

FEAST OF ST BRIGID, 01 FEBRUARY

St Brigid's Day (Lá Fhéile Bríde) is held on 01 February about halfway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox. St Brigid's day is also known as Imbolc. It is one of the four Gaelic seasonal festivals—along with Bealtaine (01 May), Lughnasadh (01 August, harvest season) and Samhain (Halloween 31 October). St Brigid shares a name with the Celtic Goddess of Fire.

St Brigid is one of Ireland's three patron saints, St. Patrick and St. Columcille. St Brigid is best known as being the founder of the first monastery in County Kildare, Ireland. Born in Dundalk in 450 AD, Her father was a pagan chieftain of Leinster and her mother was a Christian. She was inspired by St Patrick to spread the word of God around Ireland. St Brigid was known for her extraordinary spirituality, charity, and compassion for those in distress and troubled.

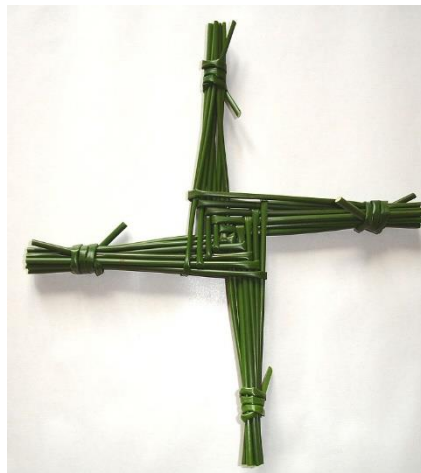
St Brigid is also the patron saint of poets, midwives, newborns, Irish nuns, fugitives, blacksmiths, dairymaids, boatmen, chicken farmers, cattle, scholars, and sailors.

Making crosses out of rushes and placing them in homes is a tradition on the feast day, the first day of spring. The custom has its origins in the legend of Brigid's conversion of a dying chieftain. St Brigid is believed to have sat down next to the chieftain's bed and picked up some straw from the ground. From there, she wove the straw into a cross and explained the meaning of the cross to the chieftain.

The finished crosses are then taken to Mass to be blessed the next day, and then hung in houses to provide protection for the rest of the year. Because of this, a popular way to celebrate St. Brigid's feast day is by making a St. Brigid cross.

St Brigid died at the age of 75 in 525 AD and was buried in the church she created. Her remains were exhumed years later and brought to Downpatrick to be buried alongside Saints Patrick and Columcille. However, her skull was brought to Lisbon where it remains today.

Happy St Brigid's Day!



Parish Bulletin

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THE GOSPEL

MARK 1:21-28



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS AT MASS THIS WEEKEND

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28





CHURCH NOTICES

FAMILY GIVING

Sunday, 14-Jan-24 €711

COMMON FUND

Sunday, 14-Jan-24 €865

SHARE

Sunday, 14-Jan-24 €512

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6pm Vigil Mass (Sat)
9.30am and 12 noon

WEEKDAY MASSES

10am on Monday,
Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday and Saturday

Tuesday

10am Eucharistic Service

HOLY DAYS MASSES

7.30pm Vigil Mass
10 am on Working Holy Days
9.30am & 12 noon on
Christmas Day and St
Patrick's Day

SAFEGUARDING

If you have a concern about child abuse, please contact Mr Andrew Fagan, Director, Child Safeguarding & Protection Service, Dublin Archdiocese (Mon-Fri: 09:00-17:00, Tel: 01-8360314 or Deputy Liaison Person Tel: 01-8360304. Tusla Office, Local Garda Station, or HSE (vulnerable adults) 1850 24 1850 or at info@hse.ie

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 27 Jan	10am	Rynne & Hogan Families (RIP)
	6pm (Vigil)	Martin Daly (Anniversary)
		Ina Downey (Anniversary)
		Edward O'Hara (Anniversary)
Sunday, 28 January	9.30am	Special Intention
	12 Noon	Monica Beausang (Anniversary)
		Bridget Foster (Anniversary)
		Kathleen & James Coffey (Ann)
		Maura Casey
		Kevin Callaghan (Anniversary)
Monday, 29 Jan	10am	Colm & Damien Corr (Birthday Ann)
		Francis McAlinden (RIP)
Tuesday, 30 Jan	10am	Eucharistic Prayer Service
Wed, 31 January	10am	Mick Murphy (Anniversary)
Thursday, 01 Feb	10am	Special Intention
Friday, 02 February	10am	Altar List
Saturday, 03 Feb	10am	Special Intention
	6pm (Vigil)	Bernard Mansfield (Anniversary)
Sunday, 04 Feb	9.30am	Special Intention
	12 Noon	Brid Hamill (Anniversary)

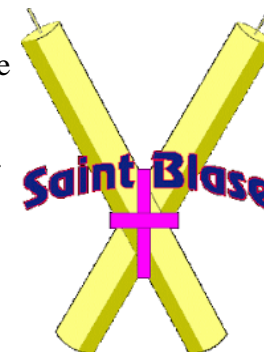
CANDLEMAS DAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2024

Friday, 02 February 2024 is the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord and is also known as Candlemas Day. The term "Candlemas" (meaning Candle Mass) refers to the practice of the blessing of candles by the priest during mass for use during the year in church and in our homes. Candles will be blessed before 10am Mass on Friday.

If you would like to have candles blessed, please leave them into the Sacristy before 10am Mass on Friday, 02 February. Please remember to label the candles with your name so they can be returned to you.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE, 3 FEBRUARY 2024

On Friday we celebrate the Feast of Saint Blaise. The Blessings of the Throats takes place on this day - two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said. Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him.



The blessing of the throats will take place in our parish after 10am Mass on Saturday morning and a general blessing will be given at the vigil Mass at 6pm.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

SVP Palmerstown would like to express our extreme gratitude to all who contributed to our Annual Appeal. More than €8,000 was donated, between the Indoor Church collection, our collection outside SuperValu, and monies handed in to the sacristy or placed in the collection boxes in the church. These funds will ensure we can continue providing assistance, in the form of food, heating, electricity and education, in the months ahead, to families in need in our parish.

The next SVP church grounds collections take place after Masses on 03/04 February 2023.



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