

## BIRR PARISH

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### 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

## Community News

**Foodcloud** - Are you a charity that uses food or provides food to people in need in the community? Are you interested in collecting good surplus food from your local retailer? Get in touch with the FoodCloud support team 01 5313478 or by emailing charities@foodcloud.ie

**Birr Review 2020** - This year's magazine is currently being compiled and we look forward to including reports from all local Clubs and Societies about your activities over the past year. We are also looking for photographs of those who marked marriages, deaths, 40th, 50th and 60th wedding anniversaries since 1 November 2019. Please contact us on birrreview@gmail.com for further information. To include photographs of the recently deceased you can also contact (086) 8175514.

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.

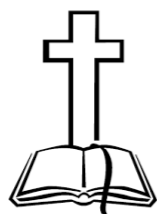
**Cemetery Mass** will be celebrated in **Shinrone graveyard on Sunday 26th July at 11.00 a.m.** People will be asked to respect social distancing guidelines during this mass.

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### Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 25th	7.30 p.m.	Mick Brien, Birmingham & late of 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
Wed 29th	10.00 a.m.	Babby Flynn Bill Foran & family Maria & Jimmy McInerney
Sat 1st	10.00 a.m.	Mary Burns-Kennedy
	7.30 p.m.	John Girvin, his brother Paul and parents Dorothy & John Enda Cooke, daughter Geraldine and grand-daughter Natalie
Sun 2nd	10.30 a.m.	Dolly King, Killeen Tony Devine, Donaghmede, Dublin



### Please Pray for the Souls of

Daniel Hogan, New Jersey & late of Mount Palmer, brother of Mary Bergin, Hollypark, and Michael Hogan, Killeen, Carmel O'Donnell, Castlegregory, Kerry and late of John's Mall and Syngfield, Paddy Kennedy, USA, brother of Majella Kennedy, Seffin and Mary Butler, John's Mall.

A new **Eucharistic Minister Rota** for St. Brendan's will be available in September. In the meantime, **2 Eucharistic Ministers** are requested to help at whichever Sunday Mass you are present. Thank you. We ask that **Eucharistic Ministers wear face coverings** when distributing Communion. Many thanks.

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### Saints of the Week

**July 26** - Feast of SS Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin, Mary and patron saints of grandparents. Grandparents are a critical part of family life and in the lives of their grandchildren.

**July 29** - Feast of St. Martha, one of the sisters of Lazarus and a great friend of Jesus. A woman of faith, she is the patron saint of innkeepers, cooks and dieticians. The Marthas in our lives are workers and bless us with hospitality.

**July 31** - St Ignatius of Loyola - born in northern Spain and trained in the Spanish army. As a result of injury he began to read the Bible and his life took a dramatic turn. He was ordained to the priesthood and went on to found the religious order known as the Jesuits.

**August 1** - St. Alphonsus Liguori - founder of the Redemptorist Order. He was a popular preacher and teacher and an influential writer of theology.

### Dates for 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

### IMPORTANT NOTE FOR CONFIRMATION LITURGIES

Each family of the Confirmation Candidate can attend the ceremony, i.e. parents, siblings, grandparents and sponsor. Each family will have a designated seat for 5 family members. The remaining family can sit in designated seats together whilst being conscious of social distancing from other families. We have limited church capacity and we ask you to remember this when inviting family members.

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

**Sunday 9th August** - Killeen N.S.

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**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.

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### 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

#### Beannachtaí

Tá go leor beannachtaí le fáil sa traidisiún Ghaelach. Bhí paidir ann do gach ócáid agus do gach gné den saol. Seo paidir le rá agus tú ag dul amach ag taistil.

*Go mba ar choimrí Dé agus na Maighdine Muire tú.*

*Naomh Iósaef, Mac Duach agus Mac Dara agus Naomh Peadar do thabhairt abhaile slán. Áiméan*

Beannú na gCéadfaíthe, ó Naomh Fursa atá againn ón seachtú haois déag.

*Go raibh cuing reachta Dé*

*ar an ngualainn seo,*

*Go raibh fiosrú an Spioraid Naoimh*

*ar an gceann seo,*

*Go raibh comhartha Chríost*

*san éadan seo,*

*Go raibh éisteacht an Spioraid Naoimh*

*sna cluasa seo,*

*Go raibh boltanú an Spioraid Naoimh*

*sa tsrón seo,*

*Go raibh amharc mhuintir neimhe*

*sa bhéal seo,*

*Go raibh obair eaglais Dé sna lámha seo,*

*Go raibh leas Dé agus na gcomharsan*

*sna cosa seo,*

*Agus gura le Dia, Athair uile, an duine seo.*

*Áiméan.*

#### Blessings

In the Irish tradition there were prayers for every occasion and for all aspects of life. This is a prayer for a safe journey.

*May God and the Virgin Mary protect you.*

*Saint Joseph, Macduagh, Macdara and Saint Peter bring you home safely. Amen.*

Blessing for Understanding and Perception of Saint Fursey

*The arms of God around my shoulders,*

*The touch of the Holy Spirit upon my head,*

*The sign of Christ's cross upon my forehead,*

*The sound of the Holy Spirit in my ears,*

*The fragrance of the Holy Spirit in my nostrils,*

*The vision of heaven's company in my eyes,*

*The conversation of heaven's company*

*on my lips,*

*The work of God's Church in my hands,*

*The service of God and neighbour in my feet,*

*A home for God in my heart,*

*And to God, the Father of all, my entire being, Amen.*

### Last Sunday Collections - Many Thanks Basket Collection - €926 Parish Development Fund - €963

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.