



Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 21st January 2024.

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Newsletter

On February the 1st each year, we mark the death of St Brigid and celebrate her gifts to us, her life, example, and faith in Jesus Christ. St Brigid is one of the three Patron Saints of Ireland the others being St Patrick and St Colmcille. She is also one of the Patron Saints of our Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin.

This year marks 1500 years since her death and over the year there will be celebrations around the diocese to mark this. In our Cathedral of the Assumption, we have a stained-glass window dedicated to St Brigid. We have used this image to create a commemoration prayer card which will be available after the 10am mass on this Thursday, the 1st of February.

This might be a good time to start a conversation with family and friends about the different stories of St Brigid and the different traditions we have developed over the centuries. One such story tells how Brigid spread her shawl on the ground with a promise that whatever it covered the Celtic Chieftain would give her for a convent. When she laid the shawl on the ground it spread out to cover enough ground to build a Convent on. Another time while she was minding a man who was drying, she made a cross out of rushes and taught those present the meaning and power of the cross. To this day we still use rushes to make St Brigid's crosses which are blessed on her Feast Day this Thursday.

A little-known fact about St Brigid was that her mother, Brocseach was a slave who had been abducted from her home in Portugal and she was sold to the Chieftain Dabtach who was Brigid's father. Brocseach, and Brigid were both baptised by St Patrick. This marked cooperation between St Patrick and St Brigid to evangelised among and convert to the Christian Faith the Irish pagans. It is interesting to note in these times that both Saints came to us from foreign lands bringing with them a great gift of Faith in Jesus Christ and the Resurrection.

St Brigid pray for us.

St Patrick pray for us.

St Colmcille pray for us.

Holy women and men of Ireland pray for us.

Prayer and Mass in the Cathedral

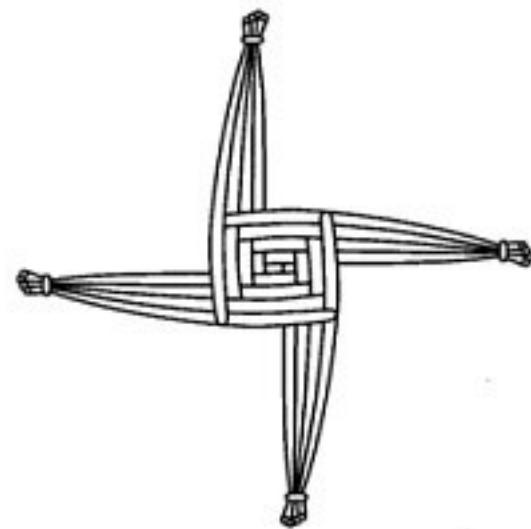
Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm and 7pm

Monday to Friday: 7.30am, 10am

Saturday: 10am and 6.15pm Vigil

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday following the 10am Mass

Adoration: Monday to Friday—5pm to 6pm



Cathedral Evening Prayer for St Brigid

February 1st marks the opening of a national year commemorating St Brigid, patron of our diocese and secondary patron of Ireland, 1500 years since her death.

Bishop Denis invites people from across the diocese to join him for a special evening prayer in the Cathedral of the Assumption on February 1st at 7:30 pm. Music will be led by Fr Liam Lawton and the diocesan choir.

Carlow Flower Club January

Meeting will be a Flower Arranging Demonstration by Paula Dowling AOIFA Techer and Demonstrator. The competition for all categories will be "A Romantic Table Centre". All arrangements will be raffled on the night. Visitors fee €10. All welcome. 30th January 8.00pm Woodford Dolmen Hotel

Brigid 1500

On Thursday, 1st February 2024, churches across Kildare and beyond will come together to participate in a special ecumenical service at 11.00am in St Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare, entitled 'Celebrating St Brigid. Brigid 1500: A Service of Thanksgiving' dedicated to commemorating the Feast Day of St Brigid and the 1500th anniversary of her death.

The co-leaders of this thanksgiving service are the Most Rev Denis Nulty, Roman Catholic Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, and the Most Rev Patricia Storey, Church of Ireland Bishop of Meath and Kildare. The Reverend Canon Dr. Alison Joyce, Rector of St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, in the heart of London, will deliver the sermon.

At the end of the service, a Pause for Peace will be observed in the Cathedral at 12noon. Aligning with a broader initiative, whereby the people of Kildare are extending a global invitation urging individuals worldwide to pause for a minute's silence at midday (local time) on St Brigid's Day, the 1st of February 2024. Livestreaming of the service will also be available worldwide.

Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Will take place from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, February 10th, in the Cathedral Parish Centre, Feb. 17th, in Newbridge Parish Centre and February 24, in Emo National School.

Training will be led by Julie Kavanagh and Fr Tom O'Byrne. To help with costs, participants are invited to bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to take part in this training.

Family Cares Ireland

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting

Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory € 1100.21

Development € 1755.11

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sacrament of Baptism

We Welcome

◇ *Nia Imani Bolarin Basiga*

◇ *Ethan Richard Bolarin Basiga*

◇ *Alise Ozola*

who were baptized into The Christian Community in Carlow Cathedral last Sunday

Welcoming the Relic of St Brigid

As we prepare to celebrate the life of St Brigid on February 1st and on this, the 1500th anniversary of her death, the Brigidine Sisters, from their convent in Tullow, are very generously loaning their relic of St Brigid to Kildare Parish for the year.

The relic will be housed in a specially designed shrine in St Brigid's Church, Kildare. The shrine will be unveiled, and Mass will be celebrated in honour of St Brigid and the generosity of the Brigidine Sisters on Sunday, 28th January, at 11am. This is seen very much as a home-coming for St Brigid

All are most welcome to attend.

St Brigid's Camino Walk,

Monasterevin Parish

Takes place on Monday, 5th February, starting at St Brigid's Shrine, Mountrice, at 11am, led by Bishop Denis. The walk will journey to Umeras, reputed birthplace of St Brigid, continue along the new canal Blueway and finish in Sts Peter & Paul Church, Monasterevin, with a service of light at 12.30pm.

For more details please contact Monasterevin Parish Office 045-525346

Coffee morning at the Cabin Cafe

Barrack Street on the 6th February from 10.00 - 12.00

for people with dementia and their carer. Admission free.

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto

Sunday 21st January 2024

€20,000 Jackpot

13-15-20-22

No Jackpot Winner.

2 Match 3 Winner's share €500.