

BIRR PARISH

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May is Safeguarding Month

One of the impacts of COVID is a rise in the 'amount of screen' time. Finding ourselves spending more time looking 'down' than looking 'up'. This is especially worrying for children. Please check out these useful Websites with resources for keeping our children safe online. *Office for internet Safety; Webwise; That's not cool; Think you know; Net lingo; Translate it; Laya Healthcare Online Safety; Screen Time app; Connect Safely; Google Family Safety Centre; PEGI Rating System; Kid Rex (safe search); YouTube Policy & safety; ICIA'S Parents Guide to Mobile Phones Irish Mobile Phone Operators Code of Practice.* (courtesy Dr Maureen Griffin)

Lakeland Language Centre are looking for host families in the Birr area to take in Spanish students for the next Academic Year. If you are interested or want more information please call Justin on 085-8659667 or Gabriella on 085-8596657.

Irish Volunteer Agency Creates Online Global Network : Viatores Christi, a faith-based development organisation has specialised in the recruitment, training and deployment of overseas volunteers since 1960. VC have just launched, along with our partner agencies in Volunteering for Humanity, a new Online Discussion Forum that is open to all! The Forum is an online community that is free for everyone to join and to start discussions about volunteering - how to become a volunteer; to share stories and to find volunteering opportunities such as the #EUAVI. To learn more about the forum go to our website www.vcvolunteers.ie

Birr Parish Finance

We are **very grateful** to parishioners who have continued to make donations to St. Brendan's Parish. **Donations** can be made to the parish in a number of ways - via Parish Envelopes, set up a standing order or via electronic transfer to the Birr Parish bank account - IBAN - IE40 BOFI 9016 7724 9407 77.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 29th	7.30 p.m.	Maureen Plunkett (1st Ann) Tim & Maureen Ryan & son Michael Jimmy Kelly
Sun 30th	8.30 a.m.	Paddy Corrigan, Castle Street
	10.30 a.m.	Donal & Margie Brady Tom & Betty Connole, The Thatch Pake & Lil Egan William Cooney, John's Mall
	12 noon	John Giles James Hegarty, John Daly & Carmel Slammon Rosemarie Mooney, Woodlands Park Rita Carroll, The Ring, & Carroll family
Mon 31st	10.00 a.m.	Jack, Rose & Catherine Grimes
Tues 1st	10.00 a.m.	Joe Carroll
Wed 2nd	10.00 a.m.	Brian McManus
Sat 5th	7.30 p.m.	Martin Byrne (1st Ann), Clonoghill Upper
Sun 6th	10.30 a.m.	Jane, Seamus & Martin Yates Mary Hehir & son Geoffrey, High Street
	12 noon	Celine & Lorraine McCarthy
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Teresa Kennedy

Please Pray for the Souls of



Maurice Coffey, Edenderry,
father of Dave Coffey, The Crescent,
Sr. Johanna Rohan,
sister of Bro. Ultan,
Mary Kelly, Cooraclare,
sister of Michael Quealy, Hillside,
Eamon Morris, Eyrecourt,
brother of Jimmy, John's Place.

Sleeping St. Joseph Fridge Magnets

Pope Francis has promoted devotion to the Sleeping Saint Joseph. Joseph, while he was asleep was visited by the Holy Spirit in his dreams when making difficult decisions in his life. So Pope Francis puts his prayer request under the image of the Sleeping St. Joseph when he is going to sleep in the evening time. The next day he will revisit the presenting issue with fresh insight.

Fridge Magnets of Sleeping St. Joseph are now on sale in the Parish Office and after Mass.

€3.00 each or 2 for €5.00.

All proceeds to Birr Parish.

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Birr Town F.C.

Just For A Minute

I remember when I was only four,
Mother would bring me round to the store,
and just outside of the Church she's stand,
and 'Come in' she'd say, reaching down for my hand
- 'Just for a minute'.

And then I started going to school
She's bring me down every day as a rule
But first the steps to the Church we would climb
And she's say: 'We'll go in - you've always got time'
- 'Just for a minute'.

Then I got real big, I mean seven years old,
and I went by myself, but was always told
when you're passing the church,
don't forget to call and tell the Lord about lessons and
all - 'Just for a minute'

Sometimes I run most of the way
or meet some guys and we stop to play
but I manage to squeeze out time enough
to make the church where I pant and puff
- 'Just for a minute'.

And now it's sort of a habit I've got
in the evening coming from Casey's lot
though it takes me out of my way a bit
to slip into Church with my hat and mitt
- 'Just for a minute'

But sometime I see the other fellows
standing around and I just go yellow
I pass by the door but a Voice within
seems to say, real sad, 'So you wouldn't come in'
- 'Just for a minute'.

There are things inside of me bad and good that
nobody knows and nobody could
excepting our Lord and I like him to know and
He helps when in for a visit I go
- 'Just for a minute'.

He finds it lonesome when nobody comes
(There are hours upon hours when nobody comes)
and he's pleased when anybody passing by steps in
(though it's only a little guy)
- 'Just for a minute'.

I know what happens when people die,
but I won't be scared and I'll tell you why:
when Our Lord is judging my soul, I feel He'll
remember the times I went to kneel
- 'Just for a minute'.

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting takes place on **Wednesday 2nd June at 7.30 p.m.** in St. Brendan's church. All members are asked to attend.

THE TRINITY



Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Solúntas na Tríonóide Naofa.

Ceiliúramid Féile na Tríonóide Naofa inniu. Is í an Tríonóid an rúndiamhair is mó agus is doimhne de na rúndiamhra Chríostaí. Thóg sé na céadta bliain ar an Eaglais bealach a fháil chun foirmle a bhaint amach faoin rúndiamhair seo. Creidimid go bhfuil trí phearsa i nDia, gur Dia an tAthair, Dia an Mac agus Dia an Spiorad Naomh aon Dia amháin. Ní féidir leis an réasún daonna é seo a thuiscint ach tháinig Dia an Mac, Íosa Críost, ar an saol agus mhínigh Sé é sin dúinn. Ó lá ár mbaisteadh tagann Dia chun cónaithe ionainn. Cuireann an fhéile seo os ár gcomhair gurb é atá i ndán dúinn tar éis báis ná maireachtáil i láthair na Tríonóide ar feadh na síoraíochta. I gCóineartú tuigtear dúinn go bhfuil misean againn bheith dílis don chreideamh agus Íosa a fhógairt don saol mór. Is iad Comhartha na Croise, Glóir don Athair agus Beannachtaí na hEaglaise na deabhóidí is mó atá againn don Tríonóid Naofa agus na paidreacha is minice a deir-tear i rith an lae.

**Glóire don athair, agus don Mhac,
agus don Spiorad Naomh.
mar a bhí ó thús,
mar atá anois agus mar a bheas go brách,
le saol na saol. Áiméan.**

Trinity Sunday

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Blessed Trinity. It is the deepest of all Christian mysteries. The Church spent many years devising a formula for this mystery. We believe that there is only one God but there are three persons God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost in God. Human reason cannot understand this, but Jesus Christ came on earth and explained this to us. In Baptism God comes to dwell in us. This feast reminds us that after death we will live in the presence of the Trinity for all eternity. In Confirmation we are given the mission to be faithful to our Faith and to proclaim Jesus to the world. The Sign of the Cross, the Glory be to the Father and Church Blessings are the usual devotions to the Blessed Trinity which are recited many times daily.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**