

First reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy



Moses said to the people: 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."' "

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second reading

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you,

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord



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31st January 2021

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Brigid's Day - Tuesday 1st February

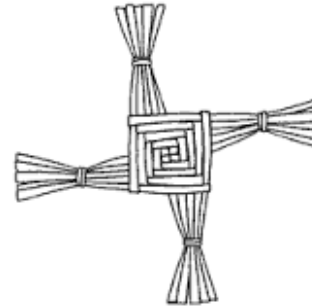
St. Brigid's Blessing

May Brigid bless the house wherein we dwell.
Bless every fireside, every wall and door.
Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof.
Bless every hand that toils to bring its joy.
Bless every foot that walks portals through.
May Brigid bless the house that shelters us.



Prayer to St. Saint 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.
Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.
Strengthen what is weak within us.
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.
May we grow each day into greater



In Memoriam

This Mass is broadcast on radio Medium 109

We pray for: Noel Graham, Ballinagall, Ballyckmoyler who died during the past week.

Anniversaries for 31 Jan

(11.30am): Tom McDonnell, Carlow Road
Eddie & Betty Lacey
Mary Conway
Brigid Hayden
Alice Hayden

William, Margaret & Vincent Brennan

Joe & Kathleen Brennan

Sheila McDonald, Ashfield and deceased members of the McDonald & Conway families

Anniversaries for 07 Feb

(11.30am): Dick Donohue, Oldcourt & his parents Ellen & Denis Donohue

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We continue to wear a mask to protect ourselves and others.



An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

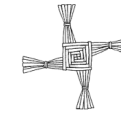


Thank you for your continued support of our Covid 19 practices.



Blessing Prayer of St. Brigid

(1st Feb. 2021)



As you begin, name any prayer intention you have, while including protection and healing from COVID-19 and the intentions of the people of our parish & diocese.



Oh Brigid, Mary of the Gael, may your protection never fail.

Spread your mantle over me, where 'ere I am, where 'ere I be.

Cover me with God's joy and peace, let my faith and hope never cease. Shine your light where there is darkness, strengthen me in any weakness.

Heal all within that may be ill, give me the desire each day to do God's will.

'Till I rest, my journey o'er, with God and you forever more. St. Brigid, patron of Kildare and Leighlin,

Pray for us.

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Parish Office & Shop

Tuesday & Friday 10am -12noon

The Parish Office will remain closed for the duration of this phase of lockdown.

Emails will be monitored during this time.

Please contact us at:

arlesparish@gmail.com

Wednesday 3rd Feb

Feast of St. Blaise

A Blessing of Throats



Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyrs,

May the Lord free you from ailments of the throat and from any other evil.

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.



Presentation of the Lord

This Tuesday, (2nd Feb.) we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord with a blessing of candles for home and church use. We draw upon the hope filled tradition of having a



blessed candle in our churches and homes as a symbol of the light of Christ.

We will be taking down the Crib after this date as well—so if you would like to visit the Crib one last time this year and offer a prayer for your home and family, please do so before mid week.