

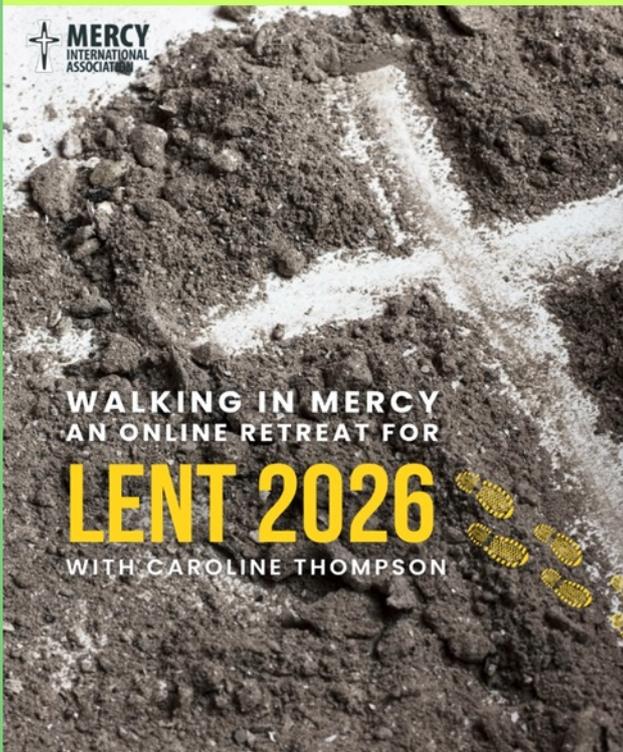


**Sunday 1st February**  
**Feast of St. Brigid, Abbess,**  
**Secondary Patron of Ireland.**

**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.**



Miraculous medals and a leaflet with prayers are available in the church for anyone who wishes to pray the Miraculous Medal Novena.



**Thought** Notice how often we throw out thrash? We go to the recycling bin, later the brown bin, then the glass container; but at least the house is free of junk. I think of my soul, the cross words, bad behaviour, chosen sin and I realise we need to be rid of that waste too. We need to repent and confess. To be wiped clean. Then we are not only rid of the badness, but loved and forgiven. A clean slate. God, the tender potter and recycler, holds no vessel too broken or scarred for Him to restore.

**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.*

€1 each.



**Mercy International Association (MIA)** is offering an online retreat on Tuesday, February 17, on the theme 'Walking in Mercy'. offered by MIA's Head of Heritage and Spirituality Caroline Thompson. The retreat will be offered via Zoom at 10am and 2pm. Self-registration is open now and all are welcome. [www.mercyworld.org](http://www.mercyworld.org).

**WHAT'S ON**

**Monday 2nd February**

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Mass at 10.00am



**Tuesday 3rd February**

Memorial of St. Blaise, Blessing of the Throats at the 10.00am Mass.



**Thursday 5th February**

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

**First Friday - 6th Feb**

All those on the Altar List of the Dead will be remembered at the 10.00am Mass.

**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.**



**Church Collections**

w/e 24th/25th January 2026

1st Priests: €763

2nd Collection: €502

Envelopes: €596

**PARISH LOTTO**

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers were

**Lotto Nos 10, 20, 22, 25**

**The Jackpot is €2,500**

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.

## Feast of St. Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland

### First Reading First Reading

Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13

Seek the Lord,  
all you, the humble of the earth,  
who obey his commands.  
Seek integrity,  
seek humility:  
you may perhaps find shelter  
on the day of the anger of the Lord.  
In your midst I will leave  
a humble and lowly people,  
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in  
the name of the Lord.  
They will do no wrong,  
will tell no lies;  
and the perjured tongue will no longer  
be found in their mouths.  
But they will be able to graze and rest  
with no one to disturb them.

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm 145(146):6-10

*How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

*How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan.

*How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age.

*How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

### Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Take yourselves for instance, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: *if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.*

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation Mt11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom  
to mere children. Alleluia!

### Gospel Matthew 5:1-12a

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.  
Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.  
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:  
they shall be satisfied.  
Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.  
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.  
Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.  
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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