



Sunday 1st February
Feast of St. Brigid, Abbess,
Secondary Patron of Ireland.

Brath na Brid Another St. Brigid's Eve tradition involves the hanging out of a cloth/rag/ribbon on your washing line or out on the ditch so that when St. Brigid's spirit passed over the land on the eve of her feast day after sunset, she would bless it. The colour varied around the country, some used green, some white and others blue. Others would also hang out rosary beads that night in the same way. This rag/cloth is also known as Brat Bríde (Brigid's Cloak) and these would be kept up and used for cures, mostly headaches, over the coming 12 months. **Come early before 12 Mass to make your own St Brigid's Cross. From 11.30am there will be rushes in the Pastoral space where you can learn to make your own St Brigid's Cross.**



Tuesday 3rd February
Memorial of St. Blaise

Blessing of the Throats at the 10.00am Mass.

This May join the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart team as we walk St Declan's Way from the Rock of Cashel to the Round Tower in Ardmore. Spiritual Director: Fr Tony Horgan MSC. For more details regarding this fundraising pilgrimage please contact Mary at 021 454 6691 or email mary.morrish@mscmissions.ie

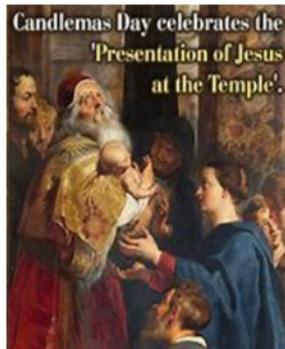
The Feast of the
Presentation of the
Lord
(Candlemas Day)

Monday 2nd February
2026

Candles will be blessed during the Mass to honour the Lord "the light of all nations" and his Mother, Mary.

If you would like to have candles blessed please place them in a bag or wrap them in tissue marked with your name and leave them at the Altar before Mass.

If you would like to reserve a candle to be blessed please call to the Parish Office.



WHAT'S ON

Thursday 29th January

After Mass the Holy Rosary in the Oratory is specifically for vocations to the priesthood. All are welcome.

Friday 30th January

Eucharistic Prayer Group meets in the Oratory from 2.30pm-3.30pm.

All welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday to Friday
10.30am to 5.00pm.
in the Oratory.



We remember
Liam Carolan
 who died recently
MAY HE REST
IN PEACE

Church Collections

w/e 17th/18th January 2026

1st Priests: €759

2nd Collection: €500

Envelopes: €795

PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers were

Lotto Nos 7, 8, 12, 31

The Jackpot is €2,400

Congratulations to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes.

The Draw takes place on

Tuesday morning before 10 a.m.

Mass. Entries for the Lotto draw

each week must be put into the

safe in the church by 11.00a.m.

on Mondays.

All are welcome to attend the draw.



At Christmas the choir sang a lovely carol, Do you have room? The choir has room for many more members. Each year we lose a couple through

retirement. We are pleased to welcome Maeve and Leanne who joined us in Advent. We need singers in all 3 vocal lines and are happy to welcome men. Practice is on Monday from 7:45 to 9:15pm. Why not give choir a try and discover your gift? Contact Irene on 089-6059135 or leave you number in the parish office. Singing is a great way to serve God and your parish.

Thought Jesus came as a humble man and is returning as a heavenly King. We don't know the day or the hour of His coming but we can know the King and belong to His kingdom. We give allegiance to the King and live by kingdom laws. Don't expect this to make sense in an irreligious world that didn't accept Jesus either. Know that He only calls us to live it with His help and strength.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading Isaiah 8:23-9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor –
these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 26(27):1,4,13-14

Response: *The Lord is my light and my help.*

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

The Lord is my light and my help.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple.

The Lord is my light and my help.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

The Lord is my light and my help.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.'

Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation cf.Mt4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom
and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,

Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;

*on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.'*

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.