

St Brigid's Day

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Fun for all the family



Sunday, 1st February
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
 Admission: €10 | Free for under 16s
 Palmerstown Parish Centre
 Eircode: D20 K732

— Live Music & Dancing —
 — Raffle on the Night —
 — Bring Family & Friends — All Are Welcome —

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE, 3 FEBRUARY 2026

On Tuesday, 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.

To celebrate this feast day, Mass will take place at 10am on Tuesday, 03 February, followed by the blessing of the throats directly after Mass.



Parish Bulletin
The Parish of St Philomena
Palmerstown
24 – 25 January 2026
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Donate to the Parish



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Blessed
 ARE THE
poor in spirit,
 for theirs
 IS THE
Kingdom
 OF
Heaven.
 MATTHEW 5:3

Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
 Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a



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 Website: www.palmerstownparish.com, Webcam: www.churchservices.tv/palmerstown

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CHURCH NOTICES

FAMILY GIVING

Sunday, 25-Jan-26 €1596

COMMON FUND

Sunday, 25-Jan-26 €550

SHARE

Sunday, 25-Jan-26 €350

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.4

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 31 Jan	10am	Shanahan Family (Birth Remembrance)
	6pm (Vigil)	Ed O'Hara (Anniversary)
Sunday, 01 Feb	9.30am	
	12 Noon	Brid Hamill (Anniversary) Kathleen Coffey (Anniversary)
Monday, 02 Feb	10am	Bridget Kirwan (Birthday Remembrance)
Tuesday 03 Feb	10am	Feast of St Blaise, Blessing of the Throats will take place directly after Mass
Wed, 04 Feb	10am	
Thurs, 05 Feb	10am	Mary Minihane (Anniversary)
Friday, 06 Feb	10am	Altar List
Saturday, 07 Feb	10am	
	6pm (Vigil)	Bernard Mansfield (Anniversary)
Sunday, 08 Feb	9.30am	
	12 Noon	Eamon Lynskey (Month's Mind)



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly SVP outdoor collection for September will take place this weekend (31 January - 01 February 2026) after the 6pm (Saturday Vigil), 9.30am and 12 noon Masses.

- Donations can be placed in an envelope clearly marked 'SVP Palmerstown' and put in one of the collection boxes in the church or handed into the sacristy.
- Donations can be made online at www.svp.ie/get-involved/donate.aspx.
- Donations can be made by Debit/Credit by phoning 0818 176 176.
- Donations can be made by cheque by posting a cheque made payable to 'SVP Palmerstown' to "SVP East Region, 91/92 Sean McDermott Street, FREEPOST F3507, Dublin 1, D01 WV38".

SVP are very grateful to all who donate and have helped us continue our work supporting those most in need in our community.

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!