

A Beginning Experience Weekend will take place at Esker Retreat Centre, Loughrea (5-7 April) for those who have lost a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. For more information you may contact Gerry 0863855090 or Maureen 0876646896.

Courses in the Pastoral Centre, Letterkenny, Spring 2019 include:

- Mental Fitness and Well-being Course. (11 February, 7.30-9.30pm for five weeks). For more information you may contact 9121853.
- Finding God in the Mess; This new adult faith development course starts 13 March (7.30 pm - 8.30 pm) for five weeks.
- Scripture Course: St. Luke's Gospel. This on-going Bible course is open to anyone interested in knowing more profoundly Jesus's message for the times we live in. It is on Thursdays (8pm - 9pm) until 28 March. All welcome. Phone: 07491 21853. Facilitator: Fr. James Friel.

THE RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES takes place from Sunday May 26th until Friday 31st May. Fr Michael McKeever, VG, will lead the pilgrimage. For more information contact the Pilgrimage Office, Archive House, Ard Adhmnain, Letterkenny, 9125090 (Monday-Friday, 12.30pm - 3.30pm).

Anyone wishing to travel as part of the sick and staying in the hospital in Lourdes should apply in writing to Lourdes Pilgrimage Director, c/o Archive House, Ard Adhmnain, Letterkenny.

Paddy went to trial for robbery. After a long time, the jury foreman came out and announced, "Not guilty." "That's great!" shouted Paddy. "Does that mean I can keep the money?"

The making and blessing of St. Brigid's Crosses will take place in St. Mary's Hall, Convoy on Thursday 31 January at 7pm.

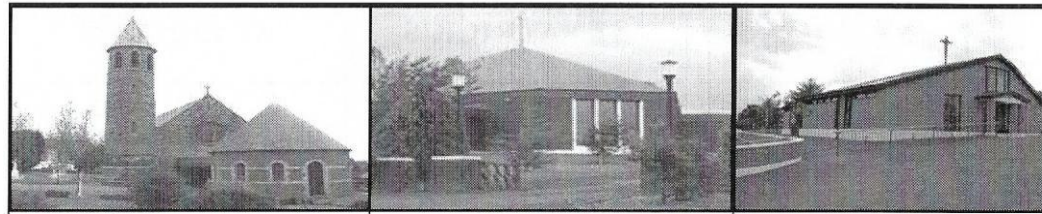
There will be a session of making of St Bridget's Crosses at St Eunan's Church on Thursday 31 January after the 7.30pm Mass. Everybody is welcome to participate and we will share a wee cuppa as well.

One day I read a sign in a bar and have never forgotten the words: I love work. It fascinates me. I could sit and look at it for hours.

Mass will be celebrated in Brindley Manor Nursing Home on Wednesday 30 January at lam.

The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.

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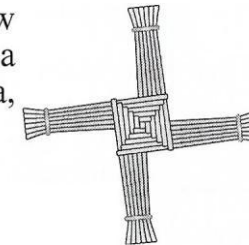
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NEWSLETTER

PARISH

Sunday 27 January 2019 - Third Week in Ordinary Time

St. Brigid was born around 450AD at Faughart, a few miles north of Dundalk in Co. Louth. Her father was a pagan chieftain called Dubhtach. Her mother, Brocca, was a Christian who was baptised by St. Patrick.



Brigid was a generous, kind and caring person. She helped to look after her father's house and she often gave away much of their food and clothes to people who needed them.

Brigid decided to give her life to God as a nun, and with seven other young women she founded a convent in Kildare. She went to the King of Leinster and asked for some land. The King said he would only give her the land that her cloak would cover. Brigid agreed. The cloak grew and grew and spread over a few acres of land. Here, Brigid built her church and convent. The name Kildare means 'church of the oak'. St. Brigid died in 525

The best known story is of Brigid's visit to a dying pagan chieftain. While she prayed, she took rushes from the floor and wove them into a cross. While she was weaving she told the chieftain all about Jesus and how he had died on the cross. The chieftain asked to be baptised.

Traditionally St. Brigid's crosses are made on the eve of St. Brigid's Day. People like to hang the crosses in their homes and sheds to protect themselves and their stock from harm.

| | STMARY'S | ST PATRICK'S | ST EUNAN'S |
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| Mon 28 | No Mass 2pm Rosary (for vocations) | No Mass | 9am Mass (Deceased Members of the RDS RJP) 7pm Divine Mercy Prayer Time |
| Tue | No Mass | 10am Mass (Paddy and Katie Kennedy RIP) Noon-6.30pm Adoration | 9am Mass (Julia Brennan RIP) |
| Wed | 9am Mass | No Mass | 9.30am-7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm Mass (Sean Kelly RIP) |
| Thur | No Mass 9am-8pm Adoration | 7pm Mass (Margaret Carr RIP) | 7.30pm Mass 8pm Cross Making |
| Fri | 7pm Mass (Padre Pio) | No Mass | 7.30pm Mass 8pm Stations of the Cross |
| Sat | 12.30pm -1 pm Confessions 1pm Baptism 6pm Mass (Mary O' Loughlin RIP and Jason Kelly RIP) | 7.30pm Mass (Pauric McGroarty MMMRIP) | 10am Mass (Mary and Tommy Martin and Frankie Brown RIP) Noon-12.30pm Confessions 2pm Baptism 7.30pm Mass After Mass: Confessions |
| Sun 3 | 10am Mass (John, Mary, Bill and Danny Moody and Sadie Pullman RIP) | 10am Mass (Latin) 11.30am Mick Boyle RIP) | 11am Mass (for all Parishioners) |

Quotes from Diary of St Faustina:

Say unceasingly this Chaplet that I have taught you. Anyone who says it will receive great Mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as the last hope. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this Chaplet even once, will receive grace from My Infinite Mercy. I want the whole world to know My Infinite Mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My Mercy.

I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: "Jesus, I trust in You".

St Mary's GAA Club Lotto 1511: the counties drawn were KY MH WD and WW. 11 people matched two counties and there were five winners of €20, Maire Porter, Gretta Gillen, Mairead McElchar, Jean O Kane and Bill Meehan. The jackpot next week will be €3500: the national draw tickets are on sale at €10 and all money raised stays in the club; each tickets covers three draws. The Dinner Dance is rescheduled for 9 February.

Why do dogs always run to the door when the doorbell rings? It is hardly ever for them.

Fr. Gorman will visit the Sick and Housebound in CONVOY on Thursday 31st January and in DRUMKEEN on Friday 1st February

Fr. Stephen Gorman gratefully acknowledges receipt of €1060 received from the Family of the late Liam McConalogue RIP being donations in lieu of flowers given to them towards St. Mary's Church, Convoy.

Fr. Kelly will visit the Sick and Housebound in Raphoe on Friday 1 February.

If you know of anyone who would like a visit from the priest please let the priest know. PLEASE NOTE NEW TIMES OF CONFESSIONS

CHURCH INCOME

| | ST. EUNAN'S | ST. PATRICK'S | ST. MARY'S |
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| Collection | €1202 | €905 | €1309 |
| Candles | €190 | €85 | €238 |

Thank you for your generosity to God and His Church