

BIRR PARISH

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Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday of Lent at 11.50 am

Penitential service for Easter

Preparation for Easter a penitential service in St. Brendan's on Wednesday April 6th @ 7.30 p.m.

The April Priests Collection will be taken up at all masses next weekend 9/10th April. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity to this collection.

Templemore College of Further Education are holding an Open Evening on Monday, 4th April 5.00 – 7.00 pm, come along and see the Post Leaving Certificate courses on offer for September 2022.

EmployAbility Midlands

Do you have a disability, illness or injury and would like help to find a job? If the answer is yes, you can contact Liam on 086 387 3047 or Patricia on 086 145 1074 and we will be happy to tell you more about how we can help you find that job. We are funded by the Department of Social Protection to support people with disabilities and illnesses to find and maintain employment in the open labour market.

Lourdes 2022: After an absence of two years, due to the Covid pandemic our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes resumes again this year from 28th June to 3rd July, direct from Shannon Airport. Sick or assisted pilgrims will not travel this year. Cost €739 to €759 depending on the choice of hotel, Agena or La Solitude. To reserve your place please contact Joe Walsh Tours -Tel: 01-2410800, email: info@joewalshstours.ie Post: Joe Walsh Tours 69 O'Connell Street Dublin

Ukraine Collection

We acknowledge the generosity of people towards the Ukraine appeal. To date €2,395.00

Lough Derg 2022 reopens 1st May

One day retreats May, August and September €45
Three day pilgrimages June, July and August €80.
More details 071-9861518
info@loughderg.org

Trocaire Lent 2022

This year the Thandekile family in Zimbabwe are on the Lenten boxes. Conflict, injustice, climate change and Covid are hurting so many around the world. The Trocaire collection is usually taken up on Good Friday or you may use the envelope in yearly box

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 2nd	10.00 a.m.	Joe Kennedy, Tullamore Road
Sat 2nd	7.30 p.m.	Jack & Bina Walsh & Grandson Eoin Eastwood Kieran & Doreen (Don) Horan, Castlestreet Mary & James Kennedy & Son Neilus, Fairview
Sun 3rd	8.30 a.m.	Tommy & Doreen Rigney, Moorpark st Nadezda, grandson of Marijus
Sun 3rd Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Bill O'Meara & Family
Sun 3rd	12 noon	Paddy Kearns, Military Road (1st Ann) Herbert Hennessy, Seffin (1st Ann) Christy & Nora Cleary & Tommy Pey, Riverstown
Wed 6th	10.00 a.m.	Caroline Ward, John's Place (MM)
Sat 9th	7.30 p.m.	Jim & Lily Reid Michael Hough, Riverstown Kathleen Murphy & Cella Errity Margaret, Michael & John Molloy Christy Loughnane, Woodlands
Sun 10th Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Mamie (Mary) Gleeson, Lacka Carrig
Sun 10th	10.30 a.m.	Sean Kinirons, High Street Mary Sheils & Celie Hart
Sun 10th	12 noon	Sr. Celine & Loughnane Family Members Bridie Smyth, Killeen Seamus Hogan, Ballindarra

Please Pray for the Souls of

Mary Teresa Lawlor, Moorpark Street
Margaret Rose Kearney, England & Presentation Place, daughter of Mary, Crinkle,
Sister Mary Falkiner, Rosenallis, brother of Stephen, Scarragh & James, Shinrone
Marie Lynch, Shannon Harbour, sister of Jim Lynch, Moorpark Street /Mill Street Cleaners



Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for Compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.

Sacramental Preparation for First Penance/Communion/Confirmation



We welcome the young people from **Crinkle N.S.** @ 7.30 p.m. Saturday evening mass & **Mercy P.S.** participating on Sunday at 10.30 am Mass.



Worksheets 5 & 6 are available at weekend Masses.

Sponsored By Birr Town Soccer Club



Invitation

This Lent, people in parishes/cluster areas across the Diocese of Killaloe have been invited to participate in a listening process to find the best ways for our Catholic church to fulfil the message of Jesus to proclaim God's love. Pope Francis has asked the worldwide catholic church to engage in this journey of Synodality.

On Monday evening in the community centre Coolderry people from 4 parishes of our cluster - Birr, Kinnitty, Shinrone and Kilcolman are invited to a gathering to share our vision for the future of our church. **7.30p.m. to 9.30 p.m.**

Or you can fill in a questionnaire via <https://www.killaloe-diocese.ie/synod-keyqs>

Prayer for the success of Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Birr Parish Finance

We thank parishioners who have continued to make donations to St. Brendan's Parish. Donations can be made to the parish in a number of ways:

1. Parish Envelopes (Cash or Cheque)
Donations can be given at weekend Masses or placed in the locked green box in St. Brendan's church beside the candelabra. This box is opened daily,
2. Set up a standing order.
3. Electronic transfer to the Birr Parish bank account - IBAN - IE40 BOFI 9016 7724 9407 77.
4. SUM UP card machine available at the main entrance.

Parish Donations during the month of **March** was **€10,750**. We are very grateful for your continued support

Ceathrú Domhnach den CharghasK22

An Cúigiú Domhnach den Charghas
Tá mí Aibreán buailte linn. I mí Aibreáin bí linn a Thiarna, mí na bhfáinleog, mí na cuaiche, mí an fhásra, mí an fhéir ghlais. Is iad intinní an Phápa don mhí seo ná: D'oibríthe chúram sláinte: Guímis ar son oibríthe chúram sláinte a bhíonn ag freastal ar na heasláin aosta, go háirithe sna tíortha is boichte; go bhfaighe siad an tacaíocht is dual dóibh ó rialtais agus ó phobail áitiúla.

Inniu an Cúigiú Domhnach den Charghas. Tá an séasúr beannaithe ag teacht chun deireadh agus an tSeachtain Mhór ag druidim níos gaire dúinn. I soiscéal naomh Eoin inniu tugann Íosa dúshlán dóibh siúd atá ag éisteacht leis agus dúinne gan a bheith ró thapaigh breithiúnas a thabhairt ach a bheith truachróíoch agus – mar a bhí Íosa - mall chun feirge agus lán de thrócaire “ ‘ An duine agaibh atá gan pheaca, bíodh sé ar an gcéad duine ag caitheamh cloch léi’ ...d'imíodar leo ina nduine is ina nduine... ” (Eoin 8: 7-9).

Go raibh Íosa ina réalta eolais againn inár ndeacrachtaí agus inár spriocanna go léir agus go raibh dóchas agus creideamh againn as, chomh maith le grá mór. Áiméan.

5th Sunday of Lent

April is here. Be with us Lord during the month of April, the month of the swallows, month of the cuckoo, month of growth, the month of green grass. The Pope's intention for this month: We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries, may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities. **This is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. The holy season is coming to an end and Holy Week is approaching. In Saint John's Gospel today Jesus challenges those listening and us too not to be quick to rush to judgement but to be forgiving and – as Jesus was - slow to anger and rich in mercy. “ ‘If there is one among you who has not sinned let him be the first to throw a stone at her’... when they heard this they went away one by one...” (John8:7-9)**

May Jesus be our guiding light in times of difficulty and in all our aspirations. May we have faith and hope in Him together with great love. Amen