

BIRR PARISH

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Monday - Friday 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

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Ministers of the Word - St. Brendan's

New rotas available for collection from behind the altar.

Radio Maria is Ireland's only Catholic radio station is available 24/7 and covers prayer, catechesis and human formation. It is advert and politics free. There are a number of ways to listen and join in:

1. Download the app on your mobile phone. Search for "Radio Maria Ireland" in the App Store.
2. Online at www.radiomaria.ie
3. On Facebook - search for "Radio Maria Ireland"
4. On Saorview TV - Channel 210

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.

Killaloe Diocese Youth Ministry presents a Blessing for All Young People - There will be a Blessing for all young people of the diocese, primary, secondary and college age on Sunday 9th May at 12 noon. It will be available for viewing on www.killaloeodiocese.ie and all diocesan social media platforms including Youtube. There are lovely scenes from Mount Saint Joseph Abbey, Roscrea, Ennis and from Star of the Sea Church, Quilty including scenes by the sea.

Trócaire

We acknowledge Trócaire contributions for the Lenten Appeal. To date **€5,664** has been received. You can drop your Trócaire boxes into the Sacristy each morning between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon. Many thanks.

Sponsored By

Birr Town F.C.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 8th	7.30 p.m.	Patrick Kearns (MM) Billy Watson
Sun 9th	10.30 a.m.	Paddy Molloy (1st Ann) Valerie McIntyre Mary & Mick Hogan, Crinkill
	12 noon	Martin Hynes, Castle Gardens Sarah Barry Turley
Mon 10th	10.00 a.m.	Tim Hutchinson
Tues 11th	10.00 a.m.	Deceased Eucharistic Adorers
Fri 14th	10.00 a.m.	John McCarthy & daughters Celine & Lorraine McCarthy family
Sat 15th	10.00 a.m.	Seamus & Chris Kennedy
	7.30 p.m.	Annio Coughlan (MM) Edward & Mary Sherlock & son Eddie
Sun 16th	10.30 a.m.	Donie "Dan" Carroll, Bulfin Park
	12 noon	Kathleen & James Colohan Patrick Hutchinson Mary & John Murray Fr. Henry Torpey Patrick Roddy



Please Pray for the Soul of

Mike Davis, Emmet Street.

Mike Davis

Mike Davis, Emmet Street, died peacefully on May 1st after a short illness. He faithfully played the organ for our weekday Mass and Saturday evening Mass in St. Brendan's over the past 10 years. He was also a member of the parish choir over a long number of years. We acknowledge and thank Mike for the way he enriched our liturgies with sharing generously of his musical talents.

Mike lived life to the full. His warm and outgoing personality enabled him to connect with so many people, both young and old.

We offer sympathy to his beloved wife Mary and his family, Lorna and Anthony, Barry and Ellen, Owen and Justine and family circle. Rest in peace Mike and thank you for the memories.

Tom Hogan

Remember Me

When I come to the end of my journey
and I travel my last weary mile,
just forget, if you can, that I ever frowned
and remember only the smile.
Forget unkind words I have spoken;
remember some good I have done.
Forget that I ever had heartache,
And remember I've had lots of fun.
In summer just gather some flowers
and remember the place where I lay,
Stand for a few moments
and remember only my best.

Re-opening of Our Churches

Most people are aware that from this **Monday, May 10th** it will be possible to have congregations at our weekday and weekend Masses. There is a limit of 50 people in each church with the exception of large churches where a number of pods of people not exceed 50 can be created as long as they remain separate from each other. The precautions that were established between June and December last year will still be in place and Mass goers are requested to co-operate with whatever procedure is in place in your parish. People may also attend Mass by sitting in cars outside churches where this is feasible and received Holy Communion in their cars.

The **Parish Office** will re-open to the public on **Monday 17th May** in line with government guidelines but in the meantime Mass Intentions, Mass Cards and Bouquets can be requested over the phone on 057-9122028.

May is Safeguarding Month in the Diocese of Killaloe

With the good news that our churches are set to open, safeguarding checks within the parish will take place to ensure and maintain a safe environments. We welcome people back and offer our continued reassurance of our commitment to safeguarding in the parish and Diocese.

Safeguarding Prayer

Lord Jesus,
Hear our voices as we pray
for your care and protection.
Strengthen and guide us as we strive
to make our Catholic communities
a safe place for all.
We especially ask that the children
and vulnerable adults you entrust
to our care are protected.
Give us the wisdom and courage
to listen with open hearts,
see with open eyes,
and speak out to ensure children
and vulnerable adults are safe,
loved, respected, and cared for.
May we also pray for those
who have been harmed.
Give them the courage
to seek the truth and to heal.
Lord, you call us to walk with integrity
in the service of others.
May we all strive to understand
our collective responsibility
to work together to safeguard
our Catholic communities.
Guide us as we build a community
that fosters everyone to flourish and be safe.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord,
Amen.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Smaoineamh

Tá roinnt mhaith srianta a bhí i bhfeidhm sa stát ó thús na bliana maolaithe ach mar sin féin deir Feidhmeannach na Seirbhíse Sláinte go gcaithfidh an pobal a bheith airdeallach i gcónaí agus smaoineamh go bhfuil Covid-19 fós linn. Is é freagracht phearsanta agus dea-iompar daoine a choimeádfaimid saor ón gcruachás. Ó amárach 10 Bealtaine beidh cead againn freastal ar an Aifreann agus ar sheirbhísí eaglasta eile. Is cúis mhór áthais dúinn go léir é sin. Bímis dóchasach agus foighneach. Tá Dia láidir agus tá máthair mhaith aige. Tá an vacsaín glactha ag roinnt mhaith den daonra faoi láthair agus le cúnamh Dé cuirfear deireadh leis an paindéimeach go luath amach anseo, agus beidh seans againn go léir filleadh ar ghnáthshaol, saor ó thuilleadh dhianghlasála agus sriantachta agus bheith i gcomhlúadar ár gcairde. Is féidir iarraidh ar an Mhaighdean Mhuire teacht i gcabhair orainn agus an Choroín Mhuire a rá i rith mí na Bealtaine atá tiomnaithe dí. Idir an dá linn is féidir linn machnamh an phaidir seo ó Naomh Treasa d' Avila a rá.

Ná cuireadh aon rud isteach ort.

Ná bíodh aon rud ag cur eagla ort,

Níl i in aon rud ach seal

Ní athraíonn Dia riamh,

Foighne is fearr ar gach rud,

Níl easnamh ar ar dhuine gur gaire dó Dia

Thoughts

Many of the restrictions that have been in place since the beginning of the year have been eased but the Health Service Executive says that the public must be vigilant because Covid-19 i may still pose a threat. Personal responsibility and proper behaviour will keep us safe. From tomorrow 10 May we can attend Mass and other Church Services. Let us be optimistic. Nothing is impossible to God. Many have received the vaccine and soon we will have the opportunity to return to normal life, free from restrictions and be in the company of our friends. We can ask Our Lady to come to our aid and pray the Rosary during the month of May which is devoted to her. In the meantime, we can reflect on the words of Saint Teresa of Avila.

Let nothing disturb you,

Let nothing frighten you,

All things are passing:

God never changes.

Patience obtains all things

Whoever has God lacks nothing;

God alone suffices. Amen