

# Parish of St. Mary's Mostrim



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St Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland

## This Weekend January 31<sup>st</sup> / February 1<sup>st</sup>

7.00 p.m. No Intention.  
11.00 a.m. 1. Ciaran Duffy, and deceased members of the Duffy family, Rhenney and Monadarragh.  
2. Deceased members of the Mulhare and Hughes families, Cloncaugh.  
3. Liz Hughes.  
4. Catherine (Kitty) Murray, Castlebrock (First Anniv.).

## Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Feb People of the Parish.

## Next Weekend: February 7<sup>th</sup> / February 8<sup>th</sup>

7.00 p.m. 1. Bridget and Christy Ross (Anniv).  
2. Michael Greene, and deceased members of the Greene Family, Devine Crescent and St Patrick's Terrace and Terry Ellis.  
3. Ciara Conefrey (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.).  
11.00 a.m. 1. Mary Rooney, Ballymaon Road.  
2. Thomas Leonard (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.).

**Offertory Collections:** Sat 17<sup>th</sup> January / Sun 18<sup>th</sup> January - €1,355 - sincere thanks.

## BAPTISM - We welcomed

Pearl Oteng - Kontoh, Abhainn Glas and Bláthnaid May Kenny, Cranleymore into our Christian community recently.



**FIRST FRIDAY:** Fri Feb 6<sup>th</sup> - The usual communion calls to the sick and housebound of the parish will take place on Friday next.

## Sunday Scriptures

**First Reading** - This talks about the life-style of those who walk in the ways of God. Even if they are few, and, from a worldly point of view, poor and lowly, they are fortunate for they will enjoy the shelter of God's care.

**Second Reading** - This tells us that God does not pick people who are wise, powerful or of noble birth, but rather those who are poor, weak and lowly, so that no human being could possibly boast before him.

**Gospel** - In this Gospel we are presented with the values Christ preached and lived, and which he wants to see in his followers.

**SUNDAY REFLECTION** - Matthew's Gospel was written with a particular community or church in mind. In this sense, it is a community book. It provided the basis on which a group could build its life and structures. It also allowed the members to develop an understanding of the relationship between the past, the present and the future.

**EUCARISTIC ADORATION** - Parish Holy Hour in Our Lady's Manor on Saturdays from 9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.

**DRIVE SAFELY** - Please put your phone down.

## Feasts this week:

### Sun Feb 1<sup>st</sup> - Feast of St Brigid

O Saint Brigid, our Lady of the Gaels, spread your banner over us.

O Saint Brigid, the heart of the festival, lead us on the right path.

O Saint Brigid, gracious and loving, protect us from our enemies.

O Saint Brigid, beautiful and royal lady, at the hour of our death call upon us.

### Blessing of Saint Brigid's Crosses

Father of all creation and Lord of Light, you have given us life and entrusted your creation to us to use it and to care for it.

We ask you to bless these crosses made of green rushes in memory of holy Brigid, who used the cross to recall and to teach your Son's life, death and resurrection. May these crosses be a sign of our sharing in the Paschal Mystery of your Son and a sign of your protection of our lives, our land and its creatures through Brigid's intercession during the coming year and always. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

The crosses are sprinkled with holy water:

May the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be on these crosses and on the places where they hang and on everyone who looks at them. Amen.

**Mon Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> - The Presentation of the Lord** - *World Day for Consecrated Life* - This feast is a remembrance of the Lord and Mary. With candles in their hands, the people go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him like Simeon, who recognized Christ as 'a light to reveal God to the nations'.

**Tues Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> - St Blaise** - Bishop of Sebastes, martyred in Armenia. Tradition states that he was a physician before becoming a bishop. Since the eighth century he has been venerated as patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat.

**The Pope's Monthly Intention:** *For children with incurable diseases*: Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

### One line wisdom:

"God uses valleys to mould our character." - Lee Stroble

**The Way** is a new digital multimedia platform recently set up by the Irish Bishops. Take a look at: [theway.ie](http://theway.ie).

### MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland. Dates: 20 -22 March 2026 A WEEKEND LIKE NO OTHER. Venue: "St Marys" Knock, Co. Mayo. Online: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

**Knit and Natter Group** - Knit and Natter group begin on Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Feb at the Green from 12-1:30 every Sat. Cost is €5 with tea and biscuits. All ages and abilities welcome. Come and practice your skills or learn new skills in a lovely warm and welcoming environment. Contact: 0874625766.

### READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - FEBRUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Ijeoma Eze-Ejikeme.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kate O'Donohue.

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARST - FEBRUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Catherine Tracey, Sandra Durkan.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Mathew Family.

*Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.*

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- Fr Tom Healy -