

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.

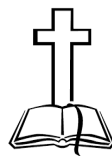
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

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

Sat 18th	7.30 p.m.	Jack O'Keeffe Peter Judge
Sun 19th	12 noon	Chelsea Kennedy Marie Coughlan Noel Flynn
Sat 25th	10.00 a.m.	Gregory Keighery John & Mary Doyle & son Nicholas
	7.30 p.m.	Margaret Lawlor (1st Ann)
Sun 26th	10.30 a.m.	John Kennedy & baby son John & mother Mary Tony Nevin Snr & his son Tony Nevin Jnr

Please Pray for the Souls of



**Thomas McInerney, Riverstown,
Sean Kinirons, High Street,
Graham Ringrose, Coolderry,
Brendan Nolan, Killyon,
brother of Padraig, Carrig.
Sr. Celine Loughnane, England &
late of Carrig,
Patrick Duffy, Castledaly,
brother of Mary Kerins,
Anna Varghese, India,
mother of Lissi Babu, Crinkill**

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

This Sunday, 19th April is **Divine Mercy Sun-
day**. Mass in honour of the Feast of Divine Mer-
cy will be celebrated and broadcast on Face-
book: Brendan Birr and on the Parish Radio
Link: 106FM at 3.00 p.m. The Divine Mercy
Chaplet will be recited at 2.45 p.m.

*The Feast of Divine Mercy is a public feast day
formally established by St. John Paul II in May
2000. The Divine Mercy Devotion is inspired by
the experiences and writings of a Polish nun,
Sister Faustina, who died at 33 years of age in
1938 and was canonised in April 2000. It em-
braces priests, religious and laity united in their
commitment to live mercy in relating to their
brothers and sisters, to make the mystery of Di-
vine Mercy known, and to invoke God's mercy
for sinners*

The *Regina Coeli* is one of four antiphons (short
liturgical texts sung or chanted, often as seen
below, in a responsorial pattern) dedicated to
Our Lady. It is often sung as a hymn and has
had numerous musical settings in its original
Latin text, including several by Mozart.

Traditionally, it is prayed standing, often at
noon, in place of another well-known prayer, the
Angelus, during the Easter Season from Holy
Saturday until Pentecost.

Queen of Heaven (Regina Caeli)

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
R. For He whom you were privileged to bear,
alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world
through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord
Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that
through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His
Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting
life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Domhnach na Trócaire Diaga /An Dara Domhnach den Cháisc.

Inniu ceiliúrtar Domhnach Thrócaire Dé. Is é Naomh
Eoin Pól ☐ a bhunaigh an fhéile seo i mí na Bealtaine
2000. Spreagadh deabhóid Trócaire Dé trí scríbhinní
Siúr Faustina, bean rialta ón bPolainn a fuair bás sa
bhliain 1938 agus í in aois tríocha trí bhliain. Ní haon
rud nua an teachtaireacht maidir le Trócaire Dé. Ach
meabhraíonn sé dúinn gur mhúin an Eaglais i gcónaí
sa Scriptoráil agus sa traidisiún go bhfuil Dia
trócaireach agus go bhfuil maithiúnas ar fáil do gach
peaca. Tá a thrócaire i bhfad níos mó ná aon pheaca.
Níl le déanamh againn ach teacht os comhair Dé go
humhail agus muinín a bheith againn as a thrócaire. Is
féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá inniu:

**A Thobair na Beatha, Trócaire Dé glanrúnda,
imchládaigh an domhan uile agus doirt Tú féin
anuas orainn. Áiméan.**

Níl an Cháisc seo cosúil le haon Cháisc eile mar tá
Éire agus an domhan uile faoi bhagairt ag an
Choróinvíreas .Tá ár n-idirghníomhaíocht shóisialta
teoranta agus tá orainn fanacht sa bhaile amach ó
dhaoine .Na bímis in ísle brí dá bharr .Ina theachtair-
eacht Urbi et Orbi dúirt an Pápa Proinsias linn nach
bhfuilimid fágtha inár n-aonar, go bhfuil Críost linn
agus aontaithe inár nguí táimid cinnte go bhfuil a lámh
leagtha anuas orainn.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. It was instituted by St
John Paul II in May 2000. The message and devotion
to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings
of Saint Faustina a Polish nun who died in 1938 aged
thirty three years.

The message of God's Divine Mercy is nothing new.
The Church has always taught through Scripture and
through tradition that God is merciful, and that
forgiveness is available for all sins. His mercy is much
greater than any sin. We ought to come before God
humbly and with confidence in his Divine Mercy.
**We can say this prayer today; O fount of Life,
unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole
world and empty Yourself out upon us.**

This Easter is different as Ireland and the whole world
is threatened by Coronavirus. Our social interaction is
limited, and we must stay at home and away from peo-
ple. Let us not be downhearted. In his Urbi et Orbi
Easter message Pope Francis has reminded us that
we are not alone but united with Christ in prayer. We
are convinced that He has laid His hand upon us.

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