

BIRR PARISH

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COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Parish Contributions

Thank You - A number of Parishioners have contacted us in connection with contributions. If people wish, they can do so by lodging directly to the parish bank account.

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We acknowledge parishioners who have contributed to the Priests' Collection and the Parish Development Fund.

Thanks to shops who are facilitating distribution of the newsletter:

Horan's Daybreak, John's Place
The Store, Carrig
Mulrooney's Gala, Roscrea Road
Corrib Oil Garage, Banagher Road
Loughnane's Garage, Tullamore Road

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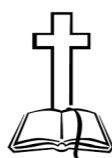
Campbell's Hackney Service

Contact Michael on 087-2618507 or 057-9120407
Woodland Park, Birr

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 23rd	7.30 p.m.	Edward & Mary Sherlock & son Eddie Paddy Kirwan
Sun 24th	10.30 a.m.	Kathleen O'Meara, Ardvagga, Shinrone (1st Ann) Kathleen Kinahan Peter Bruce Mikie Donoghue Winifred & Thomas Kinsella, High St. Paddy O'Connor
Tues 26th	10.00 a.m.	Kathleen Wright
Sat 30th	7.30 p.m.	Jimmy & Elizabeth Kelly, Presentation Place John Giles
Sun 31st	10.30 a.m.	Jane, Seamus & Martin Yates John Kearns Jack, Rose & Catherine Grimes

Please Pray for the Souls of



Martin (Art) Cosgrave, Garbally,
Noel O'Meara, Banagher,
Brother of Padraig, High Street

Invocation of Our Lady

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

Prayer of St Ignatius

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, All I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me.

Prayer for the Household

Hear us, Lord, and send your angel from heaven to visit and protect, to comfort and defend all who live in this house. Amen.

Our **Parish Churches** have re-opened for personal prayer, private visits or to light a candle.

People are reminded of the HSE Guidelines

- ◆ Maintain the required **social distance** of 2 metres from other people.
- ◆ If you see someone sitting in the **designated seats** please move to the furthest available point.
- ◆ If you wish to light a candle and see someone else doing so, please **do not queue** behind the person. Allow them their space and time.
- ◆ Please use the **hand sanitisers** available at the entrance and the altar rails.
- ◆ Please **refrain from touching surfaces**, door handles, seats and candelabra.
- ◆ Please **enter** the church via the main entrance door and **exit** via the left hand door (Our Lady's Aisle)

Mass is celebrated each morning at 10.00 a.m. and at the weekend with Saturday night Vigil at 7.30 p.m. and Sunday morning at 10.30 a.m. These masses are broadcast on the radio and are streamed live on the parish Facebook page, Brendan Birr.

The **Parish Office** is closed to the public at present. If you would like to **book a mass intention or need mass cards or mass bouquets** please contact the office on 057-9122028 or email info@stbrendansbirr.ie.

A **locked box** is available at the altar rails for people to drop their **Priest Collection or Parish Development Fund envelopes**. We are very grateful for your continued support at this time.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign - if people would like to return their Trócaire donation they can do so by dropping it into the green locked box at the altar rails. Many thanks.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Lá Cumarsáide Domhanda.

Inniu Lá Cumarsáide Domhanda. Ar 24 Eanáir 2020, lá fhéile Naomh Antóin de Sales, atá ina éarlámh ar iriseoirí, d'fhógair an Pápa Proinsias téama Lá Domhanda Cumarsáide na bliana 2017, "i dtreo go n'eachtrófása do do mhac agus do mhac do mhic" (Eax10:2). Leagann an Pápa béim ar cé chomh luachmhar is atá pátrúnacht na cuimhne agus nach bhfuil aon todhchaí gan a bheith fréamhaithe sa stair. Is é seo ré na teicneolaíochta. Is iontach an áis í mar is féidir nuacht a scaipeadh ar fud na cruinne gan aon dua, bíodh sé fíor nó bréagach. Gach bliain ar an Domhnach roimh an Chincís, ceiliúránn an Eaglais a bhfuil bainte amach ag na meáin chumarsáide i rith na bliana reatha. Díríonn sí ar conas is féidir luachana an tsoiscéil a chur chun cinn sna meáin. Iarrtar orainn machnamh a dhéanamh ar dheiseanna agus dúshláin na modhanna cumarsáide. Tá sé de dhualgas ar na meáin chumarsáide an fhírinne a chur de shíor os comhair an phobail agus is minic nach mbíonn an scéal amhlaidh.

Seo paidir le rá ar Lá Cumarsáide Domhanda:

A Dhia na fírinne, a thugann solas agus inspreagadh dúinn, treoraigh lucht na meán cumarsáide. Go ndéana siad gach iarracht tacú le dínit an duine trí fhocail agus íomhána. Tabhair géarchúis dóibh. Go dtaga an Spiorad Naomh chugainn go léir agus go ndéana sé finnétithe dinn os comhair an tsaoil ar Shoiscéal ár dTiarna Íosa Críost. Áiméan.

Today is World Communications Day. On the 24 January 2020, the feast of St Anthony de Sales, patron of journalists, Pope Francis proclaimed the theme for World Communications Day 2020. 'So that you can tell your son and grandson' (Ex 10:2. By choosing this theme, taken from a passage in the Book of Exodus, Pope Francis underlines how particularly precious is the inheritance of memory in communications. We live in the technological age. It is a wonderful facility as news, be it true or false, can reach easily every corner of the globe. Every year mass media is celebrated by the Church on the Sunday before Pentecost Sunday. It emphasises how the media can promote Gospel values. We are invited to reflect on the opportunities and challenges of media. Media users always have an obligation to promote the truth. This is not always the case. This is a prayer for World Communications Day:

God of truth who enlightens us, guide the media users. May they endeavour to support the dignity of the person through words and images. Give them discernment. May the Holy Spirit come to us and give us the courage to be witnesses to the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.