

BIRR PARISH

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Brendan Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

St. Brendan's, Birr - Saturday 7.30 p.m.,
Sunday 8.30 a.m., 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon

Church of the Annunciation, Carrig -
Sunday 9.30 a.m.

St. Colman's, Kilcolman - Sunday 11.00 a.m.

St. Ita's, Coolderry - Saturday 8.00 p.m.

St. John's, Ballybritt - Sunday 9.30 a.m.

St. Mary's, Shinrone - Sunday 11.00 a.m.

St. Patrick's, The Pike - Saturday 6.45 p.m.

St. Finian Cam, Longford - Sunday 9.30 a.m.

St. Flannan's, Kinnitty - Sunday 11.30 a.m.

St. Molua's, Roscomroe - Sunday 10.30 a.m.

St. Luna's, Cadamstown - Saturday 8.00 p.m.

Community News

Carrig & Riverstown Development Association will hold their AGM in Carrig Hall at 8pm on Monday the 18th February. All are welcome.

Birr Library - Free Digital Skills Classes on How to Get Online: March 13th, 20th, 27th and April 3rd. Class times: 10.30am – 1.00pm or 2.00pm – 4.30pm. Delivered by Digitise The Nation. To book call 086 8124073 or e-mail digitisethenation@gmail.com. iPad provided for use during each class or you can bring your own device.

Pilgrimage to Rome led by Bishop Fintan Monahan for all those who pass on the Faith to our Youth. €599 April 23rd -26th, 2019. Contact Joanne O' Brien (085) 874 9207.

Fatima, Lisbon, Cascais & Sintra – 8 – 14th August, 2019. Spiritual Director Fr. Tom Hannon. Afternoon flights from Dublin €935. Includes return flights (Dub – Lisbon) 4 nights half board in Estoril on the sea, two nights full board in Fatima, coaches, 20K baggage fees, full religious programme, guided tours, full time accompaniment. For info contact Mary 087 1247 669. Please see poster in Church porch.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 7 Nights Departing from Shannon—4th September €675 Spiritual Director: Fr. Tom O'Gorman; 11th September: €675 Spiritual Directors Fr. Martin Shanahan & Fr. Martin Blake (€50 discount if paid before 1st Feb). Contact Jim Considine 085-7385385 or 065-9059328.

If you would like to sponsor the newsletter please contact the Parish Office. Cost €100 per month.

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 9th	7.30 p.m.	Mark Cooke (1st Ann) Pat, May & Brendan Dwane, Drumbane David Dempsey
Sun 10th	8.30 a.m.	Eva Bodikova (MM)
	10.30 a.m.	Gerry Harte Kieran & Bridget Ryan & Ryan family
	12 noon	Susie Pardy Ann & William Hough Sean & Frances Hogan Babe Murphy, Emmet Square Tim Bergin Joseph & Bridget Delaney
Mon 11th	10.00 a.m.	Bridget & James Flynn George Flynn & Flynn family
Tues 12th	10.00 a.m.	Dinny Kelly, Ballindown Deceased Eucharistic Adorers
Wed 13th	10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Thur 14th	10.00 a.m.	Mark Cooke (1st Ann)
Sat 16th	7.30 p.m.	Áine Pyne Lily & Ranger Kelly Tommy Kelly-Shaw Bridget Reynolds
Sun 17th	10.30 a.m.	Mary Harty Patrick Connors
	12 noon	Elsie & Paddy Gillen Elizabeth & Laurence Nee Michael de Forge, Moorpark Street Mary & Kieran Pilkington
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Mary King, 3 Killeen, (1st Ann)

Please Pray for the Souls of



Willie Reynolds, Crinkill,
P. J. Keegan, New Road East,
Betty O'Sullivan, Dublin & late of Seffin,
sister of Seamus and the late
Dan Carroll, Bulfin Park

Tax Back

If you contribute €250 or more in a year to priests collections and parish fund and pay tax we would be very grateful if you would complete and sign a CHY 3 enduring cert and put in your Name and PPS No and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Forms are available in the church porches.

This will allow the parish to submit a claim to receive monies from Revenue under the Charities Taxback Scheme. Thank you very much.

Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday - €1,627
Many Thanks.
Parish Fund Collectors - February 17th
H. Haverty & C. Scully

February 11th is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the 10.00 a.m. Mass.

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will take place on **Wednesday 13th February at 8.00 p.m.** (Conference Room). All members are asked to attend.

4 nights of **Reflection and Understanding the Eucharist** and **enabling lay people to lead lay-lead liturgies** will take place in the Conference Room at the rear of St. Brendan's Church **each Monday of February** (4th, 11th, 18th and 25th) from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. **All are very welcome to attend.**

The next **Priests' Collection** will be taken up at all masses **next weekend 16th/17th February**. Your generosity to this collection will be very much appreciated.

Congratulations to all the children and families who participated in a beautiful **Service of Light** last Wednesday evening as part of their **Sacramental Preparation**.

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts,
shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*



We welcome to our faith community the following children who were baptised recently:

Alby Oakley, Aileen Bracken,
Allie Gill, Eliza Horan, Ronan Bourke,
William Pardy, Millie Finnegan-Hanrahan,
Keeva Romanowski.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: This Monday 11th February World Day of Prayer for the Sick is the 161st anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady to St. Bernadette in Lourdes. This year's Diocesan Pilgrimage will leave Shannon on Tuesday **June 25th, returning on Sunday June 30th** The cost this year is €725 per person sharing. €20 discount for online booking at www.joewalshstours.ie. Booking forms can be obtained from: Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2. Telephone: (01) 2410810

A limited number of sick or assisted pilgrims will be accommodated in the Sanctuary of Lourdes at a cost of €626. Applications for sick pilgrims only to Fr. Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director, Cathedral House Station Road Ennis, Co. Clare. Telephone: (065) 6824043. Families or individuals often sponsor a family member, parents, or a friend on the occasion of an anniversary or Jubilee with a visit to Lourdes. Sponsorship for sick people is always welcome. For more details, see poster in Church porch and on the Killaloe Diocese website www.killaloe-diocese.ie or from Fr Tom Ryan.

Child Safeguarding & Garda Vetting

Thank you to all who have returned their forms. We would appreciate if the remainder were returned **as soon as possible** for submission to the Diocesan Office.

Applications can only be submitted on a National Vetting Bureau Application Form (NVB 2). These are available from the **back of the altar after Mass**

If you have **difficulty completing your form** please contact the **Parish Office**. Thank you very much for your time in completing this very important procedure.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Taibhsíú na Maighdine Muire.

Ceiliúrtar Féile Muire Lourdes ar an Luan 11 Feabhra. Thaibhsigh Muire do Bhernadette Soubirous cailín bocht ceithre bliana déag d'aois, sa bhliain 1858. Níl áit ar bith ar fud an domhain ina bhfuil Críostaithe, nach bhfuil cáil ar Lourdes de bharr na sluaite a thugann cuairt ar an Scrín bheannaithe ag iarraidh leighis dá ngalair agus grásta dá n-anamacha.

Tá aithne againn go léir ar dhaoine atá ag fulaingt de bharr breoiteachta. Mar sin agus sinn ag smaoinreamh orthu inniu is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá:

**A Mhuire Mháthair, mo mhíle grá tú
Mo choimirce chúnta in am gach gá tú
Mo dhochtúir leighis, tinn agus slán tú.
Tabhair sólas dóibh siúd atá breoite inniu agus fan leo de shíor. Áiméan**

Iarrann an Eaglais orainn inniu guí ar son daoine breoite, na heasláin agus ar son andúil alcóil agus drugaí. Is eol dúinn go bhfuil fadhb an óil agus drugaí ag cur isteach go mór ar theaghlach. Is mór an brón agus briseadh croí a bhíonn le fulaingt dá bhrí sin. Is féidir machnamh a dhéanamh ar an bpaidir seo a leanas ón Traidisiún:

**A Íosa, glan mo chroíse
Go gléghlan gach lá,
A Íosa, cuir m'íntinn faoi léirsmacht do ghrá.
Déan mo smaointe go fíorghlan agus briathra mo bhéil,
Is a Thiarna, 'Dhia dhílis, stiúir choíche mo shaol.**

Next Monday February 11 is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. In 1858 Our Lady appeared for the first time to Bernadette Soubirous a poor girl, fourteen years of age. Many come to the Sacred Shrine each year from all over the world seeking healing from illness and for spiritual grace. We are all aware of people who are ill and we remember them especially today as we pray:

Mother Mary you are my love protecting me in all distress. You are my physician whether I am ill or well. Comfort all those who are ill. Be with them always. Amen.

The Church invites us to pray for the sick on this day and for alcoholics and drug addicts. We know that drink and drug abuse cause serious problems, pain and suffering for many families. This is a prayer from oral tradition:

**Jesus, cleanse my heart each day and make it spotless,
Jesus, rule my mind by the power of your love. Make truly clean my thoughts and the words of my mouth,
and, dear Lord God, direct my life now and forever. Amen.**