

BIRR PARISH

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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 COVID-19 (Coronavirus). 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. .

We would like to thank the following shops who are facilitating distribution of the newsletter:

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Feastdays this Week

March 8th - Feast of St. Senan - he was born near Kilrush, Co. Clare. He is one the patron saints of the Diocese of Killaloe together with St. Flannan and St. Lua. His vocation seems to have resulted from an experience of danger from the sea. His early studies were mainly made at the monastery of Kilnarnagh. His principal monastic foundation was on Scattery Island, near Kilrush, in the Shannon Estuary. He was anamchara to Ciaran of Clonmacnois and Brendan. He died around 544.

March 1th - Feast of St Aengus - he was a monk in Clonenagh, Co. Laois, who came to the monastery at Tallaght at the end of the eighth century during the abbacy of Maelruain to spend a period under his direction. He is renowned for his devotion to both foreign and native saints and composed two martyrologies, He returned to Clonenagh, where he became abbot and bishop. He died around 824.

Birr Parish App



A new app for Android phones has been developed by Jerome and Paul Mathew, Annagh for our parish and can be downloaded from the app store. Look for Birr Parish. It combines the parish website, our Facebook page and our YouTube channel.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 6th	7.30 p.m.	Michael & Kathleen Regan & sons Alan & David Margaret "Mossie" Kelly McMahon James & Margaret Horan, Beech Avenue Tom O'Meara, Beech Avenue Jack Roberts & Roberts family, Birr & Crinkill Sheila Cash
Sun 7th	10.30 a.m.	John O'Neill, New Road, (1st Ann) Agnes Pearson Martin & Molly Carroll & sons & daughters Maureen Plunkett
	12 noon	Dick Johnston Jackie Burke
Tues 9th	10.00 a.m.	Tommy, Nora, Pat & Willie Reynolds Deceased Eucharistic Adorers
Wed 10th	10.00 a.m.	John Fay, Clareen Brendan & Margaret Hutchinson & family Ellen Doyle
Thur 11th	10.00 a.m.	Tom & Hanny McCarthy & daughter Doll
Sat 13th	7.30 p.m.	Tommy, Con & Liz Kennedy
Sun 14th	10.30 a.m.	Patricia Shelly Mary Tuohey
Sun 15th	12 noon	Ann Maughan



Please pray for the souls of

Martin McCarthy, Clonoghill Lower,
Tom O'Driscoll, Easkey, Sligo,
brother of Sr. Anne,
Sisters of Mercy, Riverside.



Season of Lent

God, heavenly Father,
look upon me
and hear my prayer
during this holy Season of Lent.
By the good works You inspire,
help me to discipline my body
and to be renewed in spirit.

A Lenten Prayer for Spiritual Renewal

Without You I can do nothing.
By Your Spirit help me to know
what is right and to be eager
in doing Your will.
Teach me to find new
life through penance.
Keep me from sin, and help me live
by Your commandment of love.
God of love, bring me back to You.
Send Your Spirit to make me strong
in faith and active in good works.
May my acts of penance
bring me Your forgiveness,
open my heart to Your love,
and prepare me for the coming feast
of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Lord, during this Lenten Season,
nourish me with Your Word of life
and make me one with You
in love and prayer.

Fill my heart with Your love
and keep me faithful
to the Gospel of Christ.
Give me the grace to rise
above my human weakness.
Give me new life by Your Sacraments,
especially the Mass.

Father, our source of life,
I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand;
let me walk more readily in Your ways.
Guide me in Your gentle mercy,
for left to myself I cannot do Your Will.

Father of love, source of all blessings,
help me to pass from my old life of sin
to the new life of grace.
Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom.
I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Your Son, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

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Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí Márta.

Mí Márta, mí an fheirmeora, mí na sailchuaiche, mí na Féile Pádraig. Bí linn, a Thiarna le linn na míosa seo. Is í intinn an Phápa don mhí ná: Guímis go bhféadfaimis sacraimint an athmhuintearais a cheiliúradh le doimhneacht athnuaithe, chun trócaire Dé gan teorainn a bhlaiseadh.

Eagraítear Seachtain na Gaeilge roimh Lá Fhéile Pádraig gach bliain. Leagtar béim ar úsáid na Gaeilge chomh minic agus is féidir. I mbliana beidh imeachtaí á reáchtáil ar líne chomh maith. Ba cheart dúinn Gaeilge a labhairt i rith an ama seo. Gabhaimis buíochas le Dia as ucht na hoidhreachta iontaí atá bronnta orainn in Éirinn, ár dteanga dhúchais, oidhreacht an cheoil, damhsa agus amhránaíochta agus oidhreacht grá don oideachas. Go maire an Ghaeilge slán. Seo a leanas Paidir do Ghaeilgeoirí:

A Thiarna, labhair tú leis na ciníocha ina dteangacha dílse féin Domhnach Cincise. Labhair tú fós le muin-tir na hÉireann ina dteanga féin trí Phádraig, Bhríd, Cholm Cille agus naoimh uile ár dtíre. Soilsigh ár n-aighe chun urraim a thabhairt don oidhreacht uasal a tháinig chugainn tríd an teanga sin, agus neartaigh ár dtoil chun í a shlánú agus a láidriú chun do ghlóire féin agus onóir na hÉireann trí Chríost ár dTiarna Áiméan

Month of March

March, month of the spring planting, month of the violets, the month of St. Patrick. Be with us Lord during this month. The Pope's intention is: Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Seachtain na Gaeilge is celebrated before St. Patrick's Day every year. Irish language events will be launched all over Ireland mostly virtual and online this year. This is an opportunity to improve and use our Irish language skills. We thank God for the wonderful heritage that has been bestowed on us in Ireland, our native language, our heritage of music, dance, and song the love for education. Long live the Irish language. The following is a prayer for Irish speakers:

Lord, you spoke to the nations in their own languages on Pentecost Sunday. Enlighten our minds to respect the noble heritage that came to us through our language and increase our desire to secure and strengthen it for your glory and the honour of Ireland through Christ our Lord. Amen

Donations to Parish Funds for February 2021 (including online donations) was **€5,766**. A very sincere **thank you** for your contributions. They are very much appreciated. Donations can be left in the green box by the altar rails in St. Brendan's.