

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast of St. Brigid

Sat	31 st	12:00	Baptism in Lawrencetown
Sun	1 st	11am	St. Brigid's Feast Day~Patron of Ireland
			Nancy & Margaret Kelly
			A Murray
			Mary & Frank Lennon & their daughter
			Ann Hoey and their son in law Pat Bratten
Tues	3 rd	7pm	Feast of St. Blaise
			Blessing of Throats & Candles
Wed	4 th	9am	Mass
Thurs	5 th	9am	Mass
		9:30am	Schools Visitation & Blessing of Throats
		11:30am	Sonas Nursing Home
		2pm	St. Brendan's ~Creagh
Fri	6 th	9am	First Friday Mass
		9:30am	Visitation of the Housebound
Sat	7 th	2pm	Marian Devotions
		7pm	Children's Mass
Sun	8 th	11am	Michael Fallon & Mrs Phil Flynn~Carrowreagh
<i>In God's Loving Arms~Kiernan Kenny, John Glynn & His Sister Nora who died in the UK</i>			

New Year in Our Parish

Servers: Feb 8th: Amelia Naughton, Quinn Cronin, Darra Meyers, Ava Croffey, Ben Butler, Benjamin Szweda, Avery Flynn & Meabh Carty. As you begin your Serving Ministry, practice is very important. This new group of Servers can Serve the Children's Mass on February 7th. Please arrive in the Church 30 minutes before Mass, so that we can practice with you. Good Luck.

Offertory Collection: 25th Jan: €691.96

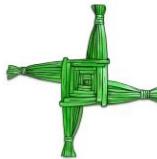
Fifty Years of Excellent Service: During the week our Bingo and Social Centre Committees celebrated with John Fehilly to mark 50 years of service to our Monday evening Bingo. We thank John for his dedication and commitment to our community. John, with the support of both Committees provide a great service to our community. The income from the Bingo with the assistance of some grants have given us one of the best Social Centre's in Ireland. As we celebrated with John on Thursday evening, we also remembered those who were responsible for this facility and who worked so hard to realise their dream. John, thanks again you really made a difference within our community for the past 50 years. Your contribution and dedication will never be forgotten. Hopefully you will still be remembered in another 50 years!!

Castlesampson NS: Our Open Day will be held on Friday 13th February 2026 from 1 pm - 4 pm for prospective pupils to view our school and meet our staff at Castlesampson NS. We look forward to welcoming you.

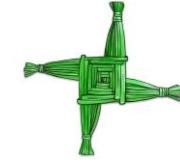
Roscommon Sub Aqua Club: Roscommon Underwater Search and Recovery are holding their annual church gate collection in our Parish on Sun 1st Feb. Please support this important work.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Education: Addiction and Mental Health wellbeing workshop. On Wednesday, 4th February, (1.30 - 4.30 pm) Clonfert Family Centre Ballinasloe. For more information please contact: Amanda Hunt, Email: regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com, Tel: 087 968 4352. All voices welcome. 18+

Just A Thought



St. Brigid (450-524 AD)



St Bridget, also known as Brigit, Brigid was born to a pagan Chieftain in Co. Louth in the 5th Century, but treated as a slave by her father. When her father was dying, he delirious and in those times, rushes were on the floor in most houses to keep the floor clean and warm. Bridget stooped down and picked up some rushes and wove them into a cross, explaining the Blessed Trinity to him and he converted and was baptized at the point of death. She entered the convent and did great work with the poor and opened lots of convents through the country.

St. Bridget Crosses are traditionally made on 1st February and are hung over the door to protect the house from fire and evil. A new cross is made each year, and the old one is either burnt to protect the house from fire and or put in the shed to protect the animals. St. Bridget is the patron saint of babies, midwives, scholars, poets, travellers and farmers.

A poem of welcome for Saint Brigid, composed by the late Fr. Tom Hamill helps sum up the many roles of our co-patron. In abridged form, Fr Hamill's 'Thirteen shouts for Saint Brigid' read: Brigid-You usher in the Spring. Brigid- You welcome all who visit. Brigid- you guard our families and flocks. Brigid- you shelter the poor in your cloak. Brigid -you inspire singers and writers. Brigid- you strengthen workers in metal. Brigid-you guide the hands of healers. Brigid-you soften the hate that divides us. Brigid-you cherish what comes to birth. Brigid- you mirror Jesus in your life. Brigid- you bless our wells and streams. Brigid- you smile in sea and sky. Brigid-you embrace us deep in your heart.