

## BIRR PARISH

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### Prayer for Grandparents

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them!

They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel Faith, guardian of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them. Mary, mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen  
*(Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)*

**Offaly Personal Assistant Services** are recruiting for Personal Assistants in Birr/Banagher area. We provide a practical service to people with disabilities in the community. No experience required. QQI training available on the scheme. Community Employment Scheme terms apply. Contact roisin@ocil.ie or on 085 8050539.

**National Grandparents Pilgrimage 2020** - Sunday 13 September at 3pm from Knock Basilica. This year the grandparents pilgrimage will be streamed online. We invite grandparents and their families everywhere to join us online at www.knockshrine.ie/watch.

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### Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 5th	7.30 p.m.	Michael & Teresa Milne & sons Michael & Raymond
Sun 6th	10.30 a.m.	Dettie Hayes (1st Ann) Dinny, John Joe, Marie & Pat Sheeran & family Corrigan family
	12 noon	Ray Nolan (1st Ann) Marie & Jim McMenamin Bessie & Charlie Fleury Ned King Carmel Danaher, Castletown, Fortal Piotr Pierog
Mon 7th	10.00 a.m.	Alice Higgins
Tues 8th	10.00 a.m.	Deceased Eucharistic Adorers
Wed 9th	10.00 a.m.	Mick "Corky" Roche Patsy Gleeson
Sat 12th	10.00 a.m.	Dan Bass & Bass family
	7.30 p.m.	Kathleen Carry (1st Ann) Tom Pardy Thomas "Charlie" Brummell Sheila & Paddy Slattery
Sun 13th	10.30 a.m.	Annie Smyth
	12 noon	Tom & Molly Smyth & Smyth family Peter King & son Charles Spain & Mulvey families, Killaun
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Tim Carey, Baroncourt



**Please Pray for the Soul of**  
John O'Flaherty, Shannon  
& formerly of Oxmantown Mall

### 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.

### 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**

**Congratulations** to the pupils from Crinkill N.S., St. Brendan's Boys P.S. and Mercy P.S. who received the **Sacrament of First Holy Communion** during the past week. This now completes all the sacramental celebrations and we would like to thank all the children and parents for their patience and understanding as dates changed. We thank everyone who made each celebration special.

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The **September Priests' Collection** will be taken up at all masses this Sunday. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity to this collection.

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**Face Coverings** - In line with Government guidelines we encourage all who come to church to wear a face mask or shield. It is mandatory in public indoor spaces.

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**Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of the Word (St. Brendan's)** - please collect your new rota from the back of the altar. Many thanks.

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### Ten Commandments for Kids

1. Thank God each day.
2. Be thoughtful and kind in what you say and do.
3. Share your things cheerfully.
4. Help family members without being asked.
5. Be true to what is really important.
6. Treat other people's things as if they were your own.
7. Take care of all living things - people, animals and plants.
8. Always tell the truth and be honest.
9. Be happy for your friends when good things happen to them.
10. Show God you love him by loving others.

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**Day For Life** is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life, at every stage and in every condition. This year it is celebrated on **Sunday 4th October**.

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In order to allow people to attend an anniversary Mass for their loved ones whilst church numbers are restricted we are reverting to having only **3 intentions per Mass**. We know this may cause some disappointment and hope you will understand the need to implement this measure. This will not affect intentions that have already been booked.

### Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

#### Breith na Maighdine Muire.

Dé Máirt 8 Meán Fómhair ceiliúrfar breith na Maighdine Muire. Tá an féasta seo á cheiliúradh san Eaglais ón séú haois déag. Chuir Naomh St. Romanos an Melodist, a bhí ina bhall d'Eaglais an Oirthir tús leis. Chum sé iomann in onóir don fhéasta. Leathanaigh an deabhóid go dtí an Róimh sa seachtú haois agus ina dhiaidh sin go dtí an tIarthar. Ba iad Joachim agus Anna tuismitheoirí na Maighdine Muire. De réir an tseanchais ní raibh aon pháistí eile acu. Bhí ardmheas ag ár sinsir ar Mhuire toisc gur Máthair Íosa í. Déarfaidís an Paidrín Páirteach gach oíche roimh dhul a chodladh, Go dtugaimid ómós di sna paidreacha Ceilteacha seo agus sinn ag iarraidh uirthi teacht i gcabhair orainn in am an ghátair:

**A Máthair ghlórmhair a chíos ár ndochar agus díobháil, go scara tú do bhrat beannaithe tharainn Áiméan.**

**A Mhuire na ngrást, a Máthair Mhic Dé, go gcuire tú ar mo leas mé.**  
**Go sábhála tú mé ar gach uile olc,**  
**Go sábhála tú mé idir anam is chorp**  
**Go sábhála tú mé ar muir is ar tír,**  
**Go sábhála tú mé ar lic na bpian.**  
**Garda na n-aingeal os mo chionn,**  
**Dia romham agus Dia liom.**  
**Áiméan.**

#### The Birth of the Blessed Virgin

On Tuesday next 8 September we celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast of Our Lady has been celebrated by the Church since the sixteenth century. St. Romanos the Melodist, a member of the Eastern Church, established the feast and composed a hymn for the occasion. The devotion spread to Rome in the seventeenth century and after that to the West. Joachim and Anna were Our Lady's parents. According to tradition they had no other children. Our ancestors had great devotion to Our Lady and the Rosary was said before retiring. May we honour Our Lady as we say the following Celtic prayers, asking her to be with us always.

**Glorious Mother who sees our distress and deprivation; may you enfold us in your blessed cloak Amen.**

**O Mary of Graces and mother of God**  
**May I tread in the paths that the righteous have trod**  
**And mayest thou save me from evil's control**  
**And mayest thou save me in body and soul.**  
**And mayest thou save me by land and by sea**  
**And mayest thou save me from tortures to be**  
**May the guard of the angels around me abide**  
**May God be before me and God at my side.**  
**Amen.**

Last Sunday's Collections - Many Thanks  
Basket Collection - €1,490  
Parish Development Fund - €1,500