

# Leckpatrick Parish News

Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

***Following the recent briefing by the Chief Medical Officer, the Chief Scientific Officer and Catholic Bishops of N. Ireland – From 7 January until 6 February the Celebration of Mass and other liturgies should take place without the presence of people, except for Marriages and Funerals which are restricted to 25 people.***

## WHSCT- Free Mental Health Courses

WHSCT Recovery College are offering FREE courses on mental health and emotional wellbeing. Courses start in March via ZOOM (if restrictions are lifted, the course will continue face-face). Shortened courses are currently available to watch on the trusts website: [www.westerntrust.hscni.net/service/recovery-services/recovery-college](http://www.westerntrust.hscni.net/service/recovery-services/recovery-college).

The Recovery College Spring 2021 Prospectus is available on the trusts website or can be posted to you. For information or to request a prospectus in the post, contact: 02882 833291 or email: [recoverycollege@westerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:recoverycollege@westerntrust.hscni.net)

## St Angela's College, Sligo

**Is inviting applications for the following course beginning Autumn 2021**

**Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education (Primary) with Online Delivery**

The course is open to: Qualified primary school teachers; Qualified post-primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious education may also apply.

**Closing date for Applications is Friday 14th May 2021. This date may be extended.**

**For further information and application forms contact Mary Kearns, Senior Administrator, School of Education, St. Angela's College, Lough Gill, Sligo**

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# FEASTS OF THE WEEK

**Monday 1 February** - St Brigid is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She was born c454. When she was young her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her, but she insisted in consecrating her life to God. She received the veil and spiritual formation probably from St Mel and stayed for a period under his direction in Ardagh. Others followed her example and this led her to found a double monastery in Kildare with the assistance of Bishop Conleth. She died in 524 and her cult is widespread not only throughout Ireland but in several European lands. The St Brigid's Cross, in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith, remains a popular sign of God's protection.

**Tuesday 2 February** - The Presentation of the Lord – Candlemas Day.

**Wednesday - St Blaise** - The blessing of St Blaise is a sign of our Faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick "Through the intercession of St Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other evil, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit"

## ST JOSEPH

Pope Francis has proclaimed "A year of St Joseph" from the 8 December last until 8 December 2021. The Holy Father says: 'Covid-19 has helped us see more clearly the importance of people, who though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day'. In this they resemble St Joseph – 'The man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence'. In St Joseph, Jesus saw the tender love of God.

**ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS** *In times of calamity and disaster such as the outbreak of a plague which in these days is called Covid-19 or Corona virus – we take the advice and example of the Saints and Consecrate our parish and our family and friends to the safety and Protection of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

**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 now as if you were already there and I unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. AMEN



## **Parish Liturgy for Catholic Schools Week**

### **Sacred Space**

This could include symbols that represent the distinctive identity of each Catholic school in the parish. If a display area has been set up in the church to mark Catholic Schools Week, this is the ideal place to put the symbols presented before the liturgy.

### **Introduction**

#### **Priest**

This week celebrates the gift of Catholic Schools and of Catholic Education. During this week, students, staff, parents, grandparents, members of boards and the people of the parish will show, in lots of different ways, that they are proud of their Catholic school. Welcome to our time of prayer together, as we celebrate the Catholic Schools Week 2021.

We begin our prayer together

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

Let us take a moment to be quiet in the presence of the Lord.

### **Opening Hymn**

Christ be our Light; Here I am, Lord, or suitable alternative (*While the opening song is being sung, the lighted candle is carried in and placed in the prayer space/altar*)

### **Opening Prayer**

Loving God, as we gather in prayer, we thank you for your presence with us. Help us and our school community, to be places of Hope, Love, Faith and Resilience. May we become more and more like your son Jesus who, by his words and actions, showed your unconditional love for all people. May we learn to be like him, trusting in you and reaching out to those around us. May your Holy Spirit be the source of inspiration and wisdom as we journey together in faith, hope and love. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Reader**

#### **A reading from the Prophet Isaiah**

For I am the Lord your God, the holy God of Israel, who saves you.

I will give up Egypt to set you free;

I will give up Ethiopia and Seba.

I will give up whole nations to save your life, because you are precious to me and because I love you and give you honour.

Do not be afraid - I am with you! "From the distant east and the farthest west, I will bring your people home.

### **The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm (sung)**

### **The Lord is My Shepherd**

**Priest** A reading from the Gospel of Luke

Then Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath, he went as usual to the synagogue. He stood up to read the Scriptures and was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it is written:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; to set free the oppressed and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save his people.*

Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.

All the people in the synagogue had their eyes fixed on him, as he said to them, *this passage of scripture has come true today, as you heard it being read.* (Good News Bible)

### **The Gospel of the Lord**

#### **Intercessions**

**Priest:** We now turn to our God in prayer. The response to our prayer is: *'Lord graciously hear us'*.

**Reader:** We pray for Pope Francis, for our Bishop Donal, for all priests in the diocese and for all who work to bring God's message into our world. May Christ's example be always in their hearts and minds as they go about doing the work that Jesus called them to do.

**Lord hear us ...**

Response

**Reader:** We pray for all our families who during this time of lockdown are doing their very best to meet the needs of their children. May their homes continue to be places of faith, kindness and understanding.

**Lord hear us ...**

Response

**Reader:** We pray for our teachers and all who work in our diocesan schools. Help them to be resilient during this very challenging time and to trust in your unconditional love and your presence in their lives.

**Lord Hear Us**

Response

**Reader:** We pray for all in our diocesan faith community: that together we will place our trust in God; that we will care for those in our community who are experiencing, loneliness, anxiety, pain at this time.

**Lord hear us ...**

Response

**Reader:** We pray for all our students whose lives have been disrupted by the pandemic. May they one day soon, once again meet their friends, attend school and do ordinary everyday activities we once took for granted. May they know God's love for them through the actions of others and may they share that love with those less fortunate than themselves.

**Lord hear us ...**

Response

**Reader:** We pray for all those from our diocesan school community who have died: especially those who have lost loved ones during the pandemic and for whom saying goodbye was particularly difficult. We pray that all our deceased are now with God in heaven.

**Lord hear us ...**

Response

**Reader:** We take a moment to call to mind our own prayers and intentions...

**Lord hear us ...**

Response

**Priest:** We bring these and all our prayers together in the words Jesus taught us, Our Father who art in heaven....

### **Closing Prayer**

Loving God we entrust ourselves and our schools to you. Daily guide our hearts, minds and actions so that we may work for the good of all. May our schools continue to be beacons of light which enable all to live the Gospel message – ‘love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.’ (John 13:34) We ask this, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** Go tell Everyone....

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# DERRY DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL CENTRE

## Assembly for the Feast of Saint Brigid - 1<sup>st</sup> February

### Opening Hymn

### Opening Prayer

God our Father, as we gather together as a community of Faith, we thank you for the gift of Saint Brigid, a woman full of holiness and grace and patroness of Ireland. Be with us as we reflect on her life and work, that we may be supported by your grace and the Holy Spirit, care for those who are lonely, poor and anxious at this time especially those affected by the pandemic.

### Scripture Reading

#### A Reading from the book of Job (31:16-20, 24-25, 31-32)

I have never refused to help with the poor; never have I let widows live in despair or let orphans go hungry while I ate. All my life I have taken care of them.

I have never trusted in riches or taken pride in my wealth.

All those who work for me know that I have always welcomed strangers

I invited travellers into my home and never let them sleep in the streets.

**The Word of the Lord.**



## **Intercessions**

### **Introduction**

Lord, you are always with us. Hear our prayers today, as we place them before you and as we ask Saint Brigid to mediate on our behalf.

We take time to reflect on the moments during this pandemic year when we have reached out to others in need. Help us, we pray, to continue to do so by following the example set by Saint Brigid. *Pause* Lord Hear Us **Lord Hear our Prayer**

We pray for our school. May it continue to be a beacon of light to the students, staff, parents, governors..... May we strive to support all our students during this challenging school year. *Pause* Lord Hear Us **Lord Hear our Prayer**

We pray for our students. May they continue to support one through maintaining contact through social media, telephone, socially distanced walks. May they be open to hearing your voice in the busyness of every-day living.

*Pause* Lord Hear Us **Lord Hear our Prayer**

We pray for our families. We thank them for their love and support, and we ask them for their continued guidance..... We place the prayers of all families under the protection of Saint Brigid.

*Pause* Lord Hear Us **Lord Hear our Prayer**

We pray for those who feel isolated, alone or anxious in any way. Be with them in their time of need and give them the strength to face the future with courage knowing that you are with them always.

*Pause* Lord Hear Us **Lord Hear our Prayer**

We take a moment to call to mind anyone or anything we wish to pray for this today.

United as a family, we bring all our prayers together in the words Jesus taught us ....**Our Father...**

### **Concluding Prayer**

As your Spirit guides us and your loving care keeps us safe, Lord, be close to us this day and every day, and in your mercy listen to those who call on you. Strengthen and protect us in your kindness and draw us closer to you. Help us to imitate Saint Brigid by placing God at the centre of every thought, action, decision that we make. Amen.

