



## Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



### St. Brigid's Day – Lá Fhéile Bríde

Brigid lived the Beatitudes. Born around the year 454 at Faughart, she followed her calling to consecrate her life to God. Tutored by Mel in Ardagh, she fostered that calling in many others. With Conleth, she founded the double monastery of Kildare. The interior spiritual life was given countless expression in a life marked by welcome of the stranger and hospitality to all, in her care for the sick and the poor, and in her concern for animals, nature and the earth. Brigid died on February 1<sup>st</sup> 524 and is buried in Downpatrick, with the other two patrons of Ireland, Patrick and Columba (Colum Cille). Brigid's reputation spread throughout Ireland and in many parts of Europe. The legend of her cloak expanding to meet the needs of her monastery, highlights the power of this fourth/fifth-century woman. The Brigid's Coss, woven from rushes, expressed her Christian faith and God's concern and protection given to us through the prayers and intercession of Brigid. The public holiday is linked with the feast of our patron saint. It was established as a recognition of the enormous sacrifices made by our people and by front-line workers in particular during the Covid 19 pandemic. With St. Brigid we remember those who died, all who suffered in so many ways, and those who still suffer, and we express our gratitude to those who, like St. Brigid, gave guidance, care and comfort.



### St. Brigid's Prayer

You were a woman of peace.  
You brought harmony where there was conflict.  
You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast.  
May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious,  
and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.  
Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.  
Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.  
Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.  
May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen

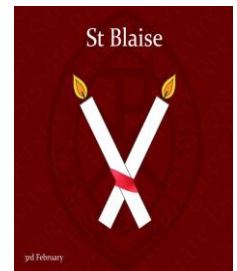


### The Feast of St Blaise – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Blessing of the throats will take place during the 9.30am Mass

### Prayer to St. Blaise

O glorious St. Blaise, devoted servant of Christ,  
you healed the afflicted and brought comfort to those in pain.  
With faith in your intercession, we turn to you in our time of need,  
especially for healing of throat ailments.  
Blessed by God with the power to cure and protect,  
intercede for us that we may be relieved of any illness or discomfort in our throats.  
Grant us strength to endure suffering with patience and courage, trusting in God's divine plan.  
St. Blaise, protector of the sick, pray for us and bring our petitions before the Lord.  
May your prayers obtain for us the grace of healing and health,  
and may our voices forever sing praises to our Creator. Amen.



### Lourdes Grotto, Oblate Fathers, Inchicore

Visit the Lourdes Grotto, Oblate Fathers, Inchicore, on:  
**Wednesday 11th of February, the *Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes*.**  
A replica of the grotto at Lourdes was completed in 1930, mainly by voluntary workers.  
In honour of this great feast, also as a tribute to the wonderful work of these men.



we will travel over by bus as we have done for over 25 years. The fare is €12 return, including a procession candle.

A bus will pick up at the Church of the Apostles, Ballybrack - **5:15 PM**  
Contact: Maria **0863576374** (after 7pm) or leave your details with Teresa in the parish office.



### The St. Vincent de Paul Gate Collection takes place next weekend

### Church Closed on Bank Holiday Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

### Mass Intentions Next Weekend



**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February Vigil Mass:** Anne Dunk Birthday Remembrance. Maureen Halinan, Maureen Bracken Anniversaries  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 11am Mass:** Breda Doyle 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Joan Kelly Recently Deceased.