

Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

30th January 2022

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



5 interesting facts about St. Brigid:

Who is St Brigid?

Born in Dundalk in 450 AD St Brigid was the founder of the first monastery in County Kildare, Ireland. Her father was a pagan chieftain of Leinster and her mother was a Christian. St Patrick inspired her to deepen her father and spread the word of God.

Patron Saint of Ireland

St Brigid is also known as Mary of the Gael or Muire na nGael aka Our Lady of the Irish. She is one of the Patron Saints of Ireland, along with St Patrick and St Columcille.

Taking a stand

When she was young, St Brigid wanted to join a convent however her father took a firm stand and insisted that she marry the wealthy man he had promised her to. The story goes that she asked for God's help to take away her beauty so that the man wouldn't want to marry her. Her wish was granted, her father caved and she joined the convent. Not only did her beauty return but apparently she was even more beautiful than ever. She called on God's help again to convince her father to give her land in Kildare to set up a convent. Her father said that he would only give her as much land as her cloak could cover. Silly man. With God's help, the cloak grew to cover acres of land.

The story of the Cross

St Brigid was by the sick bed of a dying pagan chieftain, possibly her father, soothing him with stories about her faith and her unwavering trust in God. She began telling the story of Christ on the Cross, picking up rushes from the ground to make a cross. Before his death, the chieftain asked to be baptised. Initially, legend has it, people used to make similar crosses to hang over the door of their homes to ward off evil, fire and hunger. Over time, word spread about St Brigid, her kindness, faith and the making of the cross became synonymous with her and the tradition now bears her name.

Where is she buried?

St Brigid died at the age of 75 in AD 525 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.



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CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION RATHFARNHAM

23 OCTOBER 2022 | 8 NIGHTS

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Dead Sea & Jordan River
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Blessing of candles will take place on the 2nd of February 2022 @ 10 am Mass

If you wish to have candles blessed that day please leave them in the basket provided beside the pulpit. Please make sure you can identify your own candle clearly for collection afterwards.

Feast of St. Blaise :

Throats will be blessed at 10am mass on Thursday the 3rd of February

You are
light of the
world!
(mt 5:14)

Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will
celebrate Mass at 11 a.m on
5th of February 2022
to mark World Day of Prayer
for Consecrated Life.

Because of ongoing
COVID precautions
this will be an online event.
You are invited to join via webcam at
www.rednuns.com

Queries to: Office for Religious
Email: religious.externpriests@dublindiocese.ie



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Finance Corner

1st Collection :	€1,110
2nd Collection (Share)	€805
Shrine:	€805

Security: CCTV please be aware cameras are in operation in the Church and throughout the grounds.

Mass Cards /Anniversary Masses/Special Intentions

Mass association cards for the Deceased and the Living are available at the back of the church.

Anniversary Masses and Special Intentions can only be booked through the office.

Individual Mass cards that is, a Mass to be offered for a person on an unspecified day/time can only be booked through the office. This mass may be sent to a priest abroad due to the number of requested Masses.

Publications.

The Irish Catholic newspaper, The Messenger, Books and booklets are available for sale at the back of the church.

Very Important: Please note that face masks must be worn when entering the church.

Please also ensure you use the hand sanitizer

Thank you for your co-operation.

Mass Intentions 29th January —4th February

Sat 7pm: Sean Beggan 1st (A) Fred Dundon (A) Peter Dunne
R.I.P. Michael Murphy (A) Pauline Raymond (A)

Sun 10am: Jody O' Reilly (A) Sabina Hamrogue (A) Teresa Kelly (M.M.)

Sun 12pm: Georgina Gary (M.M.) Des Taylor (A) James McConnell R.I.P.

Mon:

Tue: Tom Bagnall R.I.P

Wed: Special Intention (Living)

Thu: Collette O' Neill (A)

Fri: First Friday Alter List of the Dead

Bereavements

We remember especially Katie (Kathleen) Brady , Paul Jean Steyaert , Carmel Farrell and Mairead MacOireachtaí. who recently passed away in our parish. Our thoughts and our prayers are with his loved ones and their families.

"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them".

Saints of the Day 29th JAN —4th FEB

Saturday: Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday: St. Aidan

Monday: St. John Bosco

Tuesday St. Brigid

Wednesday: Of the day

Thursday: St. Blaise

Friday: of the day

Parish Information

Parish Priest: Father Michael Murtagh

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Parish Office Opening hours:

Monday - Friday: 10.00am – 12.00 noon

Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 10am

Saturday: 7pm

Sunday: 10am & 12am