

## BIRR PARISH

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 Monday - Saturday (excluding Wednesday)  
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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. Mary's, Shinrone** - Sunday 11.00 a.m.  
**St. Patrick's, The Pike** - Saturday 6.45 p.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.  
 - Alternate Sunday  
**St. Molua's, Roscomroe** - Sunday 9.30 a.m.  
 - Alternate Sunday  
**St. Finian Cam, Longford** - Sunday 9.30 a.m.  
**St. Flannan's, Kinnitty** - Sunday 11.30 a.m.  
**St. Lugna's, Cadamstown** - Saturday 8.00 p.m.

## Community News

**Birr Methodist Church (Celebrating 200 years)** - Evening of music, reflection and celebration on Sunday 15th March is cancelled.

**Birr Historical Society:** Due to the current Covid 19 crisis, the meeting scheduled for Monday 16 March, at 8.00 p.m. in the County Arms Hotel, is cancelled. Aidan Doyle will deliver his talk on Paddy Lopeman later in 2020. Thank you for your understanding.

**Wolftrap Cycling** are organising a couch to 50k for 8 Wednesdays in May and June. To enrol contact 086 8321131 or t 087 4154983 after 3pm. All welcome.

**Host accommodation** required July and August for French students attending school. Contact Marie Brady 087 4154983 after 3pm or text host to this number.

**MIC Thurles Student Teacher Experience Day – Register Now!** Considering a career in post-primary teacher education? Then come along to the MIC Thurles Student Teacher Experience Day on Saturday, 28 March (10am-3pm). Get a taster lecture and tour of the campus and find out about the great subject combinations on offer. Register now at www.micopenday.ie.

Basket Fund Collection Last Sunday €1,651  
 Many Thanks  
 Parish Fund Collectors - March 22nd  
 M. Gibbons & C. Loughnane

### Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 14th	7.30 p.m.	Michael Deegan Teresa Shortt & her parents Elizabeth & Daniel & brothers John, Tom & Willie & his wife Bridget Geraldine Cleary
Sun 15th	10.30 a.m.	Tommy & Doreen Rigney
	12 noon	Paddy & Elsie Gillen Elizabeth & Thomas Nee Jim Normile
Mon 16th	7.30 p.m.	John & Frances Hoare Sr. Josephine Grimes
Tues 17th	10.30 p.m.	Noel Reedy & his wife Maureen John Behan & family, Riverstown
Sat 21st	7.30 p.m.	Teddy Cooke, Military Road
Sun 22nd	10.30 a.m.	Helen Hogan, Killeen
	12 noon	Gretta Delaney (1st Ann) Eugene Garvey, Tullanisk Patrick & Elizabeth Mullins
Carrig	9.30 a.m.	Patricia King (MM)

### Please Pray for the Souls of



John O'Neill, New Road,  
 Kathleen Hanley, (nee Tooher),  
 Swords, Dublin & late of Dromoye,  
 Fr. Peter Kenny, Navan  
 cousin of Mary Hogan & Kathleen Mitchell.



**Lenten Novena to Saint Thérèse of Lisieux**  
 Nine Day Lenten Novena to Saint Thérèse of Lisieux will take place in St Cronan's Church, Roscrea, commencing on Wednesday 25th March. Novena Prayers will be offered at the 8am & 10am Masses. There will be an evening Mass on the final three days.  
**Tuesday 31st March:** Faith  
 – Speaker Fr. Martin Shanahan  
**Wednesday 1st April: Hope**  
 – Speaker Kathleen Chada  
**Thursday 2nd April: Love & Mercy**  
 – Reconciliation Service with Fr. Michael Reddan.

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# Birr Town F.C.

# Happy St. Patrick's Day

**PLEASE NOTE**  
 There is **NO** Mass on St. Patrick's Day

### Lent 2020 - Birr Parish

#### Stations of The Cross

**Each Wednesday of Lent**  
 CANCELLED

#### Reflecting on the Sunday Readings of Lent

Using the Lectio Divina approach  
**Each Thursday of Lent**  
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#### Triduum in Lent in St. Brendan's Church

**"Catching The Heart Off-Guard"**

Monday March 30th - 7.30 p.m.

led by Fr. Pat Kiernan P.P. Banagher

Tuesday March 31st - 7.30 p.m.

led by Fr. Martin Delaney P.P. Rathdowney

Wednesday April 1st - 7.30 p.m.

led by Fr. Michael O'Meara, Kinnitty

### COVID-19 Corona Virus

In line with HSE guidelines the Diocese of Killaloe is implementing the following precautionary measures:

- ♦ **All public Masses are suspended until 29th March.** The obligation to be physically present at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days (including St. Patrick's Day) is therefore suspended for everybody until further notice.
- ♦ **Baptisms** - Only immediate family should attend the celebration of Baptism. People who might be susceptible to severe reactions to the virus should not attend.
- ♦ **Weddings** - Wedding guests should be limited to the Bridal Party and immediate family. Guests are asked to observe the hygiene protocols and observe social distance while in the Church.
- ♦ **Funerals** - In the light of the guidelines received we ask that only immediate family and close friends would attend the funeral liturgy.
- ♦ A **private Mass** will be broadcast daily at 10.00 a.m. via our radio link.

### Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

#### An Tríú Domhnach den Charghas

Is é seo an tríú Domhnach den Charghas. Táimid leath bealaigh tríd an gCarghas agus is féidir linn ár rúin a athnuachan. Inniu, léiríonn Iosa dúinn gurb é féin foinsé na beatha síoraí. Is sa Tiarna amháin, is féidir linn an tart is bunúsaí a shásamh.

Ceiliúraimid Lá Fhéile Naomh Pádraig Éarlaimh na hÉireann ar 17 Márta, ní hamháin in Éirinn ach ar fud an domhain mhóir. Guím beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig ar chách inniu.

**Go raibh sibh daibhir i mí -ádh agus saibhir i mbeannachtaí. Go mall ag déanamh namhaid, go luath ag déanamh cairde ach saibhir nó daibhir go mall nó go luath nach raibh ach áthas oraibh ón lá seo amach.**

A Iosa Críost, thaistil tú trí bhailte agus sráidbhailte ag cur cóir leighis ar gach galar agus ag freastal ar dhaoine breoite. Tar i gcabhair orainn anois agus cuir cosc ar leathadh domhanda an choróinvíreas agus tú ag léiriú do ghrá dúinn. Leighis iad siúd atá tinn de bharr an víris.

**Go raibh a neart agus a sláinte acu trí chúram leighis ardchaighdeán. Saor sinn ó eagla a chuireann cosc ar náisiúin oibriú le chéile agus ar chomharsa ó chabhrú lena chéile. Áiméan.**

This is the third Sunday of Lent. We are halfway through the season of Lent and we can renew our resolutions. Today, Jesus shows us that he is the source of eternal life. Only in him alone can we satisfy the most fundamental thirst. We celebrate St. Patrick's Day the feast of our Patron Saint on March 17. He will be honoured not only here but throughout the world.

**This is my prayer for all.**

**May your misfortunes be few**

**and rich in blessings**

**May you be slow to make enemies**

**and quick to make friends**

**but rich or poor quick or slow**

**may you know nothing**

**but happiness from this day forward. Amen**

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness. At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, as the coronavirus spreads worldwide, so that we may experience your healing love.

**May the sick regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another. Amen.**