daoscarshlua ag béiceadh, 'Céastar É'. 'Céastar É'. Ghlac Íosa ár gcuid peacaí air féin sa Pháis agus léirigh Sé a ghrá dúinn ar Chalvarie. Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá i rith na Seachtaine Móire:  
**Le bás na croise cheannaigh tú sliocht mífhortúnach Éabha. Ó shin anuas is beannaithe an comhartha seo dár naomhú. Áiméan.** (Ár bPaidreacha Dúchais.)  
I mbliana caithfidimid fanacht sa bhaile agus páirt a ghlacadh sna deabhóidí ar an Raidió, ar an gCeamara Gréasáin nó ar Straoisleabhar Beo.  
**Comaoineach Spioradálta** - Nuair nach féidir linn Comaoineach a ghlacadh, is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá:

**A Íosa, creidim go daingean go bhfuil tú i láthair sa Naomhshacraimint. Tá grá agam duit os cionn gach uile ní agus is mian liom tú a ghlacadh isteach i m'anam. Ó tharla nach féidir liom tú do ghlacadh anois sa Naomhshacraimint, tar ar a laghad go spioradálta isteach im' chroí. Tar chugam mar sin, a Thiarna, agus méadaigh do ghrásta ionam. Ná lig dom scaradh leat go brách. Moladh go deo leat, a Íosa sa Naomhshacraimint. Áiméan.**

Today the Church invites us to reflect on the Passion of Christ which shows the great love Jesus, Our Saviour had for us and inspires us to repent of our sins. Palm Sunday begins Holy Week which includes Spy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On Palm Sunday people were delighted to see Jesus on His way to Jerusalem. Some spread their cloaks on the ground before Him while others had palms in their hands shouting, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest." Before the end of the week many were shouting, 'Crucify Him'. 'Crucify Him'. Jesus took our sins unto Himself and showed His love for us on Calvary. We can say this prayer during Holy Week:  
**By your Death on the Cross, you redeemed the unfortunate children of Eve. Blessed ever since is the sign of our sanctification. Amen.**  
This year we have to stay at home and take part in the ceremonies on Local or National Radio, on Webcam or on Facebook Live. We can make the following Spiritual Communion.

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.**