

Glenamaddy Parish Newsletter



31st January 2021
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church Radio
106.4 FM

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Sunday 31st January

10.30am Pat Donlon, Kilkerrin Road & decd. Donlon & Geraghty families.
Willie Mannion, Creggs Road. Mary & Patrick Tully, Cloonminda.
Seamus Walsh, Creggs Road & decd. Walsh & Kerrane families.
Aine Finnegan, Clooncun.

Weekdays

Tues 10am Private intention
Friday 10am Private intention

Sunday 7th February

10.30am Willie Collins, Bushtown—1st anniv & deceased of the Collins & Lohan families.
Jimmy Collins, Kiltullagh.
Martin & Rena Egan, Dudley Heights & decd Egan family.
Michael McDonagh, Knickanes and the deceased of the McDonagh family.

Please pray for Paul Devlin, Englishtown & Creggs Road who died during the week.

MASSES AND PRIESTS IN OUR CLUSTER AREA OF GLENAMADDY

Saturday	Williamstown	7.00pm
	Kiltevena	7.30pm
	Clonberne	7.30pm
Sunday	Garrafrauns	10am
	Glenamaddy	10.30am
	Kilkerrin	11am
	Dunmore	11.30am

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PARISH BAPTISMAL DATES: Sunday 14th February @ 12 noon. Saturday 13th March at 4pm. Sunday 11th April @ 12 noon. Baptisms are restricted to Parents, Siblings, and Godparents. A copy of your child's Birth Certificate is required and two weeks notice. To book your child's Baptism please phone (094) 9659962.

CHURCH INCOME LAST WEEKEND: €730

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, DUNMORE helpline (086) 4169828

GLENAMADDY BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP is a parish based group ministry whose aim is to help those bereaved and grieving. If at any time you feel a need to talk we are here to listen.

(A POEM IN HONOR OF ST BRIGID)

Her habit is a dancing dress, her prayer beads, tinkling bells.
She settles in the sun's caress, and drinks from ancient wells.
Her abbey is a grove of oak, deep in a forest glen.
From here the winds of wisdom spoke, from here she'll speak again.
Her bread's a hearty cake of oat, Her wine's a honey mead.
She gives away her shoes and coat, the hungry she does feed.
Her altar is a peasant's heart, draped in love's linen, fair.
The Queen of Heaven, Prince of Peace, and angels meet her there.
Her mantle is the meadow green, all creatures are her friends.
Those once forgotten, now are seen, their brokenness she mends.
Her sacred well's a lake of ale, with roses all around.
Her faith, a currach setting sail, her soul is Holy ground.
Her crozier is a wand of light, her mitre; made of fire.
The Shepherdess of good and right, compassion and desire.
Her smile's a message of God's care, and love that knows no end.
Dear Anamchara of Kildare, Saint, Abbess, and Soul-Friend.

PARISH OFFICE Due to Level 5 restrictions it will be operating behind closed doors. Parishioners who wish to book Masses, require Mass cards or have any other query are asked to please ring the office (094) 9659962 between 10am-12 noon Monday, Tuesday or Friday and arrangements will be made.

ST BRIGID'S DAY — Mass will be in Williamstown Church at 10am on Monday. Anyone who wishes to have candles, crosses or anything blessed please leave the items on the front seats of the church and clearly mark your name on it and Fr Eugene will bless them over the coming days.

THE FEAST OF ST BRIGID — LÁ FHÉILE BRIDE

The Feast of St. Brigid —Lá 'le Bríde occurs annually on 1st February. In Celtic pre-Christian times, the first day of Spring was called Imbolg. Since then, St. Brigid's Day signals the beginning of Spring.

St. Brigid was born around the year 454 in Faughart, Co. Louth.

She spent most of her life in Kildare (Cill Dara, meaning the little church made of oak), where she built an abbey with a group of companions.

She lived at the time of St. Patrick and when she heard his preaching about the one true God, it inspired her to live a Christian life.

She wanted to dedicate her life to prayer and to helping the poor.

St. Brigid spent her life doing ordinary things extraordinary well.

There are many legends written about St. Brigid: St. Brigid and the Dying Chieftain, St. Brigid and the Healer, St. Brigid and the Fire on the Hill of Kildare and **folklore** about St. Brigid's well and St. Brigid's Cloak in the Second Class books

St. Brigid became known far and wide for the welcome and hospitality she sowed to the poor.

St. Brigid became known as "Muire na nGael"----Mary of the Gaels.

When she died, her body was brought to Downpatrick, in Co. Down, to be buried beside St. Patrick.

Her abbey in Kildare continues to be a place of prayer and pilgrimage, where people gather around St. Brigid's Wall to honour her and to recall her life story.

St. Brigid is now known as the patroness of Ireland.

The Sisters of the Brigidine Order devote their lives to God, taking Brigid as their inspiration, and continue her work.

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD—2ND FEBRAURY

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which is observed also as the World Day of Consecrated Life and occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day. "In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father. Before our eyes we can picture Mother Mary as she walks, carrying the Baby Jesus in her arms. She brings him to the Temple; she presents him to the people; she brings him to meet his people. In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing 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 celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church. World Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated on February 2nd however, it is observed in parishes on the Sunday after February 2nd. In 2021, this day will be celebrated in parishes February 6-7, 2021.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE is on Wednesday next. Mass will be celebrated at 10am from Williamstown. A special blessing of throats will take place during the Mass. Due to covid there will be no individual blessing as in previous years.

Laughing is the best medicine. But if you're laughing for no reason, you may need medicine.

If you can make one person laugh long enough to forget their problems then the day was not wasted.