

BIRR PARISH

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COLOUR ME

In these times of Government lockdown and restrictions on attendances at public masses, many people who are unable to attend church services are interested in contributing to the support of their parish or their priests. Sincere thanks to all our parishioners who have contributed during this time. It is now possible to make a contribution by credit or debit card directly to your parish using the Diocesan Website – www.killaloe-diocese.ie. The full contribution as received by the Diocesan website will be fully paid to your parish. Simply go to the Diocesan Website and click on the red "Donate to your Parish" button on the top of the page. You will be invited to select your parish and the parish fund you wish to contribute to. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 2nd	7.30 p.m.	May O'Keeffe Agnes Pardy Bridget Fogarty Evan Hogan Anne & John Sherlock
Sun 3rd	10.30 a.m.	Denis Guinan Mary "May" Carroll, Roscrea
	12 noon	Geraldine Bergin, Emmet Street Geoff Liffey
Mon 4th	10.00 a.m.	Margaret & Michael Quin, sons Patrick, William & Noel & daughter Margaret
Wed 6th	10.00 a.m.	Denny Tierney John & Bridget Doyle Doyle & McCarthy families
Sat 9th	7.30 p.m.	Jim & Mollie Brien Tom & Mary Brummell & son Tony Evelyn Bell & parents Michael & Margaret Pardy
Sun 10th	10.30 a.m.	Elizabeth O'Meara Michael & Nora Grennan Thomas Wrafter
	12 noon	Eileen Talbot (1st Ann) & husband Des



Please pray for the souls of

Patricia Power, Oxmantown Mall,
 Maura Hogan, Templeberry,
 mother of Fr. Tom Hogan, John's Place,

COVID-19 Level 5 Restrictions

With the current **Level 5** restrictions our masses will continue to be said behind closed doors. However, they will be streamed on Facebook "Brendan Birr" and will be available over the radio link.

The church will be closed during mass times but will be open for private prayer. We ask that you observe the seating guidelines and sanitise your hands before entering the church.

During these restrictions Mass will be said each morning, Monday to Saturday at 10.00 a.m. Vigil mass will be celebrated on Saturday evenings at 7.30 p.m. and Sunday masses will be said at 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon. Intentions for Carrig and the 8.30 a.m. will be said at the 10.30 a.m. mass.

*The Parish Office will **NOT** be open to the public during Level 5 restrictions.
 Please telephone 057-9122028 to book masses.
 Mass cards can be ordered by telephone also. We appreciate your understanding at this time.*

Happy New Year

We wish you every blessing for the New Year and we look forward to supporting one another and praying with one another during 2021. We pray that this new year will bring hope to many after the difficult year that was 2020.

New Year Prayer

God, thank you for a new year.
 May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate.
 We know that you are always ready to forgive us.
 Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year,
 remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires.
 Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do.
 Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past,
 so that we might live in peace with you now,
 one day at a time. Amen.

The Epiphany

We celebrate the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child on 6th January when we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. Mass will be celebrated at 10.00 a.m. only.

Epiphany Prayer

Dear Jesus,
 as You led the Three Kings to You by the light of a star,
 please draw us ever closer to You by the light of Faith.
 Help us to desire You as ardently as they did.
 Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from You.
 May we, like them, have something to give You when we appear before You.
 Mary, Our Mother, help us to know Your Son.
 Amen.

Thank you for your generous financial support to the parish throughout 2020 in what are difficult times for many people. We hope to have our parish accounts published by the end of this month.

Donation Envelopes can be left in the green box at the altar rails. We thank you for your continued support at this time.

St. Brendan's Ministers of the Word - New rotas are available from back of altar if you have not collected yours.

Ring Out, Wild Bells (from In Memoriam)

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
 The flying cloud, the frosty light:
 The year is dying in the night;
 Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.
 Ring out the old, ring in the new,
 Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
 The year is going, let him go;
 Ring out the false, ring in the true.
 Ring out the grief that saps the mind
 For those that here we see no more;
 Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
 Ring in redress to all mankind.
 Ring out a slowly dying cause,
 And ancient forms of party strife;
 Ring in the nobler modes of life,
 With sweeter manners, purer laws.
 Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
 The faithless coldness of the times;
 Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes
 But ring the fuller minstrel in.
 Ring out false pride in place and blood,
 The civic slander and the spite;
 Ring in the love of truth and right,
 Ring in the common love of good.
 Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
 Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
 Ring out the thousand wars of old,
 Ring in the thousand years of peace.
 Ring in the valiant man and free,
 The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
 Ring out the darkness of the land,
 Ring in the Christ that is to be.

By Lord Alfred Tennyson



A sincere **Thank You** to all who helped us during the Christmas season, it was very much appreciated. A special thanks to our stewards and cleaners as well as Birr Responders and Birr GAA who helped with our Christmas masses. We especially thank you, our parishioners, for your understanding that we could not accommodate everyone during our Christmas celebrations this year.