

## BIRR PARISH

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### Dates for Sacraments 2021

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

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.

### Birr Parish Finance

**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.

## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 12th	7.30 p.m.	Aidan Maher, Pound Street (MM) Alf Regan Eamon O'Meara, Ballindarra Brendan Donoghue, McAuley Drive
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 Christina Tooher
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Tom Turner & his son Gareth
Mon 14th	10.00 a.m.	Andy Tierney
Tues 15th	10.00 a.m.	John Pilkington
Thur 17th	10.00 a.m.	Paddy & Adrian Buckley
Sat 19th	10.00 a.m.	Ann Cassidy (1st Ann) Willie Power & his brother Fr. Jim
	7.30 p.m.	Joe Landy (MM) & his daughter Sharon Peter, Lena & Denis Murphy
Sun 20th	10.30 a.m.	Eamon 'Sambo' Kelly 'The Dom' Egan Tom McInerney
	12 noon	Frank MGilton
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Des Reddan, Fadden & his son Kevin

### Please Pray for the Souls of

Dr. Paddy Grealy, Oxmantown Mall,  
 James Mahon, Mountbolus and Birr CNU,  
 Gerry Burns, London & late of John's Mall,  
 brother of Willie.

### 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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## St. Columba/Colmcille

This is the 1500th Anniversary of Columba's birth in Donegal. Tradition tells us that he was tall and red-haired with a wonderful singing voice. He was born in Gartan to Felim and Eithne of the Úi Néill royal family and was a possible future high king. He left the life and future that was expected of him to become one of the great missionaries of the early Irish church. His spirit has touched every part of Ireland, Derry, Durrow, Clonnard, Kells, Swords, Longford, Moone and Glen-columcille.

A famous dispute over copyright resulted in Columba going into exile in Scotland where he established the great monastery of Iona whose influence impacted Scotland and England, The great copy of the Gospels, "The Book of Kells", was produced in its scriptorium.

Columba was multi-talented, he was a poet, prophet and inspirational leader. The Monastery of Iona continues to our time. A new community of lay people live and work in its ancient buildings and continue to have an outreach to the wider world.

St. Columba, "the Dove of Peace" renew once again the Christian community on the island of Ireland.

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Congratulations to the children from **Mercy PS and St. Brendan's Boys PS** who received the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for the first time during the week. We keep them and the children from the other parish schools who are preparing to receive it next week in our prayers.

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**Best wishes** to all involved in **examinations** at the moment; you are included in our prayers during Mass.

### An Exam Prayer

God stay close to me today,  
 guide my study and light my way.  
 Ease my nerves and comfort me  
 with peace and love so tenderly.  
 May I remember the things I need.  
 May I strive to give my best  
 and do myself justice in each test.  
 During the moments I may feel stressed,  
 I'll try to remember the ways I am blessed.  
 And if there are times that I feel at sea,  
 Help me to trust that you're here with me. Amen.

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**Cemetery Masses** take place in Carrig on Thursday 7th July and in Clonoghill on Thursday 14th July. Masses on both evenings will begin at 7.30pm.

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The monthly **St Pio Mass** takes place next Thursday evening, 17th June at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### Mí an Chroí Rónaofa Íosa.

Is í Mí an Mheithimh, mí an Chroí Rónaofa Íosa. Is iad seo a leanas an dá ghealltanais dhéag a thug ár dTiar-na Íosa Críost do Naomh Margaret Mary Alacoque sa bhliain 1670 dóibh siúd a thugann onóir don Chroí Rónaofa Íosa. Is as sin a d'fhás deabhóid an Chéid Aoine.

1. Tabharfaidh mé na grásta uile is gá dá ngairm bheatha.
2. Beidh síocháin ina dteaghlach.
3. Tabharfaidh mé sóchas dóibh ina dtrialacha.
4. Beidh mé ina ndéan dóibh i rith a saoil agus go háirithe ag uair a mbás.
5. Beannóidh mé a ngníomhaíochtaí uile.
6. Gheobhaidh peacaigh aigéan trócaire gan teorainn im 'chroí
7. Éireoidh anamacha patuar teasghrách.
8. Éireoidh daoine díograiseacha níos naofa agus thar cionn.
9. Beannóidh mé gach áit ina mbeidh íomhá de mo Chroí nochta agus onóir agus onóir á thabhairt dó.
10. Tabharfaidh mé cúnamh do na sagairt teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an gcroí is cruá.
11. Déanfar ainmneacha na ndaoine a chuireann an deabhóid seo chur chun cinn scríofa i mo Chroí, go deo.
12. Geallaim duit, i n-iomarcach trócaire mo Chroí, go dtabharfaidh mé mo ghrá uilechumhachtach dóibh siúd a ghlacann Comaoineach Naofa ar an gcéad Aoine Chéad naoi mí as a chéile grásta na haithrí agus beidh na Sacramintí ar fáil dóibh.

### Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our Lord Jesus Christ made these twelve promises to those who honor His Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1670. From this came the First Friday Devotions.

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state in life.
2. I will establish peace in their families.
3. I will comfort them in their trials.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and, above all, in death.
5. I will shed abundant blessings on all their undertakings
6. Sinners will find in My Heart an infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls will become fervent.
8. Fervent souls will rapidly grow in holiness and perfection.
9. I will bless every place where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. The names of those who promote this devotion will be written in My Heart, never to be blotted out.
12. I promise thee, in the excessive mercy of My Heart, that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months. The grace of final penitence. They shall not die without receiving their Sacraments.