

## 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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**Eucharistic Adoration** has resumed in St. Brendan's Church in the main body of the church on **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday** of each week from **10.30 a.m. to 12 noon**. We ask people to stay and keep watch with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

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### Birr Parish Finance

We are **very grateful** to parishioners who have continued to make donations to St. Brendan's Parish during these strange times with restricted church attendances and a challenging economic situation. **Donations** can be made to the parish in a number of ways:

1. Parish Envelopes (Cash or Cheque)  
Donations can be placed in the locked green box in St. Brendan's church beside the candle-labra. This box is opened daily,
2. Set up a standing order.
3. Electronic transfer to the Birr Parish bank account - IBAN - IE40 BOFI 9016 7724 9407 77.

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The **Parish Bereavement Group** continue to be available to people who need them via telephone. Unfortunately at the moment face to face meetings will not take place in line with HSE guidelines. If you need to talk to someone please call 089-4680926.

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The inaugural **Mary Immaculate College (MIC) Virtual Open Day** will take place on **Wednesday, 28 October** (9.30am-5pm). Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic the event replaces the traditional October Open Days held on the Limerick campus and the November Open Day held in MIC Thurles. Prospective students, including mature students, along with guidance counsellors and parents are encouraged to attend the event.

Participants will be able to virtually explore MIC's campuses via an interactive multi-media digital platform which will form a central part of the virtual Open Day experience. Live programme presentations will also be delivered and prospective students will be able to participate in Live Q & A sessions with academic and student services staff. Register now at [www.micopenday.ie](http://www.micopenday.ie).

## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 24th	7.30 p.m.	Elsie Pardy
Sun 25th	10.30 a.m.	William Smyth, Connaught Street Oisin Watkins Carroll Albert & Mary Kate Watkins Kathleen Grant Patrick Nevin Patrick & Maureen O'Brien, Tinnakelly
	12 noon	Michael Bowes (MM), Connaught St. Phil McNamara (MM) Elm Grove Peter Pardy
Tues 27th	10.00 a.m.	Kieran & Elizabeth Bannon Kitty Fox James Sullivan Bannon & Sullivan families
Sat 31st	7.30 p.m.	Carmel & Liam Ryan, Killeen
Sun 1st	10.30 a.m.	Tom & Norah Maguire Byrne & Mullaney families
	12 noon	Marian Nevin, Anne Moloney, & Louise Noone & their parents James & Kathleen Colohan

## November the Month of Remembering

On Sunday next, **1st November at 3.00 p.m.** you are invited to join with us via Parish Radio or on Facebook - Brendan Birr in a **service of remembering all our dead**.

You can also join with Bishop Fintan Monahan from Ennis Cathedral at the same time on the following link: <https://www.killaloediocese.ie/november-remembrance-for-the-faithful-departed/>

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### 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.

**Last Week's Donations - Many Thanks**  
**World Mission Sunday - €465**  
**Parish Development Fund - €950**  
**Shrines - €305**

## Remember - Clocks go back this Sunday 25th October.

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**"I plead with you--never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid."**

*St. John Paul II*

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**If I can stop one heart from breaking**  
*by Emily Dickinson*

If I can stop one heart from breaking,  
I shall not live in vain;  
If I can ease one life the aching,  
Or cool one pain,  
Or help one fainting robin  
Unto his nest again,  
I shall not live in vain.

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Under the current government restrictions the **Parish Office** will remain closed to the public until Tuesday December 1st. You can continue to book masses or order Mass Cards by contacting Emer on 057-9122028. The newsletter will be printed as usual and will be available in church porches and in shops around the town.

We are especially grateful to the following **shop owners** who allow us to leave newsletters for parishioners - Horan's Daybreak, Newbridge Street, Mulrooney's Gala, Wilmer Road, Carrig Stores, Corrib Oil, Banagher Road and Loughnane's Centra, Tullamore Road.

**With these new restrictions Mass** will continue to be celebrated behind closed doors. It will take place each morning at 10.00 a.m. and at the weekend on Saturday night Vigil at 7.30 p.m. and Sunday morning at 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon. Unfortunately no Mass will be celebrated in Carrig Church or at 8.30 a.m. on Sunday.

Mass intentions will continue to be prayed for as requested and intentions booked for Carrig and the 8.30 a.m. Mass will be included in the 10.30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

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 the country are lifted.

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

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

**Smaoineamh.**

Tá an Fómhar thart agus an Geimhreadh thar tairseach isteach chugainn. Gabhaimid buíochas le Dia as torthaí na talún a chur ar fáil go flúirseach dúinn. Beirimid buíochas le feirmeoirí agus le pobal garraíodóireachta a shaothraigh an talamh. Nár laga Dia iad. Tá ardú mór ar líon na ndaoine a bhfuil víreas corónach tolgtha acu in Éirinn. Tá dianghlasáil i réim arís agus na srianta nua fógartha ag an Rialtas. Caithfidh daoine a thuiscint gur bagairt atá sa ghalar seo dóibh féin agus dá dteaghlach. Anois an t-am do gach aon duine againn beart a dhéanamh láithreach. Tá daoine an-bhuartha agus eagla mhór orthu roimh an víreas. Is paidir shimplí í seo atá againn ó Naomh Treasa d'Avila is féidir a rá chun sólas a bheith againn.

**Ná cuireadh aon rud isteach ort.  
Ná bíodh aon rud ag cur eagla ort,  
Gluaiseann gach rud thart,  
Ní athraíonn Dia riamh,  
Foighne is fearr ar gach rud,  
Níl easnamh ar dhuine le Dia,  
Is leor Dia dúinn. Áiméan.**

Dúirt Íosa linn,  
**"Tógaigí oraibh mo chuing agus tagaigí ar scoil chugamsa, mar táim ceansa uiríseal ó chroí, agus gheobhaidh sibh faoiseamh do bhur n'anama-cha."** (Matha 11:29-30).

### Thoughts

Autumn is over and Winter approaching. We thank God for the fruits of the earth. We thank farmers and horticulturalists who cultivated the land. The number of cases of coronavirus has increased in Ireland. The Government has introduced new restrictions. We must understand that this virus is a threat to us and to our families. Now is the time for each of us to act. Many are very worried and afraid of the virus. This simple prayer of St. Teresa of Avila can help us.

**Let nothing disturb you,  
Let nothing frighten you,  
All things are passing:  
God never changes.  
Patient endurance attains all things  
Whoever has God lacks nothing;  
God alone suffices. Amen.**

Jesus himself said,  
**"Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."** (Matthew 11:29-30).

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