

## BIRR PARISH

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### Dates for Sacraments 2021

Dates have been set for **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation**.

#### 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.

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**Tuesday 22nd June - Feast of St. Thomas More**  
 Thomas wrote a letter to his daughter, Margaret on the night before he was executed. It showed his tender love for his family and his complete peace with his impending death as "he longed to go to God" on the following day. In one evocative line in the long letter he writes "farewell my child and pray for me and I shall for you and for all your friends that we may merrily meet in heaven". St. Thomas More is the patron saint of politicians, lawyers and public servants.

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## Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 19th	7.30 p.m.	Joe Landy (MM) & his daughter Sharon Peter, Lena & Denis Murphy Tom & Mary Brummell & son Tony
Sun 20th	10.30 a.m.	Eamon 'Sambo' Kelly 'The Dom' Egan Tom McInerney
	12 noon	Frank McGilton Eva Delaney Sean Mulholland
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Des Reddan, Fadden & his son Kevin Tom Delahunty & family
Fri 25th	10.00 a.m.	Winifred & Thomas Kinsella & son John
Sat 26th	7.30 p.m.	Pauline Long (MM) Tom & Betty Lally Martin Burrow
Sun 27th	10.30 a.m.	Albert & Mary Kate Watkins Oisin Watkins Carroll Patrick Nevin Kathleen Nevin Grant Joe Scully, Fortal
	12 noon	Kathleen Dowd Jack & P.J. King Dowd & King families Gail Kelly, Green Street & her parents Patrick & Josephine

### Please Pray for the Soul of



Gemma Ely, Scurragh,  
 Michael Connolly, Killaloe,  
 uncle of Liam Moran.

### 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

**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.

# Happy Father's Day



### Father's Day Prayer

Lord, thank you for all fathers.  
 For the new ones,  
 who endure sleepless nights with infants in arms.  
 For the busy ones,  
 who juggle the pressures of home and family life.  
 For the steadfast ones,  
 who nurture and care  
 for our special vulnerable children.  
 For the patient ones,  
 who always seek to forgive  
 and engage with their pre-teens.  
 For the persistent ones,  
 who cleverly find new ways  
 to connect with their mini-adults.  
 For the father uncles,  
 who step in to cradle and care  
 for nieces and nephews.  
 For all granddads,  
 who love and support their precious grandchildren.  
 For the foster dads  
 that are called to gather and cover the fragile ones.  
 For the Sunday dads  
 who care for our children and lead them in faith.  
 For the dads who give far beyond their own resources,  
 who overcome disability to cherish and love.

Thank you Lord for all our beautiful fathers. Help us to support them and keep them in our prayers. May you bless them now on this their special day. Amen.

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Congratulations to the children from **Carrig N.S., Crinkill N.S. and Killeen N.S.** who received the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for the first time during the week. We keep them and the children who are now preparing for the **Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion** in the coming weeks in our prayers.

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**Cemetery Masses** take place in Carrig on Thursday 8th July and in Clonoghill on Thursday 22nd July. Masses on both evenings will begin at 7.30pm.

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### Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

#### Féile Bhreith Naomh Eoin Baiste

Ceiliúrtar Féile Eoin Baiste ar an Déardaoin 24 Meitheamh. Tá sé luaite sa Scrioptúr toisc gur réamhtheachtaire é do Chríost. Bhí sé de dhualgas air an tsli a ullmhú don Tiarna. Bhí a fhios ag gach duine go raibh míorúilt ag baint lena bhreith agus cheap mórán sa phobal gurbh é Mac Dé é. Chuaigh sé amach san fhásach agus ní fada go raibh na sluaite timpeall air. Labhair sé leo agus spreag sé iad chun a meon a athrú agus aithrí a dhéanamh chun go mbeidís réidh chun glacadh le Críost nuair a thiocfadh sé ar an saol seo.

Nuair a tháinig Íosa bhí Sé sásta baiste a ghlacadh ó Eoin ach dúirt Eoin nárbh fhiú é a dhéanamh ach i ndeireadh na dála rinne sé rud ar Íosa. Ba í an umhlaíocht an tréith ba mhó a bhí aige. Thagair Eoin do Chríost agus dúirt sé "Ní fiú mé oiread agus iallacha a bhróg a scaoileadh"(Lúc.3:16) agus arís "Tá air dul i dtreise, ach, tá ormsa ísliú"(Eoin 3:30).Ba chóir bheith umhail inár saol laethúil cosúil le Naomh Eoin Baiste agus aithrí a dhéanamh mar is ceart. Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá:

***Go mbeannaí Dia duit, a Eoin Baiste Naofa,  
 Go mbeannaí Muire duit, agus beannaím féin duit.  
 Is chugat a tháinig mé ag gearrán mo phéin' duit,  
 Is ag iarraidh carthanachta as ucht Dé ort. Áiméan  
 (Ar bPaidreacha Dúchais – D Ó Laoghaire. S.J)***

An oíche roimh Fhéile Naomh Eoin bhíodh nós ann tine chnámh a lasadh. Bhíodh na tinte móra lonnaithe in áiteanna feiceálacha, mar shampla, ar bharr cnoic agus in áiteanna a gcasadh daoine ar a chéile, ar nós na gcrosbhóthar, nó ar láithreacha fairsinge sna bailte. Tine Fhéile Eoin a thugtaí air. Tá an traidisiún seo imithe i léig in Éirinn le blianta ach beo fós i roinnt tíortha Ceilteacha.

#### Birth of John the Baptist

The Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist will be celebrated on Wednesday 24 June. He is mentioned in the Scriptures as the precursor of Christ. He had the duty of preparing the way of the Lord. Everybody knew that his birth was a miracle, and many thought he was the Son of God. He went into the wilderness and soon the crowds surrounded him. He addressed them and encouraged them to change their ways, to repent and to be ready to accept Christ when he came on earth. When Jesus came, he asked to be baptised by John the Baptist. John was unwilling to do so but eventually did. Humility was his greatest characteristic. He referred to Christ and said "I am not worthy to untie the strap of His sandals." (Luke 3:16) and again he said "He must increase, I must decrease" (John 3:30). We ought to be humble in our daily lives like Saint John the Baptist and repent as is right. This prayer can be recited:

***God's blessings on you St. John the Baptist,  
 The Virgin Mary's blessings on you  
 and my blessing on you  
 To you I came with my complaints  
 Seeking friendship on account of God's love.  
 Amen.***

On the eve of the feast it was customary to light bonfires in prominent places such as hilltops or meeting places such as crossroads. It was called St. John's fire. This custom is discontinued in Ireland but still kept in some Celtic countries.