

Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th January 2023



The coming week sees more special celebrations than usual.

Tuesday will see the memorial of St. John Bosco, the founder of the Salesians. He had a particular interest in the education and development of young people, including providing books and pamphlets for them to study the faith.

Wednesday will see the feast of St. Brigid, sometimes called Mary of the Gael. St. Brigid is referred to as the Secondary Patron of Ireland, while St. Ita, co-patron of our Diocese is sometimes called the Brigid of Munster.



Thursday, as mentioned in the Liturgy Corner last week, will see the celebration of the feast of The Presentation of the Lord. This feast commemorates the day when the Virgin Mary, with St. Joseph, in obedience to Jewish law, went to the **Temple in Jerusalem** both to be purified 40 days after the birth of her son, **Jesus**, and to present him to God as her firstborn. By the middle of the 5th century the custom of observing the feast with lighted candles had been introduced, and the name Candlemas developed from this custom.



Friday will see the memorial of St. Blaise, a day associated with the blessing of the throat. The blessing is done by using two candles, held open slightly and then pressed against the throat, it is said that the origin of this tradition has to do with a legend that a boy was brought to Saint Blaise who had a fishbone caught in his throat, the boy's family were afraid that he was going to die, however Blaise was able to heal him.



Split the Pot: Congratulations to Pat Brosnan winner of last weekends draw (22/1).



Recent Baptisms:

We welcome the following children to the Christian Community and wish them and their families every blessing.

Alexander Bodie Elani O'Dwyer McDonagh We offer our sympathies to the family and loved ones of the recently deceased.

Mr Joe Sheehan RIP

Dates to Remember: Thursday 2nd February— Blessing of Candles after 10am & 5.45pm Mass

Friday 3rd February—Blessing of the Throat after 10am & 5.45pm Mass

Thank You: The Clergy of the Parish wish to thank all those who contributed to our Christmas Dues and Parish Clerk
Collection. We greatly appreciate your generosity and assure you of our continued Prayers. Fr Ger

Our vision is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things.



Week 1 Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals is a simple solution to world hunger. In our 21st year, we provide a daily meal to **2,429,182** children every school day in some of the world's poorest countries. It costs just **€22** to feed a child in a place of education **for an entire school year**. For more information, please check out www.marysmeals.ie or contact Angela Moore at 089-4339592 or angela.moore@marysmeals.org.

Week 2 Mary's Meals - Coin Collection

We are appealing to you for your copper coins, old punts/pence, old sterling and other currencies that are lying around the house in jars and tins. You don't need to count it! We are willing to collect it from you if you are willing to donate it! Please contact Angela Moore at 089-4339592 or angela.moore@marysmeals.org.

Week 3 Mary's Meals – Text to Donate

If you are a prepay customer on your mobile phone and have unused credit at the end of the month, you can use it to donate to Mary's Meals. Just text the word "JOY" to 50300. Texts cost €4. Mary's Meals will receive a minimum of €3.60. Service Provider: LIKECHARITY Helpline: 01 4819311

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Week 4 Mary's Meals – New Support Group

Mary's Meals is a simple solution to world hunger. A global hunger crisis looms - those living in outright famine have increased 500% since 2016. Mary's Meals are hoping to start a new support group in YOUR area – to get involved or for more information, please check out www.marysmeals.ie or contact Angela Moore at 089-4339592 or angla.moore@marysmeals.org.

Mary's Meals are a no-frills charity we depend upon the generosity of volunteers to feed so many hungry children. We really appreciate your assistance in trying to spread the word for us. Together, every single one of us can make a difference!

Canon Micheál De Liostún warmly invites you to Celebrating St. Brigid (poster below) on Wednesday, 1st February 2023 at 6.00 pm in the Diocesan Centre. Copies of his book *A New Deed* will be available for purchase on the night. A donation of €10 for one book and €50 for six books all moneys will go directly to Trocaire.

