

## BIRR PARISH

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Monday - Saturday (excluding Wednesday)  
9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

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

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.

We keep our young people in our thoughts and prayers as they prepare for these key faith moments in their lives.

### Last Sunday

**Basket Fund Collection €390**  
**Parish Development Fund €960**

Many Thanks

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### Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 11th	7.30 p.m.	William Egan , Cree (1st Ann) Rose Hughes & Hughes family Cora Kenny
Sun 12th	9.30 a.m.	Ciss & Jack Cashen
	10.30 a.m.	Bernard & Colin Russell Fr. Tony Cahir Johnny Cleary Ann & Kevin Madden
Tues 14th	10.00 a.m.	Deceased Eucharistic Adorers Michael Tuohey Mary Sheehan
Wed 15th	10.00 a.m.	Patrick & Michael Hutchinson & grandchildren
Sat 18th	7.30 p.m.	Elizabeth & Patrick Donoghue Martin Guilfoyle & parents Margaret & William William & Florence Cooke & son Teddy, High Street
Sun 19th	10.30 a.m.	Margaret & William Hanlon, son Richard, daughter Bernie & grandson Frankie

### Please Pray for the Souls of



Christina Lally, Fairview,  
Catherine Smith, Dublin,  
mother of Jacqueline Plunkett, Killeen,  
Tony Cullen, Palm Close, Florida &  
late of Main Street, Birr.

### St Pio Mass

St. Pio Mass resumes next Thursday evening 16th July  
at 7.30 p.m. All are very welcome.

### Volunteers Needed

We require additional volunteers to help with stewarding  
of the 8.30 a.m. Mass which resumes this Sunday, 12th  
July, and 12 noon Mass which resumes on Sunday, 6th  
September.

If you are in a position to assist please contact the Parish  
Office or one of the stewards on duty at the current Mass.

### 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.

### Guidelines for Our Churches for Liturgies

- Social distancing measures are now in place in our churches and we ask that you observe the seat markers. Members of the same household will be able to sit together.
- Holy water fonts will be empty until the advice on this changes.
- Entry will be through the main door only. The stewards will advise you on this and show you where to go. They will also indicate how to exit the church at the end of Mass.
- You will be asked to sanitise your hands on entering the church.
- Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist are encouraged to take up their roles if they feel able to do so. Ministers will be made aware of any specific arrangements that apply to their role beforehand.
- The collection basket will not be passed around during Mass. Instead, contributions to the parish collection may be given in a bucket provided in a designated place at the exit of the Church.
- The handshake for the Sign of Peace is still suspended.
- The distribution of Holy Communion will mean processing two metres apart to the altar and returning to your seat by a different aisle.
- Holy Communion will only be distributed into the hand.
- Please take home the newsletter that you have used during Mass.

We thank you for your understanding.

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### Saints of The Week

#### St. Benedict - July 11th

One of the patrons of Europe, he was born in Nursia in Italy circa 480 A.D. At Monte Cassino near Rome he established a "school for the Lord's service". From this the rule of St. Benedict emerged that provided a practical guide for monastic life. His rule is observed by Benedictines and Cistercians religious orders who did so much to shape the Europe of today.

#### St. Camillus de Lillis - July 14th

Camillus was a rough-tempered and difficult person in his early life. At the age of 25 he underwent a conversion that led him to work with the sick. He founded a religious order dedicated to the care of the sick. They worked with the sick that others refused to tend to. He is the patron saint of nurses, hospitals and the sick.

Cemetery Masses will be celebrated in **Clonoghill Cemetery on Thursday 23rd July at 7.30 p.m.** People will be asked to respect social distancing guidelines during these masses.

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Parish Office opening hours are from **9.45 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.** from Monday to Saturday, excluding Wednesday. Please note new opening times. We are encouraging people to continue to telephone 057-9122029 to book Masses, Baptisms and Weddings. We will continue to provide Mass Cards via post for those who wish to telephone an order. Please note we do not have a facility to process bank cards.

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**Found** - We have 2 purses in our Lost Property. If you think one of them might be yours please contact the Parish Office on 057-9122028.

### Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

#### Machnamh don tSeachtain.

Glac sos chun machnaimh a dhéanamh,  
is foinse an nirt é.  
Glac sos chun léitheoireachta a dhéanamh,  
is cloch chúinne na heagna í.  
Glac sos chun spraoi a dhéanamh,  
is é rún an chroí óig.  
Glac sos chun bheith suaimhneach,  
is deis é bheith i láthair Dé.  
Glac sos chun bheith san airdeall,  
is deis é bheith cabhrach.  
Glac sos chun bheith grámhar,  
is olltabhartas é ó Dhia.  
Glac sos chun bheith gealgháireach,  
is fuinneamh anama é.  
Glac sos chun bheith cairdiúil,  
is bealach an tsonais é.  
Glac sos chun aislinge cothaíonn sé feasacht.  
Glac sos chun urnaí,  
is é an chumhacht is mó ar domhan.

Take time to think, it is the source of power.  
Take time to read, it is the foundation of wisdom.  
Take time to play it is the secret of staying young.  
Take time to be quiet, it is the moment to seek God.  
Take time to be aware,  
it is the opportunity to help others.  
Take time to love and be loved,  
it is God's greatest gift.  
Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.  
Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness.  
Take time to dream, it is what the future is made of.  
Take time to pray, it is the greatest power on earth.