

BIRR PARISH

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Dates for Sacraments 2021

First Reconciliation - all services start at 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 9th June - Mercy P.S.
 Thursday 10th June - St. Brendan's Boys P.S.
 Monday 14th - Killeen N.S.
 Tuesday 15th June - Carrig N.S. (In Carrig Church)
 Wednesday 16th June - Crinkill N.S.

We have been given the go ahead to set dates for **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation** assuming the Public Health situation continues to be positive.

First Holy Communion

Saturday 10th July

11.00 a.m. - Killeen N.S. & Parish Preparation Programme
 2.00 p.m. - St. Brendan's Boys P.S.
 4.00 p.m. - Crinkill N.S.

Sunday 11th July

9.30 a.m. Carrig N.S. (in Carrig Church)
 2.00 p.m. Mercy P.S.

Confirmation

Monday 5th July

5.30 p.m. - Mercy P.S. & Parish Preparation Programme
 7.30 p.m. - Crinkill N.S.

Tuesday 6th July

5.30 p.m. - Killeen N.S. & Carrig N.S.
 7.30 p.m. - St. Brendan's Boys N.S.

If these dates do not suit a family please contact the sacramental co-ordinator, Joan on 089-4400853.

Sponsored By

Anonymous

Remembered in Mass this Week

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	Trevor O'Shea, Marlborough Place, Dublin & Bulfin Park (MM) Celine & Lorraine McCarthy Brendan Burns
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Teresa & John Kennedy & their daughter Mary King Rice & Kennedy families Paddy Meara Ann & Sheila Lenihan
Mon 7th	10.00 a.m.	Anthony & Catherine Lawlor Sean, John & Bridget Horan Mary & Frank Dunne Heffernan & Lawlor families
Tues 8th	10.00 a.m.	Johnny & Ellen McCarthy & their deceased sons & daughters Con Phelan Deceased Eucharistic Adorers
Sat 12th	7.30 p.m.	Aidan Maher, Pound Street (MM) Alf Regan Eamon O'Meara, Ballindarra
Sun 13th	10.30 a.m.	William & Annie Smyth Liam Morris & William Smyth
	12 noon	Margaret & Michael Loughnane & sons Seamus & Michael & daughters Bridget & Josephine Patrick & Marian McCarthy
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Tom Turner & his son Gareth

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.

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.

Parish Donations during the month of **May** was **€5,910**. We are very grateful for your continued support.



St. Brendan's Altar 150 Years old:

On 27th October 1870 Fr John Egan P.P. V.G. died, at his residence in John's Place, aged 63 years. He is buried under the window of the Sacred Heart, on the south side of St. Brendan's. The following year (1871), the parishioners erected a High Altar in his memory.

The centrepiece of this memorial was the altar table containing a beautiful Pieta. In 1894 following the death of Dean Michael Bugler the previous year, parishioners erected a new reredos and pulpit. The altar table from the 1871 altar was retained and is the last remaining piece of that altar. It is carved in Caen stone with pillars of red Irish marble. The altar top is a single block (as per Canon Law regulations) of white Sicilian marble.

On this Feast of Corpus Christi we honour all of the priests who offered the sacrifice of the Mass at this altar and the countless parishioners who worshiped before it over the last 150 years.

Love's Choice

This bread is light, dissolving, almost air,
 A little visitation on my tongue,
 A wafer-thin sensation, hardly there.
 This taste of wine is brief in flavour, flung
 A moment to the palate's roof and fled,
 Even its aftertaste a memory.
 Yet this is how He comes.
 Through wine and bread
 Love chooses to be emptied into me.
 He does not come in unimagined light
 Too bright to be denied, too absolute
 For consciousness, too strong for sight,
 Leaving the seer blind, the poet mute;
 Chooses instead to seep into each sense,
 To dye himself into experience.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí an Mheithimh.

I Mí an Mheithimh bí linn, a Thiarna. Is í seo mí mheáin an tSamhraidh, mí na scrúduithe, mí na mbláthanna. Is í intinn an Phápa don mhí seo ná: Guímis ar son na ndaoine óga atá ag réiteach don phósadh le cuidiú agus tacaíocht ó Phobal Críostaí; go méadaí ar a ngrá trí bhíthin an chineáltais na dílseachta agus na foighne.

Tá Féile Chorp Chríost (Corpus Christi) á chomóradh san Eaglais inniu. Thug Íosa a Chorp agus a Fhuil dúinn mar lón anama.

Bhunaigh Sé an Eocairist Naofa ar Dhéardaoin Shéire an Tiarna ag an suipéar deireanach leis na hAspail. Is é seo mar a labhair sé leo "an té a itheann mo chuid Feola agus a ólann mo chuid Fola, cónaíonn sé ionamsa agus cónaimse ann" (Eoin 6:54). Déanfaidh sé difríocht nach beag dúinne má ghlacaimid an Chomaoin Naofa go minic.

Tá tráth na scrúduithe buailte linn agus beidh daltaí na tíre ag tabhairt faoi scrúdú na hArd Teistiméireachta go luath. Cuireadh isteach go mór ar oideachas na ndaltaí de bharr an víris corónach. Chaill siad trí mhí scolaíochta anuraidh agus arís i mbliana. Guímid gach rath ar dhaltaí an pharóiste agus iarraidimid ar an Spiorad Naomh teacht i gcabhair orthu agus iad a choimeád saor ó stró agus strus. Bain triail as an bpaidir seo.

Tar anuas a Spiorad Naoimh agus cabhraigh liom mo dhícheall a dhéanamh ionas go bhfaighe mé toradh maith ar mo chuid saothair. Áiméan.

Month of June

Lord be with us during the month of June. It is the mid-Summer month, month of examinations, the month of the flowers. The Pope's intention for June is: Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness, and patience. The Church celebrates the Feast of Corpus Christi today. Jesus gave us his Body and Blood as food for our souls. He instituted the Sacrament of the Blessed Eucharist at the Last Supper with his apostles on Holy Thursday. This is what he said to them: "Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6: 54). If we receive Holy Communion frequently, it will make a big difference in our lives. It is examination time once again and soon students will be sitting Leaving Certificate examinations. The corona virus disrupted students' education. They missed three months of schooling last year and again this year. We wish the students of the parish good luck as we ask the Holy Spirit to come to their aid and keep them free from stress. Say this prayer:

Come Holy Spirit and help me to do my best and so reap the fruit of my work. Amen.