



Tramore & Carballly Parish Newslink

Sunday 31st January 2021
4th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Feast of St Brigid Monday 1st February

St. Brigid



February 1st is the feast of St. Brigid, patroness of Ireland. She was born in Cill Dara c 454. Ireland in Brigid's time was a patchwork of little kingdoms, half pagan, half Christian. Tradition tells us that Brigid wanted to enter a convent as a young girl but faced opposition from her father and brothers who would have preferred a marriage that would bring wealth and social status for this accomplished woman. Brigid was to found a convent and church in Kildare that attained great importance and even vied for supremacy in contest to Armagh. What can we learn from Brigid's life? What was her sanctity that so impressed her contemporaries and later generations who have venerated her in Ireland and in Europe and wherever the Irish have travelled?

Brigid drew her inspiration from one of the Beatitudes - the opening of Christ's sermon on the Mount 'Blessed are the merciful for they shall have mercy shown them'. She practised a self-sacrificing mercy to the poor and hungry. She gave away as much as she could - a merciful virgin who gained the title 'Muiré na nGael' (Mary of the Gael') In Brigid's eyes the poor belonged to the great family whose Father was God. They were the needy brothers and sisters of Christ and while their bodies were being catered for the light and truth of Christ was to nourish their souls.

Brigid made an indelible deep mark throughout Ireland. Many holy wells and churches bear her name. many customs associated with the saint have come down to us. The most popular being the St. Brigid's cross, made from rushes and placed over the door of a house as a symbol of protection and blessing. Another custom associated with devotion to the saint is Brat Bríde - that of placing a piece of cloth on the window cill on the eve of her feast, again invoking her protection. Traditional prayers in Irish are many. One of the most popular in Irish being:

A Naomh Bríd a Mhuire na nGael, scar orainn do bhrat,
A Naomh Bríd a chroí na féile, stiúir sinn ar an mbóthar ceart,
A Naomh Bríd gheanúil ghrástúil, ar ár namhaid cosain sinn,
A Naomh Bríd a bean rialta álainn, ar uair ár mbáis glaoigh orainn

Please remember in your Prayers.....

Those who have died recently:

Edward (Ener) Murphy
Josephine Kearney
Eithne Kenny

Those whose Months mind Occurs:

Susan Boyle
Stan Couch
Sidney Guest
Michael Power

Those whose' Anniversary Occurs:

Denis & Mary McCarthy
Margaret Fitzgerald (1st Ann)
Betty Cuddihy (1st Ann)
Ellen Foley (1st Ann)
Tom Furlong
John Hutchinson
Prenter & McNally Families
Anthony Marchelewski
Paddy Dunphy
James & Josephine Casey
Kathleen Barron
Walter & Eleanor Kirwan
Flynn & Kirwan Families
Ray & Beryl Phelan
Willie Fitzgerald
Lena Brennan
Jack McEneaney

The Parish Office

The Parish office is closed to the public due to Government Covid 19 restrictions but you may ring the office between 9.30 am-1pm Monday to Friday for any inquiries.
Contact : 051-386477

Mass Bookings

Mass Booking for the months of April, May & June have not opened due to the lockdown.
No booking will take place until further notice and when the restrictions are lifted

Mass will be streamed from Holy Cross Church each week day at 10.00am, Sundays and Holy days at 10.30am.

Visit the parish website
www.tramoreparish.ie Click on "Live Stream" on the homepage when the services are on.

For anyone who does not have access to online services:

Tramore **Parish Radio Services** are broadcast From Holy Cross Church, Tramore at 10.am from Monday to Sat and 10.30am on Sunday on your radio 105.4FM

The Church will be open for private prayer on Mon to Sat: 11.00am-4pm (except Thurs 11.00am -5pm)
Sunday: 11.30am-4pm.

PRIEST ON DUTY
086-6004384

Masses booked for the coming week:

Saturday	30th Jan	10.am	Michael Murphy
		7.30pm	John Hutchinson
Sunday	31st Jan	8.30am	Anthony Marchelewski
		10.30am	John & Mary Kearns
		12.00noon	Paddy Dunphy
Monday	1st Feb	7.30am	Kathleen Barron
		10.00am	Kathleen Dunford
Tuesday	2nd Feb	7.30am	Walter & Eleanor Kirwan & deceased members of Flynn & Kirwan Families
		10.00am	Nicholas ,Catherine & Mary Cheasty (Quilla)
Wednesday	3rd Feb	7.30am	Denis & Mary McCarthy
		10.00am	Eileen Hogan (Months mind)
Thursday	4th Feb	7.30am	Ray & Beryl Phelan & William Fitzgerald, (Drumcanon)
		10.00am	Joan Crosby
Friday	5th Feb	7.30am	Holy Souls
		10.00am	Paul Corcoran
Saturday	6th Feb	10.00am	Mary Behan
		7.30pm	Charles & Anastasia White
Sunday	7th Feb	8.30am	Michael & Catherine Leahy
		10.30am	Sr Margaret Browne
		12.00pm	Michael & Joan McCarthy
Carbally			
Sunday	31st Jan	11.30am	William & Bridget Whittle, Ballinvella
Sunday	7th Feb	11.30am	



That all those discerning or pursuing a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life will find encouragement through our prayers and sacrifices on their behalf, we pray to the Lord.

"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts."

Open your heart to the possibility that Christ is calling you to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Speak to your local priest or your Diocesan Vocation's Director, or email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie



Feast of St Blaise

The feast of St. Blaise takes place this Wednesday (Feb. 3rd). He was Bishop of Sebaste (present-day Turkey), and martyred in Armenia in 315 AD. Tradition tells us he was a physician before he became a bishop. Since the eighth century he has been venerated as patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat. There is a story that he cured a young boy who was choking on a fishbone by holding blessed candles to his throat and praying over him.

In other years, we would normally welcome people for the blessing of throats. **This year, however, we will be unable to do so. Instead, on Wednesday, after 10am Mass, we will offer a virtual blessing of throats via live-streaming.** You are welcome to light a blessed candle (or any candle) in your home during this blessing and participate in spirit. The blessing of St. Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick.