

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.
We acknowledge safe receipt of **€3,200** which has been donated to the Parish Fund Collection and **€4,205** donated to the Priests Collection.

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

Sponsored By

Campbell's Hackney Service

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

Remembered in Mass this Week

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 Paddy Corrigan, Castle Street
Mon 1st	10.00 a.m.	Joe Carroll Patrick Reddan Michael Collins
Tues 2nd	10.00 a.m.	Brian McManus
Fri 5th	10.00 a.m.	Mary Hehir & son Geoffrey
Sat 6th	7.30 p.m.	Paddy Molloy (MM) Joe Rowland (1st Ann)
Sun 7th	10.30 a.m.	Kevin Reddan, Fadden, Carrig (1st Ann) & his father Des Mary Keeshan Brendan Burns

Please Pray for the Souls of



Chrissie O'Meara, Burkes Hill,
Bren Dunne, Manchester
& late of Mile Tree,
Cecily Smyth, England & late of Connaught
Street, sister of John, Elm Park

Our **Parish Churches** have re-opened for personal prayer, private visits or to light a candle and visitors are reminded to adhere to HSE Guidelines.

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. We acknowledge safe receipt of **€720** already donated to Trócaire. A sincere Thank You.

Today is Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost - the Coming of the Holy Spirit

Come, come, brighten this day,
fire of the Spirit, fire of love.
Come, come, light up our way,
fire of the Spirit, fire of love.
Holy Spirit, fill us anew, fire,
wind and breath of God.
Holy Spirit, fill us anew,
dancing now as we wait for you.

What do I know now?

The corner of the field where the sun
pierced the early morning fog
Kindness of a face talking across spaces
on a country road
The little wren not hiding,
but dipping in and out of its nest
Friendly exchanges of overused phrases
to connect momentarily
Slanting light sprayed
across a newly ploughed field
The giant full moon painting
strangeness on a familiar garden
Zoom meetings enabling discussions
with far flung people
A hidden lane
with peeping primroses and birdsong
The fear of the invisible
and bringing the enemy home
The protection bouncing off
the circle of love shield
Cards filled with loving words
warming the heart
Humour replacing worry with a giggling laugh
The busy bustling of crows getting on with life
Daffodils and narcissus trumpeting hope
And clumps of brave violets
whispering the same message.
What do I know now
that the bluebells have come and gone?
I know the strangeness of the familiar,
the ache of loss
And the joy of life, stripped of frippery!

Anne Deroe, Shinrone

Next Saturday, 7th June, is **First Saturday** and **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place after 10.00 a.m. Mass.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Domhnach Cincise.

Inniu Domhnach Cincise. Ag an Suipéar Deir-eanach, gheall Íosa do na hAspail go gcuirfeadh sé chucu an Comhairleoir, an té a chuirfeadh i gcuimhne dóibh gach rud a bhí sé féin ag iarraidh a mhúineadh dóibh. Tar éis bhás Íosa, theastaigh sóláas agus misneach go géar ó na haspail. Ní shiúlfaidís thart go hoscailte in Iarúsailéim ar fhaitíos go gcuirfí chun báis iad.

Ba mhór an t-athrú a tháinig orthu Domhnach Cincise tar éis teacht an Spioraid Naoimh. Chuaigh siad amach ar na sráideanna ag labhairt go poiblí faoi Íosa Críost a cuireadh chun báis agus a d'aiséirigh ó mhairbh. Ba bheag eagla a bhí orthu dul ar fud Iosrael, go tíortha eile sa Mheán Oirthear agus fiú go cathair na Róimhe féin ag fógairt dea-scéil Íosa.

Sa lá atá inniu ann, teastaíonn misneach uainne, Críostaithe, le dul ar aghaidh go muiníneach ag fógairt an dea-scéil. B'fhéidir go dtagann lagmhisneach orainn uaireanta nuair a fheictear dúinn go bhfuil an t-olc ag fáil an lámh in uachtar sa saol. Sin é an fáth go dteastaíonn uainn de shíor cúnamh an Spioraid Naoimh. Tagann sé chuig gach duine againn sa Bhaisteadh agus sa Chóineartú. Fanann sé linn i gcónaí agus bronnann sé orainn a bhronntanais, más mian linn glacadh leo. Treoróidh sé ar bhealach na Saoirse agus na Fírinne sinn.

Guímid ar son na mbuanna a thugann an Spiorad Naomh dúinn: grá, lúcháir, síocháin, foighne, cineáltas, dea-chroí, dílseacht, láiocht agus measarthacht. Tar chugainn, a Naoimh Spioraid le do ghrá. Áiméan

Today is Pentecost Sunday. At the Last Supper Jesus promised His Apostles that he would send them a Paraclete who would teach them the truth. After the death of Jesus, the apostles were in need of comfort and courage. They would not walk in Jerusalem in fear for their lives. All this changed on Pentecost Sunday after the descent of the Holy Spirit. They went out into the streets preaching the Resurrection of Jesus. They were not afraid to preach the Good News in Israel, in the Middle East and even in Rome. We Christians need courage to preach the Good News. We can be discouraged when it seems that sin and evil are getting the upper hand in the world. We need the help of the Holy Spirit at all times which we receive in Baptism and in Confirmation. He remains with us and bestows his gifts on us if we accept them. He will guide us in the ways of freedom and truth.

Let us pray for the gifts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Come Holy Spirit with your love. Amen