

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

Ministers of the Word - If anybody wishes to join the Readers' Rota in St. Brendan's Church, commencing 6th September, please give your name and contact details to the parish office.

In preparation for the resumption of **12 noon Mass on Sunday 6th September** we urgently need additional volunteers to act as ushers and to help with cleaning after Mass. If you can help please contact the Parish Office or one of the stewards on duty at the current Mass. Many thanks.

The annual **Youth 2000 Summer Festival** is Ireland's largest Catholic Youth event, but this year, for the first time, it will be streamed live on the 14th-16th of August. Hear talks and workshops from some of the best Catholic speakers including Fr. John Harris OP, Dr. Scott Hahn, John Pridmore, Petroc Willey (University of Steubenville), Katie Ascough, Sr. Colleen Mattingly, Sr. Mary Hanrahan, Bill Keimig (University of Steubenville), Beth Davis (Blessed is She) and others from Ireland and around the world. Youth 2000 Ireland's motto is 'Youth leading Youth to the Heart of the Church' and we do this by leading Eucharistic-centred festivals, retreats and prayer meetings throughout the country. Register FREE at www.youth2000.ie.

Birr Review 2020 - This year's magazine is currently being compiled and 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.

St Rynaghs College of Further Education, Banagher are running a 26-week construction skills course starting 31st of August. Training includes: Concreting, Laying Kerbs Flags & Pavers, Woodcraft, Safe Workplace Practices. The course involves onsite training and work placement. Contact 087 683 5561 for further details

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 8th	7.30 p.m.	Christina Lally (MM) Christy & Mary Haugh Maureen & Noel Reedy, John's Mall Sr. Celine Loughnane Jill Tully, Crinkill John Kennedy, Bridget Street
Sun 9th	10.30 a.m.	Nora & Michael Grennan Paddy & Nancy Walsh
Tues 11th	10.00 a.m.	Lill Roe & grand-daughter Rosaleen Waters Deceased Eucharistic Adorers
Thurs 13th	10.00 a.m.	Gerry & Nellie Daly
Sat 15th	7.30 p.m.	Kevin Pardy Jack & Bina Walsh & grandson Eoin Eastwood Zofia Pierog
Sun 16th	10.30a.m.	Paschal Campbell, his father Paddy & nephew Jamie Campbell Pat O'Hanlon



Please Pray for the Soul of

Beenie Mannion, Ballinahown,
mother of Ann Lynch, Dry Cleaners, Mill Street

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.
- 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.

Last Sunday Collections - Many Thanks Basket Collection - €934 Parish Development Fund - €536

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.

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Sacrament of Confirmation



Congratulations to the sixth class pupils from **Killeen N.S., St. Brendan's Boys P.S., Mercy P.S. and Crinkill N.S.** who received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** in four separate ceremonies during the past week. Thank You to everyone who made them a memorable occasion for the children.

Next Monday evening the sixth class pupils from **Carrig N.S.** and the children attending the **Parish Preparation Programme** will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We keep these young people in our thoughts and prayers as they prepare for these key faith moments in their lives.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion



This Sunday at 12 noon the children from **Killeen N.S. and Parish Preparation Programme** will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Next Sunday, 16th August, the children from **St. Brendan's Boys P.S.** will make their First Holy Communion. Please keep these young children and their families in your prayers.

Each family of the First Holy Communion candidate can attend the ceremony, i.e. parents, siblings and grandparents. 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.

Feast of the Assumption - Saturday 15th August

On Friday, 14th August, there is a **Vigil Mass at 7.30 p.m. in St. Brendan's, Birr.** Mass on Saturday will be at 10.00 a.m. as usual. Please note there will be no Mass in Carrig.

Pope Benedict XVI wrote that *"precisely because Mary is with God and in God she is very close to each one of us. While she lived on this earth she could only be very close to a few people. Being in God, who is actually with all of us, Mary shares in this closeness of God. Our Lady knows our hearts, can hear our prayers, can help us with her motherly kindness. She always listens to us and, being Mother of the Son, participates in the power of the Son and his goodness. We can always entrust the whole of our lives to this Mother"*.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí Lúnasa

Is iad intinní an Phápa don mhí seo ná: -Guímid ar son na ndaoine a oibríonn agus a mhaireann ar an bhfarrage, go háirithe mairnéalaigh, iascairí agus a gclanna. Go raibh grá, meas agus treoir i gcroí lár na dteaghlach sa lá atá inniu ann.

Ar an Satharn seo chugainn 15 Lúnasa comórfar **Féile Dheastógáil na Maighdine Muire.** Is suntasach an phribhléid a bronnadh ar Mhuire. In Éirinn tugtar Lá Fhéile Muire san Fhómhar ar an lá seo. Is gné dár gCreideamh deabhóid chun na Maighdine Muire, mar is í Máthair Dé í; Máthair ár Slánaitheoir í. Ghlac sí briathar Dé ina croí agus ina corp agus thug sí beatha don domhan. Gach uair a deirimid an *Sé do bheatha a Mhuire*, iarraidimid ar Mhuire sinn a chosaint i gcónaí ach go háirithe ar uair ár mbáis nuair a sheasfaimid os comhair Dé, breitheamh na mbeo agus na marbh.

Tá 15-23 Lúnasa ainmnithe mar **Sheachtain Oidhreacht Náisiúnta** ag an gComhairle Oidhreacht. Is í an ócáid oidhreacht is coitianta in Éirinn ach i mbliana ní bheidh aon teacht le chéile de bharr an Choróinviris ach is féidir bheith páirteach in imeachtaí ar líne. Tá oidhreacht shaibhir againn anseo in Éirinn, scéalaíocht, amhránaíocht, ceardaíocht, spórt, ceol, toibreacha beannaithe, carraigeacha an Aifrin, treoir mharcanna, oidhreacht thógtha, flóra, fána, gnáthóga nádúrtha, aibhneacha, locha agus rudaí eile nach iad. Bíodh meas againn ar ár n-oidhreacht agus fonn orainn í a chaomhnú.

Moladh go deo le Dia.

Month of August

The Pope's intentions for this month are: - We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families. May love, respect and guidance be at the hearts of each family.

Next Saturday 15th August, we celebrate the **Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady.** The Irish people called this day *Lá Fhéile Muire san Fhómhar, Mary's Feast* in Autumn. Devotion to Our Lady is a feature of our faith because she is the Mother of God; the mother of our Saviour. She accepted the Word of God in her heart and body and she gave life to the world. Every time we say the Hail Mary, we ask Our Lady to protect us especially at the hour of our death when we stand before the Judge of the living and the dead.

The 15-23 August is **National Heritage Week** organised by the National Council of Ireland. It is the most comprehensive heritage event in Ireland but this year there will be no assemblies due to the Coronavirus, but people may participate in the events online. We have a rich heritage in Ireland including storytelling, singing, craft, sport, music blessed wells, Mass Rocks, monuments, flora, fauna, natural habitats, rivers and lakes. Let us respect and conserve it.

God be praised forever.