

BIRR PARISH

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9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

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St. Pio Mass will be celebrated behind closed doors next Thursday evening at 7.30 p.m. The mass will be broadcast on radio and streamed on Facebook Live.

Our **Parish Churches** are open for personal prayer, private visits or to light a candle and visitors are reminded to adhere to HSE Guidelines.

Mass is celebrated behind closed doors each morning at 10.00 a.m. and at the weekend with Saturday night Vigil at 7.30 p.m. and Sunday morning at 8.30 a.m., 10.30 a.m. These masses are broadcast on the radio and are streamed live on the parish Facebook page, Brendan Birr. This will continue until current restrictions in Offaly are lifted.

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.

A **locked box** is available at the altar rails for people to drop their **Parish Development Fund envelopes**. We are very grateful for your continued support at this time.

*Bear with each other and
forgive whatever grievances
you may have against one another.
Forgive as Jesus forgave you.
(Col. 3:13)*

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Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 15th	7.30 p.m.	Kevin Pardy Jack & Bina Walsh & grandson Eoin Eastwood Zofia Pierog
Sun 16th	10.30 a.m.	Paschal Campbell, his father Paddy & nephew Jamie Campbell Pat O'Hanlon
Sat 22nd	7.30 p.m.	William & Margaret Murdock
Sun 23rd	10.30 p.m.	Sean Kinirons Marie Burke, Hillside



Please Pray for the Souls of

Séamus (James) Guinan, Dromoyle, Fortal,
Philomena (Phil) O'Meara, Rock Lane,
The Venerable Wayne Carney,
Church of Ireland Rector,
May Cowen, Clara, mother of Brian.

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.

Parish Office New Opening Hours

From Monday 17th August the Parish Office will open from Monday to Friday (including Wednesdays) from 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. The office will be closed on Saturdays for the present.

Corona Virus Prayer

**Dear God,
I pray for healing for all
affected by this deadly virus.
Only You can move in a
mighty way and do the
impossible for them.
We pray for all negative
outcomes to be resolved
by Your healing hands.
Bless and embrace each
and every single person and
bring full healing to their
bodies, minds and spirits. Amen**

Archdeacon Wayne Carney RIP

(June 5, 1952 – August 10, 2020)

Shock and disbelief were the reactions to the sudden death of Archdeacon Wayne Carney on Monday last. Archdeacon Wayne has been rector of the Birr group of parishes since 2003 when he and his beloved Norma-Jean came to reside in The Rectory, Glebe Street.

A native of Canada, Wayne grew up in south-west Ontario. He qualified as a primary school teacher and taught for 10 years in Toronto. He then changed careers and began studies in Theology and was ordained a deacon in 1984 and to the priesthood in 1985. A decade later, in 1995, he was appointed Rector to the Clonfert group of parishes, residing in Banagher.

Wayne and Norma-Jean were friends since their high school days and married in 1973. They were blessed with two children, Kathleen who lives in Brittany and Brian who lives in Canada. In recent years, both Wayne and Norma-Jean have enjoyed and delighted in, the gift of four grand-children.

Archdeacon Wayne held many leadership roles in the Church of Ireland and in 2012 was made a member of the Chapter of St. Patrick's Cathedral. He was an avid reader and enjoyed cooking. His personality and gentleness have touched the lives of so many of his parishioners and the wider community. His insight into scripture and thought provoking sermons have nourished the spirit.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his beloved Norma-Jean and his family, to Bishop Trevor and his fellow clergy and the parishioners of St. Brendan's.

Reschedule of Sacraments

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions imposed in Offaly the following changes for Sacramental Ceremonies apply.

Confirmation for pupils from Carrig N.S. and the Parish Preparation Programme will now take place on Friday 28th August at 7.30 p.m. in St. Brendan's Church.

First Holy Communion for pupils from Killeen N.S. and the Parish Preparation Programme will take place on Saturday 29th August at 11.00 a.m.

First Holy Communion for pupils from St. Brendan's Boys P.S. will take place on Saturday 5th September at 11.00 a.m.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An Coróinvíreas.

Tá ardú mór ar líon na ndaoine a bhfuil an víreas corónach orthu in Éirinn, cé go bhfuil srianta i bhfeidhm ag an rialtas le tamall fada. Fógraíodh a dhá oiread cásanna an tseachtain seo is a fógraíodh an tseachtain roimhe sin agus fógraíodh seasca hocht gcás ar an Domhnach seo caite.

Caithfidimid bheith san airdeall mar tá baol agus bagairt dár saol ann fós ón víreas. Molann na húdaráis dúinn:

- Scaradh sóisialta a chleachtadh agus fanacht dhá mhéadar amach ó dhaoine eile.
- Casadh le daoine amuigh faoin aer, chomh fada agus is féidir.
- Ná fan rófhada i gcomhlúadar daoine.
- Na lámha a ní go maith agus go minic.
- Clúdach aghaidhe a chaitheamh nuair is cuí in áiteanna poiblí.
- Aip rianaithe Covid-19 a íoslódáil.

A Íosa, a leigheasann gach duine, fan linn in aimsir na héiginnteachta agus an bhróin. Bí leo siúd a fuair bás den víreas. Go maire siad faoi shuaimhneas leat go siorraí. Cabhraigh leis na teaghlaigh atá breoite agus atá faoi imní agus brón. Déan iad a chosaint ón mbre-oiteacht agus éadóchas.

Cabhraigh leis na dochtúirí, na haltraí, na taighdeoirí agus na proifisiúnaigh leighis atá ag cabhrú le daoine faoin ngalar agus a chuireann iad féin i mbaol. Cosain iad agus tabhair síocháin dóibh. Áiméan.

Coronavirus

The number of people with the coronavirus in Ireland has risen sharply despite the government restrictions. Twice as many cases were announced last week. There were sixty-eight new cases last Sunday. We must be vigilant as there is still danger and threat to our lives from the virus. The authorities advise us to:

- Maintain social distancing, keep two metres apart from other people.
- Meet people outside of doors as far as possible.
- Avoid spending too much time with others
- Practise hand washing.
- Wear a face mask in all public places.
- Download the Covid -19 App.

Lord Jesus, generous healer, stay with us in our time of anxiety and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk. May they know your protection and peace. Amen.