

BIRR PARISH

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Community Connect is the name of the new national initiative to support pregnant women in a practical and tangible way. Community Connect has a very precise mission. It is not a counselling service but operates as a practical support hub where parents in need can access items like babygros, onesies, outfits, nappies, wipes, blankets, baby towels, buggies and other practical aids. It has six volunteer-run locations operating across the country where people can donate baby items and parents in need can access them. The nearest one is Athlone. See www.communityconnect.ie for more information.

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.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present
In the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

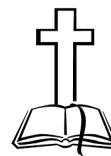
Thanks to shops who are facilitating
distribution of the newsletter:

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

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 6th	7.30 p.m.	Paddy Molloy (MM) Joe Rowland (1st Ann)
Sun 7th	10.30 a.m.	John Gormley (MM) Kevin Reddan, Fadden, Carrig (1st Ann) & his father Des Mary Keeshan Brendan Burns
Mon 8th	10.00 a.m.	Con Phelan
Tues 9th	10.00 a.m.	Deceased Eucharistic Adorers
Sat 13th	10.00 a.m.	Andy Tierney Patrick & Marian McCarthy
	7.30 p.m.	Brendan Donoghue Alf Regan Eamon O'Meara, Ballindarra
Sun 14th	10.30 a.m.	Tom Turner (1st Ann) & his son Gareth Anne & Sheila Lenihan Margaret & Michael Loughnane & sons Seamus & Michael & daughter Bridget

Please Pray for the Souls of



Maureen Plunkett, High Street,
Martin Byrne, Clonoghill,
Brendan Grogan, Florida and
late of Station House, Roscrea Road.

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 fo@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 **€1,630** already donated to Trócaire. A sincere Thank You.

Prayer to the Sacred Heart

O Heart of Jesus which reaches so tenderly to the hearts of all people. You watch over us and love us as a mother loves her children. Give us a heart that is able to bear the pains and upsets of life, a heart that is able to make allowance and forgive. Give us a heart that is atune to read the signs of the time and so enable us to recognise the presence and working of the Holy Spirit in our world. We make this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Message from Pope Francis

God our Father, you are not indifferent to us, to what we are living. You carry each of us in Your Heart. You know us by our name and You take care of us. You seek us even when we abandon You. Each one of us interests You for Your Love prevents You from being indifferent to what happens to us. Touch our heart, open our heart, so it will be reclothed in Your kindness and mercy, to become Your Son Jesus' servants of mankind. Lord Jesus Christ, cure me of the hardness of my heart. Make my heart like Yours, strong and merciful, vigilant and generous, which doesn't close in on itself and which doesn't fall in the trap of globalization, selfishness and indifference. Amen.

Stay With Me Lord

Stay with me Lord, when it is dark;
when pain and troubles are all I see;
Stay with me Lord,
in the dawn and the bright,
when love is deep
and I sense your presence;
Stay with me Lord,
in all the days till the moment
of eternal life draws near, then, Lord,
lead me to the glory of Your Father.

The **Lough Derg Pilgrimage** season is delayed yet the voice of prayer will not be silenced. On 1st June Mgr. La Flynn, Prior of Lough Derg, resumed his post on Station Island, to maintain the tradition of prayer that has endured there from season to season over the centuries, until pilgrims can return with confidence when restrictions ease. At this time of year for many centuries now, pilgrims have come to this place apart to find peace, spiritual nourishment and new direction on their journey of life. Online Retreat Days are available on **7,13,18 June and 27-29 June** where you can join from wherever you are. See www.loughderg.live for more details.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Sollúntacht na Tríonóide Rónaofa
Inniu comórtar Sollúntacht na Tríonóide Rónaofa. Is í an rúndiamhair is mó agus is doimhne de na rúndiamhra Chríostaí ar fad. Níl ar ár gcumas ciall a bhaint as trí phearsa in aon Dia amháin. Sa chré agus le Fíor na Croise tugaimid aitheantas dár gcreideamh sa Tríonóid Rónaofa. Is eol dúinn go léir gur bhain Naomh Pádraig feidhm as an tseamróg chun Rúndiamhair na Tríonóide a mhíniú do mhuintir na hÉireann. Léirigh sé go raibh trí phearsa in aon Dia amháin, an tAthair, an Mac agus an Spiorad Naomh, díreach mar atá trí dhuilleog ar ghas amháin na seamróige. Ag deireadh an Aifrinn déantar sinn a bheannú in ainm an Athar, an Mhic is an Spiorad Naomh. Inár dteagmháil laethúil le daoine eile is ea is fearr a thabharfaimid onóir don Tríonóid tríd an ngrá, meas agus comhoibriú a bhíonn eadrainn. Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá am ar bith.

**Glóir don Athair,
agus don Mhac,
agus don Spiorad Naomh.
Mar a bhí ó thús,
mar atá anois agus mar a bheas go brách,
le saol na saol. Áiméan.**

Today the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity is being celebrated. It is one of the great mysteries of the Christian Faith. We cannot understand how there are three persons in one God. When we make the Sign of the Cross and when we recite the Glory be to the Father, we identify with the Blessed Trinity. We all know that St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Mystery of the Blessed Trinity to the people of Ireland. He showed that just as there are three leaves on one stem, there are three Persons in one God. At the end of Mass we are blessed in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In our daily contact with others we honor the Blessed Trinity through our love, respect and co-operation. We can recite this prayer to the Blessed Trinity.

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning,
is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

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