

# NEWSLETTER

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## Sunday February 2nd 2025

### The Presentation of the Lord

#### Trilogy of days

**St Brigid, Presentation of Jesus in the temple, St Blaise  
World day for Consecrated life Threshold of Creations re-birth**

“when the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the law of the Moses, the parent’s of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord” Luke 2:22,.

Today’s middle day of these trilogy of days, the presentation of Jesus in the Temple, marks a significant day in the life of Jesus and for Mary and Joseph. Fulfilling the custom for Jesus, Mary and Joseph have a chance meeting with the wise man Simeon, whose eyes saw in the young Jesus the one who had been promised by God .. Seeing in Jesus the one to be “a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of the people Israel” Luke2:32.

Yesterday’s Feast of St Brigid brings to mind the wise woman of our tradition who also saw in Jesus one who could enlighten the people of her day, the great Chieftan too, with great faith in Jesus as the one who shed light for her path and life journey, one who had consecrated her life to Christ to fulfil her mission of taking Jesus into her heart and making him known to her people as one who could accompany her and them through life and after.

The third day, Feast day of St Blaise, follows the tradition surrounding the fourth century Bishop from Armenia, a Physician before becoming a Bishop who reputedly cured a boy who nearly died from choking with a fish bone ... from the eight century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat ... so in that tradition we avail of the ritual of Blessing of the throat on his Feast day. Two candles placed by our throat, with the words prayed .....

“ Through the intercession of St Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

With these trilogy of days, we walk over the threshold of Springtime as creation undergoes a rebirth with the promise of emerging light. As the days get longer and more light emerges day by day, may we with the wise man Simeon, marvel with our eyes in seeing Jesus as “ a light to the nations”.

May we look upon the rushes woven into the iconic St Brigid’s cross to represent the strands of our lives woven into a life with the Christ of the cross of Calvary and of Risen light.

May we see in the frailty of illness renewed strength in the ritual of blessing enabling us to walk into each day with gratitude and courage.

#### **The St Brigid Cross**

*Brigid wove a cross of rushes by a dying chieftain's bed"*

*"Brigid what is that you're making*

*From the rushes there?", he said.*

*Brigid said, "A cross I'm weaving,*

*like the cross where Jesus died."*

*"Who was Jesus?" asked the chieftain,*

*"Why was this man crucified?"*

*Brigid told the gospel story to a dying pagan King.*

*Lying silently he listened,*

*Never saying anything.*

*Then he kissed the cross of rushes*

*Saying, "Brigid, thanks to you,*

*I have come to love this Jesus,*

*I will follow his way too!"*

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## Imeall Boirne Pastoral Area

### Baptisms in Imeall Boirne Pastoral Area

Baptisms will take place on Saturdays from 2pm rotating between all four parishes. As from Easter 2025 families will be required to attend a meeting to prepare for their child's baptism. Meetings will be held on the first Saturday of each month at 11am in Ruan Community Hall. Please contact Imeall Boirne Office for more information.

### Mass of Anniversaries

February 1st

**Tubber 6.30, Dysart 8pm**

February 2nd

**Ballinruan 9.30**

February 15th

**Boston 6.30pm , Ruan 8pm**

February 16th

**Crusheen 9.30am , Corofin 11am**

As of from February 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 you are asked to contact Imeall Boirne Pastoral Area office To include names of your loved ones in the Mass of Anniversaries, Donations for Mass of Anniversaries for your loved ones can be placed in an envelope marked **Anniversary Mass** and dropped in to the donation basket or given to Fr. Des, Fr. Pat or the Imeall Bóirne Office. Thank You.

### Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries

are holding a Two day Residential retreat at St Flannan's in Ennis starting Sunday 16th February from 10am to Tuesday 18th February finishing at 9am. Family Tree Healing, Praise and worship/ Confession/Holy Mass /Word of God /Eucharistic Adoration/Healing Service/One to One prayer. Total cost including accommodation and food €125 per person. For booking and payment please call

Dinto 089 2777229

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### Priest on call this week

Fr. Pat O'Neill

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### Imeall Bóirne Office

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### Jubilee Prayer 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

Father in heaven,  
May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally . Amen

### Thought for the Week

"The oak fought the wind and was broken; the willow bend when it must, and survived". Robert Jordan.

### Marian Pilgrimage to Medjugorje-

led by Sharon O Leary and accompanied by Fr Séan Sheehy as Spiritual Director May 14th to 21st , Direct Return flights-Dublin. 7 nights accommodation Early booking discount price of £795 available until January 31st , For further information contact Sharon 086 0523014

### Mass Schedule for this Week

Fr Des will be away this week, changes to mass schedule as follows:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Ruan 9.30am  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Crusheen 9.30pm  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Dysart 9.30am  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Corofin 9.30am  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Tubber 9.30am

**Please Note:** Due to damage caused to the roof by Storm Eowyn there will be no 9.30am Mass in Kilnaboy Church on Sunday Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Feast of St Brigid February 1st



St Brigid ,  
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.  
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

### DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE, RDS Dublin.

Day return bus Saturday 22nd February. Speakers His Excellency Archbishop Farrell, Fr. Pat Collins, Fr. Jim Blount and many more, great day of spiritual inspiration . €70 for bus and entry ticket. Text Karen 087-4160385 or Séamus 087 -2752578 for enquiries and bookings.

## Corofin / Kilnaboy / Rath

Masses Sunday 2nd February

**Please Note** There will be no 9.30 am Mass of Anniversaries in Kilnaboy on Sun 2nd February due to storm damage. Anniversaries will be remembered in Corofin at 11am.

**Corofin 11am** Mass for the People

Anniversaries: Teresa Guinane (Dromohor)  
Martin Kierse & John Kierse (Ballycashen)

Morning Masses

**Corofin: Thursday 6th Feb at 9:30am**

Adoration of the Eucharist

**Corofin** each Fri 10:00 am - 5 pm

Saturday 8th February

**Corofin 3pm** Brendan O'Reilly RIP Month's Mind

Masses Sunday 9th February

**Rath 9.30am** Liturgy

Anniversary Brigid Burke Moyhill

**Corofin 11am** James Maher RIP (Kilnaboy) 1st Anniversary

**The Kilnaboy Placenames Exhibition** open to all at Kilnaboy NS Hall on this Saturday/ Sunday February 1 and 2 from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm and on Sunday February 9 from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm'

**The Go For Life Exercise Classes** GAA hall on Thursdays at 10.15 am. New members are always welcome.

**Corofin National School** accepting Enrolments for Junior Infants September 2025. Please contact the school [corofinnsclare@gmail.com](mailto:corofinnsclare@gmail.com) or call the office on 0656837302 for an application form. Closing date Feb 14th 2025.

## Tubber / Boston

Mass Saturday 1st February

**Tubber 6.30pm** Mass of Anniversaries

Bea & Donal O'Grady 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Michael & Birdie O'Grady, Bernie Forde (O'Grady)

Joseph O'Grady, Josie & Noel O'Grady, Deceased Members of the O'Grady Family, Ann O'Connor-Dunford, James & Ita O'Connor, Jamie O'Connor, Sheila Hynes (Kilkeedy)

Morning Mass:

**Tubber Church on Friday 7th Feb at 9.30am**

Adoration of the Eucharist

**Tubber** Tuesday 7pm - 8pm

Mass Saturday 8th February

**Boston 6.30pm** Masses for the People

**Tubber N.S. is now accepting enrolments.** The closing date for applications is March 14th. Contact the school for Admissions Policy and Application 091-633230  
[Tubernationalschool@gmail.com](mailto:Tubernationalschool@gmail.com)

*Rest in Peace*

**Mark Quinn, Corofin**

**Kathleen Carey, Ruan**

*Gone no further than God and God is very near*

## Ruan / Dysart

Mass Saturday 1st February

**Dysart 8pm** Mass of Anniversaries

Deceased Members of the Hehir Family,  
Deceased Members of the Marrinan Family. Sean Cotter.

Morning Masses

**Ruan: Monday 3rd Feb 9.30am**

**Dysart: Wednesday 5th at 9.30am**

Adoration of the Eucharist

**Dysart** - Wed from 10:00am to 1 pm

**Ruan** - Wed from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Mass Saturday 8th February

**Ruan 8pm** Lucy Leahy RIP 1st Anniversary

**This year's Toonagh Charity Walk** was a huge success. Thanks to all who supported the walk in any way whatsoever. €4,000 has been handed over to Clarecastle Daycare Centre and €500 to the fund for the future care of Joe Slattery.  
**Scoil Mhuire Ruan** - Application forms are available for families who wish to enrol their child for the 25/26 school year. Please email [office@scoilmhuireruan.ie](mailto:office@scoilmhuireruan.ie) if you wish to receive a form

**Toonagh National School** is now accepting Enrolments for Junior Infants September 2025. Please contact the school [toonaghschool@gmail.com](mailto:toonaghschool@gmail.com) for an application form. Closing date for applications is February 21st 2025.

**Yoga is back** in Ruan community centre on Tuesdays 7-8.15pm contact Dierdre 087-8112084 for more information

**Singing** Resumes upstairs Toonagh Hall, Monday nights 8-10pm All ranges and abilities welcome. We're keeping the enjoyable tradition of the sing-song alive.

## Crusheen / Ballinruan

Sunday 2nd February

**Ballinruan 9.30am** Liturgy

Morning Mass

**Crusheen Tuesday 4th February 9.30am**

Adoration of the Eucharist:

**Crusheen** Thurs 10:00am to 9:00pm

Friday Feb. 7th

**Crusheen 7pm** Mary Mulkere RIP Month's Mind

Mass Sunday 9th February

**Crusheen 9.30am** Mass for the People

**Crusheen National School** is now accepting enrolment of new pupils for September 2025. The closing date for receipt of applications is Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2025. Application forms can be downloaded from school website <https://www.crusheenns.net/2025-26-enrolment-information.html>. If parents/guardians wish the application form to be posted or emailed to them, please contact the school by phone (065) 6827183 or email to [crusheen@crusheenns.com](mailto:crusheen@crusheenns.com)

Thank-you for your recent  
donations and continued support

# Today's Scripture Readings

## A Reading from the prophet Malachi.

### Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fullers' alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.  
O gates, lift up your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory!

**Response:** Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.  
Who is the king of glory?  
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,  
the Lord, the valiant in war.

**Response:** Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.  
O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory.

**Response:** Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.  
Who is he, the king of glory?  
He, the Lord of armies,  
he is the king of glory.

**Response:** Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.

## A Reading from the first letter of the Hebrews 2:14-18

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death.

For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so .

that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins.

That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

**The word of the Lord**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia Alleluia! The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people. Alleluia!

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God: and he said: "Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel." As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare." There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**