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Clogherhead & Walshestown Parish




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Ss Peter & Paul, Walshestown

To build bridges, bring together and renew the parish community in a spirit of faith, trust and hope through loving service of God and of our neighbour

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OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: Tuesday 9.30am-12.30pm & Thursday 3pm-5pm

SCHOOLS - St Denis': 982 2873; St Paul's: 685 2285

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14th Jan 2024

Sunday Cycle B

Weekday Cycle 2

Psalter Week 2

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January 2024 **We Are One With You**

O God, we are one with you. You have made us one with you. You have taught us that if we are open to one another, you dwell in us. Help us to preserve this openness and to fight for it with all our hearts. Help us to realise that there can be no understanding where there is mutual rejection.

O God, in accepting one another wholeheartedly, fully, completely, we accept you, and we thank you, and we adore you, and we love you with our whole being, because our being is your being, our spirit is rooted in your spirit. Fill us then with love, and let us be bound together with love as we go our diverse ways, united in this one spirit which makes you present in the world, and which makes you witness to the ultimate reality that is love. Love has overcome. Love is victorious.

Thomas Merton



The Parish List of the Dead, deceased benefactors and the rec. dec^d: Sandra McCartney (*Annagassan*); Thomas Tallon; Brendan McEvoy; Seán Carton; Felix Cavanagh; Irene McManus; Arlene Kearney; Liam Gorman; Sr Marie Walsh.

Mass Intentions This Week

St Michael, Clogherhead

Vigil 7.30pm Sr. Annette Kirwan, Larry, Maggie & Jane Kirwan (*Harbour Rd*); Carton Family +Angela, Mary & Paddy Gorman (*Main St.*); Val & Clare Reilly

Sun 11.30am Jim Wilkinson (*MM*); Elizabeth (Lilly) Fanning (*1st Anniv.*); Margaret Kirwan (*1st Anniv.*); Martin Smyth.

Monday 9am *Free Intention*

Next Vigil 7.30pm Noel McEvoy (*1st Anniv.*); Margaret Dunne

Next Sun 11.30am Paul, Mary & Christy Mitchell

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Sunday 10am Maura, Jim & Baby Joseph McGrane + Larry McGrane & Mary Reynolds; Paddy Caffrey + Sandra McCartney

Saturday 11am Nora Walshe *nee Crilly* (*Manitoba and late Drumgooter House*)

Sunday 10am *Free Intention*



On Sunday 07th January you gave €908.45 (€506.30 in 61 envelopes and €402.15 on the plate). *Grateful thanks for all your support.*

Tuesday **Holy Hour**: Adoration from 10-11am in St Michael's.

St Paul's BoM meets on Friday @ 6pm in the school.

Drogheda Community Services provide a one-to-one Bereavement Counselling Service at Dermot Kierans Centre, Scarlet Crescent, Drogheda. Counsellors are available during the day and evenings. This is a free service. To make an appointment please call **041 983 6084** or email **info@droghedacsc.net** Supported by Túsla.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church Workshop takes place at Our Lady's Shrine Knock on Saturday 10th February 2024. The workshop will be of particular

interest to those who plan to start a study group of the Catholic Faith in their local area. To book please contact Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin by email at mairin991@gmail.com or **087-795 0325** or visit the website at **www.catechism.ie**

Alpha Course - Curious about faith? Alpha Course starts Thursday 15th February 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Pastoral Hall, Jonesborough, facilitated by Deacon George Kingsnorth.

Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. At each Alpha session, you'll be hosted in a small group and watch an episode on a different question of faith – then you have a chance to share your thoughts and hear what others think. You can say anything you like, or

nothing at all. Everyone's welcome. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. It's free and there's no pressure to come back. For further information contact Deacon George at george_kingsnorth@yahoo.co.uk **St Colmcille's SVP** Should you require SVP assistance, please call the freephone no. at **1800 677 777**

Saint Brigid 1500

The year 1 Feb 2024 till 1 Feb 2025 will be a year dedicated to Saint Brigid, celebrating the **1500th anniversary** of her life and ministry in this diocese of Armagh. During this year we will endeavour to honour the faith and enduring legacy of this great and holy woman.

St Brigid is a beacon and guide for us today — in these times of transition and change. Her spirit filters down through the history and culture of our land, and her story intertwines with a tapestry of Ireland's rich heritage. She provides us with a glimpse into the

past, but her story also illuminates our future. Born in this Diocese in Faughart Parish, Saint Brigid embodies important values that transcend generations. Her life encapsulated a remarkable blend of spirituality, compassion and healing power, that touches the core of our faith as we live it today.

In commemorating her life this coming year, all parish communities

are invited to take part in this jubilant celebration.

Brigid 1500 isn't merely a mark in time; it's an invitation to embrace, along with her Christianity, all the elements that were championed by this remarkable woman - the environment, arts, social justice, peace, hospitality and

education - all the things that we as a church still promote and champion today.

Saint Brigid's life was one brimming with miracles, one that echoed the teachings of Christ whilst also embracing the natural world.



1. John pointed the disciples towards Jesus as the one they should follow. Remember the people in your life who have pointed you in a new and life-giving direction? Perhaps in some cases this may have involved directing you away from your association with them, e.g., leaving home, changing jobs, etc.

2. Where do you live? Jesus did not respond to the question by giving the disciples his address. He invited them to come and experience where and how he lived. Discipleship is a lived experience. What experiences have helped you to learn how Jesus lived, and what he was looking for in life? How has this attracted you to

follow him?

3. What is your experience of gathering in small groups to learn to live like Jesus by listening to the gospel together? Where two or three are gathered in his name, Jesus is there with them. What group experiences have helped your faith to grow?

4. Andrew did not keep the good news to himself but also invited his brother to join him in following Jesus. What is your experience of receiving, or giving, an invitation to join in some worthwhile venture?

John Byrne OSA

Brigid's kindness and unwavering concern for all represents a testament to her timeless spirit.

The aim of this year transcends mere celebration; it's about fostering connections between our contemporary world and the everlasting legacy of Saint Brigid. Through a series of faith-based events, we seek to bridge generations and reignite the flame of inspiration lit by this iconic figure.

As we embark on this commemorative journey, let us not just celebrate history, but craft a vibrant legacy of our own. Let us celebrate Saint Brigid's teachings, incorporate them into our lives and communities, and ensure that her

light continues to shine brightly through our actions, our compassion and our unwavering commitment to a better world.

May the celebration of Saint Brigid resonate in our hearts and create ripples of hope and renewal across our island and wherever Irish people have settled around the world

Bishops Eamon & Michael

*Please keep praying for
peace in Ukraine and the
Middle East.*