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St Michael Clogherhead

***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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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024**

*Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 2*

*World Leprosy Day*

*Psalter Week 4*

## **St. Brigid**

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February we celebrate **St. Brigid's Day** and a year dedicated to St. Brigid will commence **1 Feb 2024—1 Feb 2025**. St. Brigid was born in Co. Louth in the parish of Faughart in 525.

### **Prayer to 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 wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen*

**Mass on Thursday at 7pm** in St Michael's Church  
The Legion of Mary will lead the Novena prayers to St. Brigid at the Adoration on Tuesday (30<sup>th</sup> Jan).



The Parish List of the Dead, deceased benefactors and the recently deceased: Pearl McVeigh (*Pomeroy*); Eileen Wogan (*Collon*); Alec McClean (*Annagassan*); Veronica Seery [*née Burke*] (*England*); Mary Teresa Reilly; Fr Tommy McNulty; Sandra McCartney; Thomas Tallon; Brendan McEvoy; Seán Carton; Felix Cavanagh.

**Mass Intentions This Week**

**St Michael, Clogherhead**

**Vigil 7.30pm** Eileen Wogan (*rd*)

**Sun 11.30am** Anne Johnston;

Noel Rafferty

Mon 7pm Carton & McArdle Family dec<sup>d</sup>

Thursday 7pm **St Brigid's Day Free Int<sup>d</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday 9am (*Adoration Chapel SMC*) **Free Int<sup>d</sup>**

**Next Vigil 7.30pm** Frank Levins;

Margaret Shevlin;

Vincent Collier & Jim Murphy

**Next Sun 11.30am** *The People of the Parish*

**Ss Peter & Paul, Walshestown**

**Sunday 10am** William & Margaret  
Fogarty

**Next Sunday 10am** Rose Fox;  
Sue & Tom Reilly



**Congratulations** to  
**Megan Thornton &  
Alan Smith** married  
in Christ on  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan.  
in St Michael's.



**Church Altar Society Team for  
February– (SMC)**

Margo Branigan & Geraldine  
Matthews

**Sincere thanks** to our January teams.

**First Friday calls** The sick and  
housebound will be attended with  
the sacraments from 11am. If not  
on the list then please phone the  
Parish Office and let Fr Martin  
know that you would like a visit.

**Pope's Intentions for February**  
**For the terminally ill:**

We pray that those with a  
terminal illness and their families  
receive the necessary physical  
and spiritual care and  
accompaniment.

**Apostles of Love** are holding ***Life in  
the Spirit*** seminars on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
February. A life-changing weekend  
experience. Saturday 10.30am–4pm  
& Sunday 10am to 4pm finishing with  
Holy Mass. Bring a packed lunch, tea  
& coffee supplied. Cost donation  
only. No children under 12. Phone  
**089-615 2568** for more information.  
Or see — **ApostlesofLove.ie**

**On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January** you gave  
€1,096.30 (€876.50 in 63 envelopes  
and €219.80 on the plate).

*Grateful thanks for all your support.*

**Please note:** Mass on Mon 7pm  
Tuesday **Holy Hour:** Adoration  
from 10-11am in St Michael's. The  
Legion will lead the **Novena prayers  
to St. Brigid** at the Adoration this  
coming Tuesday (30<sup>th</sup> Jan).

**Ministers of the Word for February**

**St Michael's**

7.30pm Gerard Corrigan

11.30am Carainn McDaId

**Ss Peter & Paul's**

10am Betty Caffrey

**Extraordinary Ministers of the  
Eucharist for February (SMC)**

7.30pm Anne Corrigan

11.30am Margaret Dunne

## **Feast of St Blaise**

on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Throats will be Blessed after the 7.30pm Mass on Saturday evening.

## **Prayer to St Blaise**

O God, deliver us through the intercession of Thy holy bishop and martyr, Blaise from all evil of soul and body, especially from all ills of the throat; and grant us the grace to make a good confession in the confident hope of obtaining Thy pardon, and ever to praise with worthy lips Thy most holy name.

*Amen.*

## **Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to**

**Lourdes 2024** takes place this year from the 12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May. The fare is €895 per person sharing (*single Room Supplement €190 & Travel Insurance of €39 extra*). The fare includes: Flights to and from Lourdes; Transfers to and from Airport in Lourdes; Full Board; Full Pilgrimage Programme; All Airport Taxes; *For further details please contact the parish office.*

## **Annual Diocesan pilgrimage to**

**Knock** on Sunday **May 26<sup>th</sup>** this year. More details later.

## **St Denis NS Callystown**

Enrolment forms for the school year 2024/25 are now available from the school secretary **041-982 2873**

Today Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January marks **World Leprosy Day**. The *John Bradburne Memorial Society* endeavours to continue and uphold the legacy of 'Servant of God' John Bradburne, who was a Franciscan

layman, who cared deeply for the residents at this Leper Colony. This included caring for the destitute, the blind and those living with leprosy who had nowhere else to go. They were marginalised and had been neglected terribly and abandoned by their own families.

John lived at Mutemwa for the last 10 years of his life until he was murdered on 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 1979. John is now on the path to being Canonised, becoming a Saint. Thousands of pilgrims visit Mutemwa all year around, which has become a shrine and place of prayer and intercessions.

There is much ongoing work still to be done at Mutemwa to not only take care of the residents and staff, but to also build and update the necessary sanitation blocks, the vegetable gardens need tending and maintaining the chicken and piggery projects continue to need funding. Water and solar electricity projects need continued monitoring. Then there is food to be bought and medicines for the clinic at Mutemwa which serves the community living there, but also serves the surrounding villages.

Today, there are 32 patients along with their families and the staff living at the Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre. The community is a wide age-group of individuals.

Leprosy is a curable disease, but unfortunately the stigma and lack of education associated with the disease, means that some people ►



1. In this first chapter, Mark familiarises his readers with the type of things Jesus did to proclaim the kingdom, the Reign of God. Our passage today touches on two of these, the first being that **'he taught as one having authority'**. It makes a difference when you listen to someone who is clearly speaking from experience and personal knowledge. Remember people who impressed you in this way.

2. Jesus combined teaching with healing, and he drove the evil spirit out of the man. The power of God that worked this wonder through Jesus is also at work in and through us today. When have you been freed

from some bad habit?

3. The evil spirit convulsed the man before it left him. The path to liberation can be a painful struggle. If you have found it so, who was the Jesus-person that helped you through the struggle to freedom?

4. It is not only individuals but groups that can be struggling with an evil spirit – jealousy, rivalry, malicious gossiping, abuse of power, etc. Sometimes a Jesus-person comes into the group and drives out that evil spirit. Have you experienced this? Perhaps you yourself have been this person on some occasion? *John Byrne OSA*

do not get treated early enough to prevent the development of disease and disabilities. We hope and pray that this will change.

Together with your kind support and prayers we will do our best to continue our promise to uphold John Bradburne's legacy in supporting those living at the Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre.

before February 14<sup>th</sup>. Find out more on our website **prioryinstitute.com** and click on the link to see a 2-minute introductory film: **prioryinstitute.com**



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in Ukraine and in the  
Middle East**



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