

BIRR PARISH

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Parish Office Opening Hours
Monday - Friday (including Wednesday)
9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

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Masses return to our churches from Monday 24th. August.

Guidelines for Our Churches for Liturgies

- We strongly encourage people to wear a face covering during Mass.
- 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 thank you for your understanding.

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.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

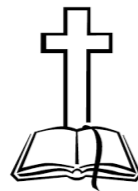
ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

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Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 22nd	7.30 p.m.	William & Margaret Murdock Vincent Cordial
Sun 23rd	10.30 p.m.	Sean Kinirons Marie Burke, Hillside
Mon 24th	10.00 a.m.	John & Bridget Delaney John & Kathleen Walsh Peter McGrath
Fri 28th	10.00 a.m.	Jacqueline Quealy, Hillside Quealy & McGee families
Sat 29th	7.30 p.m.	Michelle Bonner
Sun 30th	8.30 a.m.	Tom & Nancy Talbot
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Noel Houlihan (1st Ann)



Please Pray for the Soul of

Rose Gunning, Green Street

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.

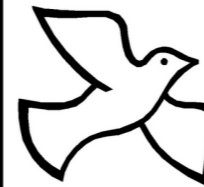
Parish Office New Opening Hours

The Parish Office is now 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

Sacrament Dates



Confirmation for pupils from **Carrig N.S.** and the **Parish Preparation Programme** will take place next **Friday 28th August at 7.30 p.m.** in St. Brendan's Church. We pray for these children as they take the next step on their faith journey.

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



First Holy Communion for pupils from **Crinkill N.S.** will take place next **Sunday 30th August at 12 noon.**

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

First Holy Communion for pupils from **Mercy P.S.** will take place on **Saturday 5th September at 1.00 p.m.**

A Time of Transition:

This week marks the **retirement of Mrs Ming Loughnane, as Principal of St. Brendan's Community School.** Mrs Loughnane has given over 40 years dedicated service at St. Brendan's as teacher, Deputy-Principal and Principal. We wish her health and happiness in her retirement. Congratulations to Birr man Mr John Kennedy who is succeeding Mrs Loughnane, as Principal. We extend our congratulations and prayers to Mr Kennedy for the success of his new role and the continued advancement of the school. May the blessings of the School's patron St. Brendan of Birr be with the staff and students at this time.

Thank you

A very **sincere thanks to the COVID-19 team** in both **Birr and Carrig** who enable us to celebrate our liturgies with the role of ushers/stewards and again sanitising after each Mass. We acknowledge and thank parishioners and all who use our churches for your co-operation and understanding.

Parish Development Fund Collection - €460 Many Thanks

We acknowledge the generosity of the people of the parish through your continued financial contributions. It is very much appreciated.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Scoilbhliain Úr.

Beidh múinteoirí agus daltaí ag filleadh ar scoileanna roimh dheireadh na míosa seo. Cheana féin tá ceannairí ag ullmhú cúinsí le filleadh ar na scoileanna don bhliain acadúil úr. Tá orthu gnáthaimh scoile nua a bhunú a thacódh le sláinte agus sábháilteacht na ndaltaí, na múinteoirí agus gach uile dhuine ar fhoireann na scoile le linn Covid-19. Tá súil againn go n-éireoidh leo.

Tús maith leath na hoibre. Guimis ar son múinteoirí agus lucht teagasc ag an am dúshlánach seo agus iad ag tabhairt aire agus ag soláthar oideachais don aos óg. Beannaigh iad ina gcuid oibre, a íosa. Molaimid don aos óg aird a dhíriú ag tús na scoilbhliana ar an gcomhairle seo a leanas ón mbéaloideas. Na trí nithe nach féidir leo casadh go brách: lá ó scoil, Domhnach ón Aifreann, lá ó cheird.

Ní ualach do dhuine an léann agus seo an chomhairle ó fhile anaithnid:

*I d'óige oscail do mheabhair,
Is bailigh an fhoghlaim leat;
Óir an glór nach dtuigeann an ceann
Is cuma é ann nó as.*

Is í seo a leanas paidir an mhúinteora:

Cuir ar mo chumas múineadh le heagna, mar cabhraim i múnú na haigne. Ullmhaigh mé chun múineadh le firinne, mar cabhraimse i múnú coinsiasa. Spreag mé chun múineadh le fis mar cabhraimse i múnú na todhchaí. Cuir ar mo chumas múineadh le grá mar cabhraimse i múnú an domhain. Áiméan.

New School Year

Teachers and students will be returning to schools before the end of this month. Leaders are already preparing for the new academic year. They must establish new school routines that support the health and safety of students and staff and prevent Covid-19 from spreading in the schools. We hope they will be successful.

A good start is half the work. Let us pray for our teachers and educators at this challenging time as they care for and provide education for young people. Bless them in their work. We advise students to remember the following from Irish folklore: Three things you can never get back: a day absent from school, a Sunday without Mass and a day away from one's trade. Learning is no burden and it is worth listening to this anonymous poet's advice:

*In your youth open your mind
and acquire an education,
for knowledge your intellect
does not understand is useless.*

This is a teacher's prayer:

Enable me to teach with wisdom as I shape the mind. Prepare me to teach with truth as I shape conscience. Encourage me to teach with vision as I help shape the future. Enable me to teach with love as I help shape the world. Amen.