

## BIRR PARISH

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### New Dates for the Celebration of First Communion and Confirmation

Following the return to the new normal, St. Brendan's will facilitate families of the **First Holy Communion and Confirmation** classes with parish celebrations of the sacraments on an individual school basis. We ask that **enrolment forms for Confirmation** are returned as soon as possible to the Parish Office if you have not already done so.

Confirmation will be celebrated as follows with all ceremonies taking place at **7.30 p.m.:**

**Tuesday 4th August** - Killeen N.S.  
**Wednesday 5th August** - St. Brendan's Boys P.S.  
**Thursday 6th August** - Mercy P.S.  
**Friday 7th August** - Crinkill N.S.  
**Monday 10th August** - Carrig N.S.  
 & Parish Preparation Programme

**First Holy Communion** will be celebrated on the following dates with ceremonies starting at **12 noon.**

**Sunday 9th August** - Killeen N.S.  
 & Parish Preparation Programme  
**Sunday 16th August** - St. Brendan's Boys P.S.  
**Sunday 23rd August** - Mercy P.S. & Carrig N.S.  
**Sunday 30th August** - Crinkill N.S.

### 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.

**BIC** - BOFIE2D  
**IBAN** - . IE40BOFI90167724940777

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

### Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 20th	7.30 p.m.	Eamon 'Sambo' Kelly Michael 'The Dom' Egan Sean Mulholland
Sun 21st	10.30 a.m.	Willie Power & his brother Fr. Jim Albert & Mary Kate Watkins Oisin Watkins-Carroll Kathleen Nevin Grant Patrick Nevin James & Elizabeth Martin Tom & Betty Lally Martin Burrow Tom McInerney Joe Cleary Tom Delahunty & Delahunty family
Mon 22nd	10.00 a.m.	Sharon Guinan
Wed 24th	10.00 a.m.	Letitia Tierney
Thur 25th	10.00 a.m.	Kathleen Dowd John & P.J. King Dowd & King families
Sat 27th	7.30 p.m.	Paddy 'Wacky' Coughlan
Sun 28th	10.30 a.m.	Gail Kelly, The Green Frank McGilton Stephen Tierney



### Please Pray for the Soul of

Peggy Wilmot, Bandon,  
 mother of Ann Hassett, Farmleigh, Riverstown,  
 Dectective Garda Colm Horkan, Castlrea.

### 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

**Trócaire Lenten Campaign** - we acknowledge safe receipt of **€2,840** 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**.

# Happy Father's Day

## Our Dad

By Anonymous

God took the strength of a mountain,  
 The majesty of a tree,  
 The warmth of a summer sun,  
 The calm of a quiet sea,  
 The generous soul of nature,  
 The comforting arm of night,  
 The wisdom of the ages,  
 The power of the eagle's flight,  
 The joy of a morning in spring,  
 The faith of a mustard seed,  
 The patience of eternity,  
 The depth of a family need,  
 Then God combined these qualities,  
 When there was nothing more to add,  
 He knew his masterpiece was complete,  
 And so, he called it Dad

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### Re-Opening of St. Brendan's Church for Liturgies

We are working on plans for the safe reopening of our churches for Mass on Monday 29th June. As you are aware the obligation to attend Mass in person was lifted at the start of the pandemic. People are welcome to join us for Mass via Facebook or radio. People may choose to come to Mass on weekdays. Seating capacity will be reduced in compliance with social distancing. Family groups can sit together. We are appealing for volunteers to help with stewarding, cleaning and other essential ministries. If you are willing to help, please contact the Parish Office on 057-9122028 or any of the Priests with your details. Thank you for your understanding and support over the last 12 weeks.

A meeting of Parish Volunteers including members of the Pastoral Council and other volunteers will take place on Wednesday 24th June at 8.00 p.m. in St. Brendan's Church where social distancing rules can be adhered. All are welcome to attend.

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### Help us create a YouTube page.

Following the success of using Facebook to share our Masses across the internet we are in the process of setting up a YouTube channel to broadcast our Masses live. However, to enable us to run it free of charge we need 1,000 subscribers. This is a FREE subscription. We ask that you Google search YouTube Brendan Birr and access our YouTube channel and click on the Subscribe button. It will cost you nothing except to set up a Youtube account.

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### Féile Bhreith Naomh Eoin Baiste.

Ceiliúrtar Féile Eoin Baiste ar an gCéadaoin 24 Meitheamh. Tá sé luaite sa Scríptúr toisc gur réamhtheachtaire é do Chríost. Bhí sé de dhualgas air an tslí a ullmhú don Tiarna. Bhí a fhios ag gach duine go raibh míorúilt ag baint lena bhreith agus cheap mórán sa phobal gurbh é Mac Dé é. Chuaigh sé amach san fhásach agus ní fada go raibh na sluaite timpeall air. Labhair sé leo agus spreag sé iad chun a meon a athrú agus aithrí a dhéanamh chun go mbeidís réidh chun glacadh le Críost nuair a thiocfadh sé ar an saol seo.

Nuair a tháinig Íosa bhí Sé sásta baiste a ghlacadh ó Eoin ach dúirt Eoin nárbh fhíú é a dhéanamh ach i ndeireadh na dála rinne sé rud ar Íosa. Ba í an umhlaíocht an tréith ba mhó a bhí aige. Thagair sé do Chríost agus dúirt sé "Ní fiú mé oiread agus iallacha a bhróg a scaoileadh" (Lúc.3:16) agus arís "Tá air dul i dtreise, ach, tá ormsa ísliú" (Eoin 3:30). Ba chóir bheith umhail inár saol laethúil cosúil le Naomh Eoin Baiste agus aithrí a dhéanamh mar is ceart.

Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá:

**Go mbeannaí Dia duit, a Eoin Baiste Naofa,  
 Go mbeannaí Muire duit, agus beannaím féin duit.  
 Is chugat a tháinig mé ag gearrán mo phéin' duit,  
 Is ag iarraidh carthanachta as ucht Dé ort. Áiméan  
 (Ar bPaidreacha Dúchais - D Ó Laoghaire. S.J)**

### Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist

The Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist will be celebrated on Wednesday 24 June. He is mentioned in the Scriptures as the precursor of Christ. He had the duty of preparing the way of the Lord. Everybody knew that his birth was a miracle, and many thought he was the Son of God. He went into the wilderness and soon the crowds surrounded him. He addressed them and encouraged them to change their ways, to repent and to be ready to accept Christ when he came on earth.

When Jesus came, he asked to be baptised by John the Baptist. John was unwilling to do so but eventually did. Humility was his greatest characteristic. He referred to Christ and said "I am not worthy to untie the strap of His sandals." (Luke 3:16) and again he said "He must increase, I must decrease" (John 3:30). We ought to be humble in our daily lives like Saint John the Baptist and repent as is right. This prayer can be recited:

**God's blessings on you St. John the Baptist,  
 The Virgin Mary's blessings on you and my blessing on you. To you I came with my complaints.  
 Seeking friendship on account of God's love. Amen**

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