

## BIRR PARISH

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*Monday - Friday (including Wednesday)*  
*9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.*

**Fr. Tom Hogan**—057-9121757  
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**St. Pio Mass will take place next Thursday** evening 19th November at 7.30 p.m. This Mass will be said behind closed doors but will be broadcast on our radio link and on Facebook "Brendan Birr".

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**November Envelopes** are available in the church porches and on the altar rails of **St. Brendan's**. Envelopes with the names of your dead should be placed in the green box at the altar rails. Masses for the **Holy Souls** will be offered during the month of November.

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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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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.

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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 candleabra. 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.

**Online Donations for October - €850.00**

**Last Week's Donations - Many Thanks**  
**Parish Donations - €1,075**

## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 14th	7.30 p.m.	Gloria Hansbury, Syngefield Tommy Doherty, Crinkill
Sun 15th	10.30 a.m.	Mary O'Callaghan John Murdon Des & Bridget Wilson Roy & Teresa Breen Michael Quinn, Croghan
	12 noon	Gilmartin & Ryan families Michael Purcell Connie Gormley & daughter Lucy Mary Loonam, Annagh Damien Martin Deegan Catherine McGilton
Mon 16th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Souls
Tues 17th	10.00 a.m.	John & Ellen Birmingham
Wed 18th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Souls
Thur 19th	10.00 a.m.	Matt Clifford, Burkes Hill
Fri 20th	10.00 a.m.	Patrick Hutchinson, High Street Margaret Roe Terry & Georgie Lynskey
Sat 21st	10.00 a.m.	Sean Mulholland Sheila Murdock, Presentation Place
	7.30 p.m.	Lizzy Kelly (1st Ann) Bessie Loughnane (1st Ann) Willie & Mary Coughlan & Coughlan family Jim Fogarty, Roscrea Road
Sun 22nd	10.30 a.m.	Gareth Turner Michael & Agnes Parkinson Paddy & Annie Mannion O'Meara & Mahon family Bobby Sheils
	12 noon	Oliver Craughwell John Gilmartin Sean Cooke, Crinkill Frank, Josephine & Dolores Higgins Joe & Delia Barry & sons Gerry, Des & David Brendan Keeshan Gerry & Celia Hart



### Please Pray for the Souls of

Adrian Cahill, Bulfin Park,  
John Hutchinson, Cappaneale,  
Mary Harte (nee Naylor),  
Sr. Immaculata (Pat) Harrington,  
Kilrush & late of Sisters of Mercy, Birr  
Collette Maguire, Dublin, sister-in-law of  
Una O'Brien, Carrig.

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**Anonymous**

## Day of Remembrance

Because 2020 has been a year like no other, the Diocese of Killaloe, in collaboration with the Anglican Diocese of Limerick, Killaloe & Ardfert, has decided to hold a **Day of Remembrance** on November 20<sup>th</sup> for those who have died in 2020. This Day aims to acknowledge those who have died this year and those who have been bereaved through the death of loved ones. It includes the remembrance of those who have died as a result of the global pandemic, as well as those who have died from other causes during the year. The day will help us to remember our own beloved dead but also acknowledge and pray for those whose passing and mourning has been so cruelly affected by the COVID protocols in hospitals and nursing homes and around funerals.

The focus of the Remembrance Day will be on short moments of prayer in which everyone can participate at home. These include the following:

- A short radio message and blessing from Bishop Fintan and Bishop Kenneth Kearon (Church of Ireland) will mark the beginning of the day's prayer. (This will also be available on diocesan and parish websites, on Facebook and other social media platforms).
- A Diocese-wide moment of silence and individual prayer at 12 noon to remember the dead and bereaved. The angelus bell will be a reminder of this moment.
- A short prayer time to be broadcast on Clare FM and Tipp FM on Friday evening around 7 p.m.
- People are invited to light candles and place them in the window in the evening as an act of remembrance.

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### Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot now 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.

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

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.

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### Lá Domhanda na mBocht

Inniu Lá Domhanda na mBocht. Sa bhliain 2016, d'fhógair an Pápa Proinsias go mbeadh an Domhnach seo tiomanta do na boicht ar an lá seo gach bliain. Is é an téama a thugann sé dúinn do 2020 ná: 'Sín do lámh don bochtáin' (Siorach 7:32). Mhol an Pápa dúinn ár n-aird a dhíriú ar na boicht i mbliana go háirithe le linn Covid -19. Spreagann sé sinn chun muinín a bheith againn i nDia fiú in aimsir an chruatain agus guí ar son daoine boichta ar fud na cruinne agus na heagraíochtaí a thugann tacaíocht dóibh.

Is é Íosa Críost féin atá linn sa duine bocht. "Bhí ocras orm agus thug sibh rud le hithe dom" (Matha 25: 35). Dúirt Naomh Uinsíonn de Pól "is iad na boicht ár máistrí. Is iad Críost féin inár measc". Ghlac Mother Teresa uirthi féin freastal ar na daoine is boichte agus maireachtáil ina measc. Ar an Domhnach seo b'fhiú dúinn machnamh ar Phríomhoibreacha na Trócaire, seo a leanas.

- Bia a thabhairt don ocrach.
- Deoch a thabhairt don tartmhar.
- Éadach a thabhairt don nocht.
- Dul ag fiosrú na ndaoine atá i mbraighdeanas.
- Óstaíocht a thabhairt don deoraí.
- Dul ag fiosrú na n-easlán.
- Adhlacadh na marbh.

### World Day of the Poor

Today is World Day of the Poor. Pope Francis announced in 2016 that this particular Sunday be dedicated to the Poor. The theme given to us by the Pope this year is "Stretch forth your hand to the poor" (Sir 7:32). The Pope has asked us to pay heed to the poor at this time of Covid -19. He insists that we must trust in God even in time of hardship and pray for poor people worldwide and for those who support them. Christ himself is among us. "I was hungry, and you gave me to eat" (Matthew 25:35). Saint Vincent de Paul said "The poor are our masters. Christ himself is among us". Mother Teresa chose to serve the poorest of the poor and to live among them. On this Sunday we can reflect on the Corporal Works of Mercy:

- To feed the hungry.
- To give water to the thirsty.
- To clothe the naked.
- To shelter the homeless.
- To visit the sick.
- To visit the imprisoned.
- To bury the dead.

**Mass** continues 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.