

## BIRR PARISH

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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 Collections - Many Thanks

**Basket Fund Collection - €865**  
**Parish Development Fund - €2,019**

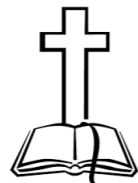
We acknowledge the generosity of the people of the parish through your continued financial contributions. We encourage people to use the Parish Development Fund envelopes which enables us to claim a tax refund from Revenue if you have completed a CHY4 form.

The usual Youth 2000 Summer Festival will not take place this year. Instead there will be the **Youth 2000 Summer E-Festival 2020** on 14th to 16th August 2020 that will be streamed live. Youth 2000's primary objective is to provide young people with a real retreat and strives to lead each young person to a genuine encounter with the living God even within the current restricted circumstances. Register free at www.youth2000.ie.

### Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 18th	7.30 p.m.	Elizabeth & Patrick Donoghue Martin Guilfoyle & parents Margaret & William William & Florence Cooke & son Teddy, High Street Raphael & Catherine Reynolds John O'Connor
Sun 19th	10.30 a.m.	Ann Cassidy (MM) Betty Dore (1st Ann) Margaret & William Hanlon, son Richard, daughter Bernie & grandson Frankie Thomas & Mary Kate Cox
Tues 21st	10.00 a.m.	Tom Hynes, New Road
Wed 22nd	10.00 a.m.	Tom McInerney & parents Jimmy & Else & grandparents Paddy & Julie Tuohey Paddy Wall
Sat 25th	10.00 a.m.	Frank Reilly
	7.30 p.m.	Mick Brien, Birmingham & late Pound Street (1st Ann) Christy "Pops" Kelly & his wife Kathleen Paddy Nugent, Green Street Helena Cahill David "Budgie" Byrne & his father Camillus
Sun 26th	10.30 a.m.	Cox, Carter & O'Connor families

### Please Pray for the Souls of



Maisie Duffy, Ferbane  
 mother of Bernie Tierney, Meadowville,  
 Pauline Ward, Moate,  
 sister of Carmel Mahon, Coolderry & BCNU  
 and Bernard Ward, Military Road.

### Sunday Mass Schedule

**Saturday Vigil - 7.30 p.m.**  
**Sunday - 8.30 and 10.30 in St. Brendan's**  
**9.30 a.m. - Carrig**

**12 noon will resume on Sunday 6th September**

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A temporary **Minister of the Word rota** for 25th/26th July to the end of August is available from the back of the altar. The 12 noon Mass will recommence in September and a full rota will be issued then.

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**Cemetery Mass** will be celebrated in **Clonoghill Cemetery on Thursday 23rd July at 7.30 p.m.**

**Cemetery Mass** will also be celebrated in **Shinrone graveyard on Sunday 26th July at 11.00 a.m.**

People will be asked to respect social distancing guidelines during these mass.

### Farewell Fr. Michael

The announcement this week by **Fr Michael Reddan** of his move from the parish of Birr to another assignment has evoked widespread sadness.

Fr. Michael has lived and worked here in Birr for the past 14 years. His outgoing, jovial personality, friendly manner and gift of singing and music has endeared him to so many in this parish and the surrounding parishes. Fr. Michael has a particular affinity to the sick and housebound. He is a constant visitor to the nursing homes and hospitals and his empathy and goodness has been a source of strength and support to so many.

This year Fr. Michael celebrates 40 years of priesthood. We wish him continued good health and many more active years in ministry. We thank him for his work and presence here in Birr for fourteen of those years. We acknowledge his witness to the gospel and for the myriad of ways through his ministry and example he has contributed to our community. "Ad Multos Annos".

### Guidelines for Our Churches for Liturgies

- We ask that you observe the seat markers. Members of the same household will be able to sit together.
- You are 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 of the Eucharist are asked to wear a face covering.
- 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 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 encourage people to wear face covering during Mass.

We thank you for your understanding.

### Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

#### Focal Buíochais.

Tá áthas orainn bheith in ann freastal ar an Aifreann arís tar éis trí mhí go leith faoi dhianghlásáil. Gabhaimid buíochas leis an Easpag Fiontán agus na Sagairt go léir ar fud na Deoise a chuir seirbhísí eaglasta ar fáil dúinn ar raidió áitiúil, ar ceamaraí gréasáin agus ar chraolacháin teilifíse i rith an ama. Go mba fada buan sibh go léir. Seo dhá phaidir gur féidir a ra tar éis Co-maoineach Naofa a ghlacadh.

Go raibh ainm milis Íosa go taitneamhach scríofa ar lár mo chroí-se.  
 A Mhuire, a Mháthair Íosa,  
 go raibh Íosa agam-sa agus mise ag Íosa.  
 Ceangal grá bheith eadrainn go brách  
 Gan scaoileadh.  
 Áiméan

A Íosa,  
 A Íosa, ná siúl romham inniu,  
 nó is dócha nach leanfaidh mé thú,  
 A Íosa, ná siúl i mo dhiaidh,  
 nó is dócha nach dtabharfaidh mé treoir.  
 A Íosa, bí i do chara fial dom agus díreach siúl ag mo thaobh. Áiméan.

#### Word of Thanks

We are all very happy to be able to attend Mass again after three and a half months confined to our homes. We are grateful to Bishop Fintan and to all the Priests of the Diocese who provided us with Church Services on Local Radio, through webcams and television broadcasts throughout this time. Long may you prosper. The following prayers of thanksgiving may be said after Holy Communion

May the dear name of Jesus  
 be written in my heart,  
 Mary, mother of Jesus,  
 may Jesus be in me and I in Jesus.

May the bond of love  
 be always between us and never be broken.  
 Dear Jesus, may it be thus forever. Amen

Jesus  
 Don't walk behind me,  
 I may not lead.  
 Don't walk in front of me,  
 I may not follow.  
 Just walk beside me  
 and be my friend. Amen.

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**Anonymous**