

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.

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keep-
ing your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge,
Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the
entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver
us from every danger, O glorious and blessed
Virgin. Amen

Remembered in Mass this Week

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
Tues 14th	10.00 a.m.	Mary 'Mamie' Gleeson, Lacka Eucharistic Adorers
Thurs 17th	10.00 a.m.	Arthur Elliot (MM), Irishtown, Coolderry
Sat 18th	7.30 p.m.	Jack O'Keeffe Peter Judge
Sun 19th	12 noon	Chelsea Kennedy Marie Coughlan Noel Flynn

A Coronavirus Prayer

Loving and healing God,
we, your people turn to you in prayer,
confident that you are with us
and with all people in every moment.
We stand before you as people of hope,
trusting in your care and protection.
May your faithful love support us
and soothe the anxiety of our hearts.

Generous God,
fill us with compassion and concern for others,
young and old,
that we may look after one another
in these challenging days.
Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus
and be with their families.
May those who have died
rest in your eternal embrace.
Comfort their family and friends.
Strengthen and protect all medical professionals
caring for the sick
and all who work in our medical facilities.
Give wisdom to leaders
in healthcare and governance
that they may make the right decisions
for the well-being of people.
We pray in gratitude for all those in our country who
will continue to work in the days ahead in so many
fields of life for the sake of us all.
Bless them and keep them safe.

Divine Mercy Sunday

A special Divine Mercy mass will be celebrated
at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday 19th April.

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Happy Easter

"A Thought and Prayer for Easter Time"

"An tSeachtain Mhór" is the way the Irish language describes "Holy Week", the big week or the great week. Christians around the world will journey with Jesus on his final days of his passion, death and culminate with his resurrection on Easter Day. Easter Day is sometimes referred to as the "great day" or in Irish, Cáisce.

The English word Easter has its origins in old English – Eastre or Eostre – the name of the goddess of Spring, which was celebrated at Vernal (spring) Equinox. This year, Easter falls next Sunday, April 12 and it is determined by the Sunday after the full moon following the Spring Equinox. So the date for Easter changes each year depending on when the full moon occurs.

"We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song" is a statement that Christians have sung and reflected on over the generations. Hope, new life, light out of the darkness are metaphors for this Easter celebration.

Easter peace and joy be with you and your circle of love and family.

An Easter Poem

God, give us eyes to see
the beauty of the Spring,
And to behold Your majesty
in every living thing -
And may we see in lacy leaves
and every budding flower
The Hand that rules the universe
with gentleness and power -
And may this Easter grandeur
that Spring lavishly imparts
Awaken faded flowers of faith
lying dormant in our hearts,
And give us ears to hear, dear God,
the Springtime song of birds
With messages more meaningful
than man's often empty words
Telling harried human beings
who are lost in dark despair -
'Be like us and do not worry
for God has you in His care.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Domhnach Cásca.

Inniu Domhnach Cásca, an fhéile is mó i bhféilire na hEaglaise. Mar sin bímis lúcháireach inniu. Tá daichead lá an Charghais thart fad a bhíomar ag guí, ag déanamh íobairtí agus cleachtaí spioradálta chun a bheith réidh an Cháisc a cheiliúradh le díograis chroí agus brí iomlán a bhaint as bás agus aiséirí Chríost. Tá Críost faoi ghlóir anois. Nuair a d'aiséirigh sé léirigh sé gur bhuaigh sé ar an mbás, ar an bpeaca agus ar chumhacht an oilc. Chruthaigh sé gurbh É féin Dia. Bhí an tuama folamh agus bhí ionadh an domhain ar a chairde nuair a thaispeáin Íosa é féin dóibh. D'aithin siad é. Chreid siad go raibh sé aiséirithe, agus líonadh a gcroí le háthas. Tá go leor seanchas ag baint le hAiséirí Íosa. Anseo in Éirinn chreid ár sinsir go ndearna an ghrian damhsa sa spéir le háthas agus go raibh gach gné den dúlra faoi lúcháir ar Domhnach Cásca de bhí go raibh ár Slánaitheoir ina bheatha arís. Théidís go barr na gcnoc fiú go moch ar maidin chun an t-iontas a fheiceáil. An Domhnach Cásca seo, caithfidimid fanacht sa bhaile agus páirt a ghlacadh in Aifreann na Cásca ar an Raidió, ar an gCeamara Gréasáin nó ar Straoisleabhar. Caithfidimid leanúint ar aghaidh ag guí go mbeimid slán agus go mbeidh deireadh leis an Vireaschorónach go luath. Is féidir linn an phaidir chiorclach seo a rá gach maidin.
**Éirim suas le Dia, go n-éirí Dia liom,
Lámh Dé i mo thimpeall, ag sú is ag luí is ag éirí dom. Áiméan.**

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the greatest feast in the Liturgical Calendar. Let us rejoice. We have spent the forty days of Lent praying, making sacrifices and engaging in spiritual exercises in preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. Christ is in glory now. In the Resurrection Jesus showed his victory over death, sin and the power of evil. He proved he was God. The tomb was empty .and his friends were surprised when he appeared to them. They recognised him .They believed he had risen from the dead and they were filled with joy.
In Ireland there is much folklore surrounding the Resurrection of Jesus. Our ancestors believed that the sun danced, and that nature celebrated on Easter Sunday because Jesus had risen from the dead. They used to go to the hilltops to see this spectacle. This Easter Sunday we must stay at home and take part in the Mass on Local or National Radio, on Webcam or on Facebook. We continue to pray that we may be safe from the Coronavirus and that it may soon be overcome. We can say this circular prayer each morning.
I arise with God, May God rise with me, God's hand about me as I sit, as I lie and as I rise.