

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 13th	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 & daughters Bridget & Josephine & Sr. Celine Dan Ryan, Coolderry
Mon 15th	10.00 a.m.	Austin, O'Reilly & Minnock families
Tues 16th	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Wed 17th	10.00 a.m.	Paddy & Adrian Buckley
Fri 19th	10.00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Pioneer Association
Sat 20th	10.00 a.m.	Tommy & Mary Brummell & son Tony
Sun 21st	10.30 a.m.	Willie Power & his brother Fr. Jim Albert & Mary Kate Watkins Oisín Watkins-Carroll Kathleen Nevin Grant Patrick Nevin James & Elizabeth Martin Tom & Betty Lally Martin Burrow Tom McInerney Joe Cleary



Please Pray for the Souls of

Sally Keegan, Elmgrove NH &
Mineral Water Court,
Kieran Boland, Dromakeen,
husband of Margaret (nee Sherlock).

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 behind closed doors 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.

Prayer to St Joseph

God, our heavenly Father, grant us the fortitude of Christ your Son to face the Covid-19 crisis with trust, patience and compassion. Give us the grace of the Holy Spirit to free us from fear and look forward together to the future with healing and hope. Through the intercession of Saint Joseph, the guardian of Jesus, and Mary his mother and Mother of the Church, may we be guided through this time of peril. Preserve us in peace; protect the vulnerable; keep safe our health care workers and all who serve society, at home and abroad. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr Kevin O'Gorman SMA

Someone Does Care

I found God in the morning,
we just sat and talked.
I kept Him near me
everywhere I walked.

I called on God at noon time,
a heart filled with despair.
I felt His quiet Presence,
I knew He was there.

We met again at sunset,
the waning of the day.
I had made Him happy,
I had lived His way.

Then when at bedtime
I knelt silently in prayer,
again His gentle Presence,
I felt someone does care.

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 **€2,430** already donated to Trócaire. A sincere Thank You.

Mass is now celebrated behind closed doors in **St. Mary's Church, Shinrone** on Sundays at **12 noon**. It is available on the parish Facebook page, **Mary Shinrone**.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Féile Chorp Chríost (Corpus Christi)
Thug Íosa a Chorp agus a Fhuil dúinn mar lón anama. Bhunaigh Sé an Eocairist Naofa ar Dhéardaoin Shéire an Tiarna ag an suipéar deireanach leis na hAspail. Is é seo mar a labhair sé leo "an té a itheann mo chuid Feola agus a ólann mo chuid Fola, cónaíonn sé ionamsa agus cónaímse ann" (Eoin 6:54). Déanfaidh sé difríocht nach beag dúinne má ghlacaimid an Chomaoin Naofa go minic. Is baill de Chorp Chríost sinn uile. Tugann Féile Chorp Chríost deis dúinn bheith rannpháirteach le hÍosa de shíor. Ní foláir dúinn ár dTiarna a fheiceáil i ngach duine agus gníomhú mar a mhol Sé dúinn i ngach gné dár saol. Is féidir linn cuairt a thabhairt ar eaglais freisin agus Comhartha na Croise a dhéanamh agus sinn ag gabháil thart. Bhí ár sinsir an-dílis do na nósanna seo a tháinig anuas chugainn ó ghlúin go glúin agus b'fhiú iad a chleachtadh agus a athnuachan chun sinn a threorú ar bhóthar ár leasa. Is maith liom an phaidir ghearr seo: **A Shacraimint rónaofa, a Shacraimint ródhíaga, gach moladh agus buíochas go raibh agat choíche. Áiméan.**

Jesus gave us his Body and Blood as food for our souls. He instituted the Sacrament of the Blessed Eucharist at the Last Supper with his apostles on Holy Thursday. This is what he said them "Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6: 54). If we receive Holy Communion frequently, it will make a big difference in our lives. We can also visit the Blessed Sacrament in the church and bless ourselves as we pass a church. Our ancestors were very faithful to these practices that have been passed down to us from generation to generation. It is desirable to renew these customs for our good. We are all members of God's family. This feast provides us with an opportunity to be present with Jesus at all times. We are all created in God's image; therefore, we see God in everybody and ought to treat them accordingly. I like this prayer: -

O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament Divine all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine. Amen.

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