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February 1st - Feast of St. Brigid,
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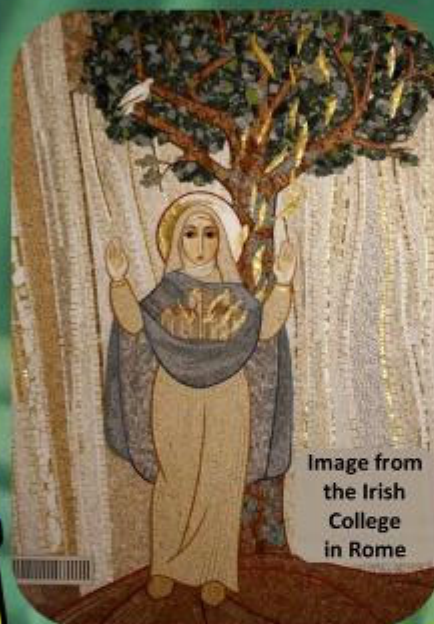


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Oh Brigid, Mary of the Gael,
May your protection never fail.
Spread your mantle over me,
where'ere I am, where'ere I be.
Cover me with God's joy and peace,
Let my faith and hope never cease.
Shine your light where there is darkness,
strengthen me in any weakness.
Heal all within that may be ill,
Give me the desire each day to do God's will.
'Till I rest, my journey o'er,
With God and you forever more.
St. Brigid, patron of Kildare and Leighlin,
Pray for us. Amen.

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True Authority

Today Mark tells us how Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. He tells us how amazed the people were at how he taught and at the authority in his teachings. His



authority was powerful enough to expel demons even. You'll notice that Mark doesn't tell us what Jesus taught but only how he taught and the impression he made. So why did people sense authority in Jesus' presence, and why was it so compelling?

When we think of authority we tend to think of bosses, leaders or the legal profession. We think of rules, laws and boundaries. We equate authority with enforcement and for the most part we don't like it very much. Perhaps Jesus' brand of authority was compelling because it wasn't any of these things. Jesus' brand of authority wasn't about the exclusion that the scribes and Pharisees were so fond of but of total inclusion. Jesus' authority was routed in the value of every man woman and child over any out-dated rule or redundant tradition.

We do not have the benefit of listening first hand to Jesus' teaching, but it is testament to his authority that we still read his words twenty centuries after he spoke them. There are still lessons to be learned for those who believe Jesus can add something to our world and change us forever. There are still demons in our lives, and Jesus' teaching still has the authority to drive them out.



St. Brigid of Kildare

Monday 1st February

Patroness of our Diocese

She was born in 451 or 452 at Faughart, near Dundalk. Her name is that of the pagan goddess of fire. She converted to Christianity, inspired by the preaching of

St Patrick. She founded a double monastery, of monks and nuns, at Kildare, the first women's monastic community in Ireland, and she died there in 525.

For more on St. Brigid, see inside pages 8 & 9.



We welcome into our Parish Community

Fiadh Anne Hurley, Broomville baptised last weekend

Presentation of the Lord February 2nd



This image can be seen in our Parish Church

Simeon had waited all his life to see Jesus. The Holy Spirit had promised him that he would live long enough. When Mary and Joseph presented the baby at the temple, Simeon said,

"Now, Lord, you have kept your promise, and you may let your servant go in peace. With my own eyes I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples."

Seeing Jesus satisfied Simon's life. We are prompted to ask what would satisfy us in our lives. Are the goals we set worth a lifetime of wanting, as Simeon's was?

Blessing of Candles will take place after Mass on Tuesday and will be available afterwards at the Parish Office.

Thought for today!

Every problem has in it the seeds of its own solution. If you don't have any problems, you don't get any seeds. 🤔

A bit of History!

On 30th January 1607

Massive flooding in England destroyed around 200square miles of coastline.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dest18:15-20; Ps 94:1-2,6-9;

1 Cor 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28

Support for the Parish

We have traditionally depended on the passing of the collection baskets at Sunday Masses for support. **Thank you** to the many who have found new ways of continuing to support the Parish during this time of Lockdown. We are very appreciative of the continued support of so many during this difficult time



New Envelope Boxes covering the coming year - up to the end of January 2022 - are now available in our Church porches and Parish Centre. The boxes contain envelopes for each week and also for the Priests collections and other special collections during the year. We don't know when we will be able to gather safely in Church for Mass again and even then it is highly unlikely that we will be passing collection baskets. So we have to find a new way of supporting our Parish. One excellent way is to take a box of envelopes and make your contribution by placing the envelope in one of the collection boxes provided in our Churches or returning to the Parish Centre. By writing your name and address on your first envelope contribution we can assign that number to you and record your contributions which will enable us to take advantage of the 'Revenue Tax Back' facility. We would recommend this method of contributing but there are of course other ways of supporting.

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Tuesday 5.15pm to 6.15pm

Wednesday 10am to 11am

Thursday morning (time to be confirmed)

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St. Brigid - Monday 1st February

Born: 453 Died: 523

St Brigid is the Patron Saint of Ireland and of the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin. A few years after St. Patrick arrived, a little girl named Brigid was born at Faughart, County Louth, in Ireland. Her father was an Irish Lord named Dubtach and her mother was a Christian slave named Brocca. As Brigid grew up, her love for Jesus grew deep. She once heard St. Patrick preach and never forgot his teaching for the rest of her life. She looked for Jesus in the poor and often brought food and clothing to them. One day she gave away a whole pail of milk and then she began to worry about what her mother would say. She prayed to the Lord to make up for what she had given away. When she got home, her pail was full again. Another day Brigid gave away her fathers precious sword to a poor man so he could sell it to buy food. She was always helping the poor. Brigid's father wanted her to marry but Brigid had decided in her heart to give herself entirely to God. She did not want to marry anyone. Brigid finally got her wish and her father let her enter a convent. Brigid became a nun under Saint Mel and shortly afterwards she founded a monastery on land given to her by the King of Leinster. The land was called *Cill Dara* (Kildare) or the "the church of the oak".



Prayer to St. Brigid

**You were a woman of Peace, you brought harmony
where there was conflict,**

**You brought light to the darkness, You brought hope to the downcast,
May the mantle of your Peace cover those who are troubled and anxious
and may Peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.**

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.

Amen.

Making a St Brigid's Cross is a custom in Ireland. The St Brigid's Cross is made out of plants called rushes (*Juncus effusus*) for hanging above the entrances to dwellings to invoke the help of St Brigid in warding off disease. St Brigid's Day is celebrated on the 1st February each year and the crosses are made at that time. Rushes were traditionally used to make the St Brigid's Cross. These were collected from wetlands and cut into pieces, 8-12 inches long. Rushes can be hard to get for city dwellers so ordinary drinking straws are a good substitute. Use rubber bands to tie up the ends.

You Will Need

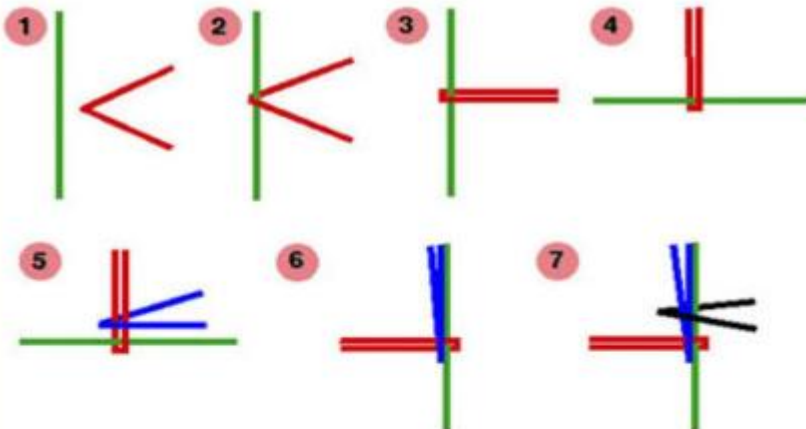
9 drinking straws & 4 small rubber bands

What to Do

1. Hold one of the straws vertically. Fold a second straw in half as in the diagram.
 2. Place the first vertical straw in the centre of the folded second straw.
 3. Hold the centre overlap tightly between thumb and forefinger.
 4. Turn the two straws held together 90 degrees counter clockwise so that the open ends of the second straw are projecting vertically upwards.
 5. Fold a third straw in half and over both parts of the second straw to lie horizontally from left to right against the first straw. Hold tight.
 6. Holding the centre tightly, turn the three straws 90 degrees counter clockwise so that the open ends of the third straw are pointing upwards.
 7. Fold a new straw in half over and across all the straws pointing upwards.
 8. Repeat the process of rotating all the straws 90 degrees counter clockwise, adding a new folded straw each time until all nine straws have been used up to make the cross.
- Secure the arms of the cross with elastic bands. Trim the ends to make them all the same length.



The St. Brigid's Cross is now ready to hang.



The Presentation of the Lord

On Tuesday the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day.

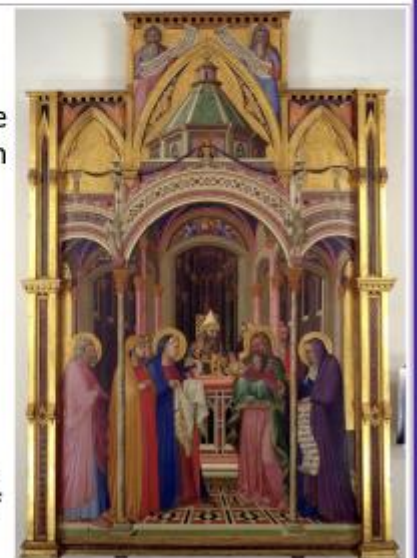


On Tuesday we hear about Jesus and his family and a special trip they took to Jerusalem.

We hear about the special things that happened to Jesus there and all that was said about him.

Our Prayer

Father, as we celebrate The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. We are reminded of who is important and special in our life. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.





TIME TO THINK!

THE HILL WE CLIMB

Amanda Gorman, the youngest inaugural poet in US history, has become an international voice of hope. She is a hugely inspirational woman. Her voice is prophetic, in a time we long for hope and light. She is also rich in faith and an active member in her catholic parish. Gorman, who was named the first US national youth poet laureate in 2017, recited "The Hill We Climb", a poem she had written, in part, on the day of the US Capitol riots on January 6th, at the inauguration of President Joe Biden. Slowly read and be inspired.....

"The Hill We Climb,"

When day comes, we ask ourselves, where can we find light
in this never-ending shade?
The loss we carry. A sea we must wade.
We braved the belly of the beast.
We've learned that quiet isn't always peace, and the norms
and notions of what "just" is, isn't always justice.
And yet the dawn is ours before we knew it.
Somehow we do it.
Somehow we weathered and witnessed a nation that isn't
broken, but simply unfinished.
We, the successors of a country and a time where a skinny
Black girl descended from slaves and raised by a single
mother can dream of becoming president, only to find
herself reciting for one.
And, yes, we are far from polished, far from pristine, but
that doesn't mean we are striving to form a union that is
perfect.
We are striving to forge our union with purpose.
To compose a country committed to all cultures, colours,
characters and conditions of man.
And so we lift our gaze, not to what stands between us, but
what stands before us.
We close the divide because we know to put our future first,
we must first put our differences aside.
We lay down our arms so we can reach out our arms to one
another.
We seek harm to none and harmony for all.
Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true.
That even as we grieved, we grew.
That even as we hurt, we hoped.
That even as we tired, we tried.
That we'll forever be tied together, victorious.
Not because we will never again know defeat, but because
we will never again sow division.
Scripture tells us to envision that everyone shall sit under
their own vine and fig tree, and no one shall make them
afraid.
If we're to live up to our own time, then victory won't lie in
the blade, but in all the bridges we've made.
That is the promise to glade, the hill we climb, if only we
dare.
It's because being American is more than a pride we inherit.
It's the past we step into and how we repair it.
We've seen a force that would shatter our nation, rather
than share it.
Would destroy our country if it meant delaying democracy.
And this effort very nearly succeeded.
But while democracy can be periodically delayed, it can
never be permanently defeated.



In this truth, in this faith we trust, for while we have our
eyes on the future, history has its eyes on us.
This is the era of just redemption. We feared at its inception.
We did not feel prepared to be the heirs of such a terrifying
hour.
But within it we found the power to author a new chapter, to
offer hope and laughter to ourselves.
So, while once we asked, how could we possibly prevail over
catastrophe, now we assert, how could catastrophe possibly
prevail over us?
We will not march back to what was, but move to what shall
be: a country that is bruised but whole, benevolent but bold,
fierce and free.
We will not be turned around or interrupted by intimidation
because we know our inaction and inertia will be the
inheritance of the next generation, become the future.
Our blunders become their burdens.
But one thing is certain.
If we merge mercy with might, and might with right, then
love becomes our legacy and change our children's birth
right.
So let us leave behind a country better than the one we
were left.
Every breath from my bronze-pounded chest, we will raise
this wounded world into a wondrous one.
We will rise from the golden hills of the West.
We will rise from the windswept Northeast where our
forefathers first realised revolution.
We will rise from the lake-rimmed cities of the Midwestern
states.
We will rise from the sun-baked South.
We will rebuild, reconcile, and recover.
And every known nook of our nation and every corner called
our country, our people diverse and beautiful, will emerge
battered and beautiful.
When day comes, we step out of the shade of flame and
unafraid.
The new dawn balloons as we free it.
For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see
it.
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6th Anniversary occurs 1st February 2021



6th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Monday 1st February at 10am.

Looking back on all our years and things that we've been through, of all the choices that I made, I'm glad I married you.

Sadly missed by your loving wife Marie.

Will those who think of Dad today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.

Lots of love Dad, from Joe, Patricia, Mickey, Helena and Aine, daughters-in-law, son-in-law and grandchildren.

May Michael Rest in Peace

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In Sad & Loving Memory of Our dear brother

JOHN HOULIHAN

Late of Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

14th Anniversary occurs 31st January 2021. Mass offered.



From where we sit we shed a tear,
 Wishing somehow you were near,
 So we close our eyes and think of you
 and just for one moment,
 you step into view.

Beautiful memories wrapped in gold,
These of you John are ours to own.

Loved and always missed by your sisters, Tina, Catherine, Ann, Liz, Mary and brothers Paddy and Con.

May John Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of DAN COLLIER

Highfield Meadows, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary Mass occurs 1st February 2021



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Monday 1st February at 10am.

Will those who think of Dan today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.

Loved and remembered always by his loving wife Freda and family.

May Dan Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of KATHLEEN BRENNAN

Rathleague, Portlaoise.

11th Anniversary occurred 26th January 2021



Think of her as living in the hearts of those she touched,

For nothing loved is ever lost, and she was loved so very much.

Sadly missed and always remembered by her loving children, grandchildren, family and friends.

May Kathleen Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of ESTHER SZWAGLIS

Late of 170 St. Brigid's Place. Died 29th January 1999.
22nd Anniversary away from home.



"From sunrise to sunset, every moment would have been more wonderful if you were with us today.
Your memories will never be forgotten".

*Missing you every day from your loving husband
Les and family.*

Also remembering her sisters Alice and Mary and her son-in-law David around this time.

May Esther Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
FINTAN DOOLEY**

7 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
8th Anniversary occurs 2nd February 2021.



*As each day dawns and starts anew,
As each day ends, we think of you,
And in between, no matter where,
Deep in our hearts, you are always
there.*

*We do not need a special day, to bring you back to mind,
For days without a thought of you, are very hard to find.*

*Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by all his
loving family.*

May Fintan Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
MARY (May) CONNELL**

31 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
16th Anniversary occurred 28th January 2021



*January comes with sad regret, the day,
the month we'll never forget,
In our hearts you will always stay,
loved and remembered forever each day.
Sadly missed by your loving family and
friends.*

Rest in Peace Mary

**In Loving Memory of
BRÍDÍN MULHALL**

Ballyroan, Laois and Rathmines, Dublin.
5th Anniversary; 28th January 2021.



Dearly loved daughter and sister - you are greatly missed and lovingly remembered today and everyday by Seamus, Ursula, John, James and Gerard.

The much loved niece of Sr. Gerard, Sr. Kay and Sr. Patricia, Frances and Michael, Evelyn (God Mother) and Eamon, Sean and Elizabeth. Sadly missed by all her cousins and extended family and forever in the mind and hearts of

her many friends.

The just will live in the company of the lord' Psalm 37

Bridin's family would like to thank the community for their continued support over the years.

Rest in Peace Brídín

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- Daily Mass at 10am
- Our Church is open every day after the 10am Daily Mass until 9pm for anyone who wish to come and say a private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament or to light a candle.
- Our Parish Office is open and it is best to contact us by phone, 057 8621142 or by email info@portlaoiseparish.ie
- Mass cards are available in the Parish Centre from 9am-5pm Monday to Friday. Please observe all safety measure currently in place.
- Our Link Up is still published weekly and is available in all our Church porches every weekend and in some local shops. It is also available on our website. The Link Up office is currently working remotely at the moment so we ask that all Anniversaries, adverts and notices be submitted via email linkup@portlaoiseparish.ie or by phone 057 8692154 before 12noon on Wednesdays.



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