

St Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Newsletter 1st February 2026

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Mass times: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 10.00am, Thurs Communion Service 10.00am.

Saturday (Vigil) 6.30pm, Sunday 11.30am Confessions: Saturday 6.00pm - 6.20pm

Church of the Visitation Drynam, The Visitation of the BVM
Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, 11.00am Irish Mass



Mass times St Finian's Church Rivervalley

Mon – Fri 10.00am, Saturday 11.00am (Vigil) 5.30pm. Sunday 10.00am & 12 noon

Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm John Hamill, Judith Hamill
& Johanna Daly
Michael O'Neill
Madge O'Hara
Jim Monaghan
Esther Fogarty

Sun 11.30am Imelda McNeill
Mia Gogarty
Mary Golden (MM)
Margaret Bracken



Mass intentions for next week

Mon 10.00am Noel Flynn Angela Kelly Mary Golden	Sat 6.30pm James & Barbara Rooney Angela McCullagh
Tues 10.00am Mary Taylor Sandra Murphy	Sun 11.30am Tony Fethersston Una Sweeney
Wed 10.00am Maureen Langtry	
Thurs 10.00am Communion Service	
Fri 10.00am Altar List of the Dead	

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently
Anne Savage North Street



8am Mass for Lent

This year for Lent we will be celebrating an extra Mass at 8.00am, Monday – Friday in St Colmcille's Church. Lent begins on February 18th

St Brigid

February 1st in the Feast of St Brigid a monastic foundress who is – together with Saint Patrick and Saint Columcille – one of the country's three patron saints.



She is traditionally associated with the Cross of St. Brigid, a form of the cross made from reeds or straw that is placed in homes for blessing and protection.

Brigid's life as a nun was rooted in prayer, but it also involved substantial manual labour: this communal combination of work and prayer attracted vast numbers of people during the sixth century. Kildare, however, was unique as the only known Irish “double monastery”: it included a separately housed men's community, led by the bishop Saint Conleth. From this main monastery, Brigid's movement branched out to encompass a large portion of Ireland.

Under Brigid's leadership, Kildare played a major role in the successful Christianisation of Ireland. The abbess' influence was felt in the subsequent era of the Irish Church, a time when the country became known for its many monasteries and their intellectual achievements. St. Brigid died around 525

St Brigid Prayer leaflet are at the back of the Church, please take one

World day for Consecrated Life 2nd February

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day for women and men in consecrated life. This global celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. The Feast is also known as Candlemas, the day on which candles are blessed symbolising Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

The Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas Sunday 2nd February. Please bring your candles to be blessed or Blessed candles can also be purchased for €2 each

Feast of St. Blaise – Tuesday 3rd February

Throats will be blessed at the 10am Mass this Tuesday 3rd February to mark the Feast of St. Blaise.



St Vincent De Paul

The monthly collection for St Vincent De Paul takes place next weekend after Masses. All monies raised are kept for those in need in Swords. If you are interested in joining the SVP kindly go to: www.svp.ie/volunteer

World Day of the Sick

To celebrate World Day of the Sick we have a special Mass and anointing on Saturday February 14th, in St Finian's Church, Rivervalley at 11.00am