## Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South Parish





# NEWSLETTER

## 29th January 2022

St Brigid's Feast Day: 1st February Mass Time: 9.15am

Brigid is one of the great saints of Ireland. With Patrick and Colmcille she forms the Trinity of The Patron Saints of Ireland.

According to Eileen Deegan's book of Parish Rituals, St Brigid can be described using the following five characteristics:



**Earthwoman**: Brigid is considered to be the patroness of cattle and dairy work and has long been associated with farming and fishing. The feast of St Brigid marks the end of the dark winter days and the coming of the light.

**Hospitality**: Brigid gave food to the hungry, came to the aid of those in need and encouraged people to care for those in need. She also offered healing where ever she could.

**Peacemaker**: Brigid was often called on to settle disputes between people. Sometimes, mist would fall between two disputing groups. She tried to sow peace and avoid bloodshed at every opportunity.

**Compassion**: Brigid opened her heart, her home and her arms to people in need. She was devoted to the care of the sick, the elderly, the dying and those who were in need in any way.

**Healer**: A Brat (piece of Ribbon) is a reminder of the healing power of St. Brigid. This Brat was used for medical problems such as toothache, headache, earache and a sore throat.

Also, it was thought to help women who could not have babies to become pregnant. The Brat was also used to cure farm animals.

Further Resources: http://education.dublindiocese.ie/2012/02/21/ppsaintbrigid/

#### Mass Times: All Masses are available on the Parish Webcam: https://www.lucansouthparish.net/index.php/live-webcam-stream/

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Jan - 6.30pm Vigil Mass Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Jan - 10.15am Family Mass Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Jan - 12.15pm Sunday Mass Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Jan - 9.15am Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Feb - 9.15am\* Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb - 9.15am\* Thur 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb - 9.15am\* Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Feb - 9.15am

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – 9.15am

\*See Feast celebrations



#### **Baptisms:**

Available dates in Feb & Mar 2022: Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Feb - 11,15am Thur 10<sup>th</sup> Feb - 3pm Thur 17<sup>th</sup> Feb - 3pm Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Feb - 11.15am Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Mar - 11.15am Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Mar - 11,15am Sun 27th Mar - 11,15am Please contact the Office to get an application form

## Adoration and Holy Hour:

**Exposition of the Blessed** 

Sacrament: Mon: 7.30pm Thur: 7pm Fri: 2-3pm





Marriage celebrated on the 29<sup>th</sup> January:

Lucan South Parish wishes the couple a lifetime of love and happiness from this day till the end.

'May God bless the two of you on vour journey of love and unity'



First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Registration and leaflets to download on our website: https://www.lucansouthparish.net/

#### Mass Intentions for the coming week: Anniversaries, Month Mind, Recently Deceased

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 6.30pm Elizabeth Whelan – Anniv Leonard Murphy – Rec. Dec. Eileen Kinsella- Anniv

- Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.15am Martin Cussick - RIP Andrea Graham – Birth Rem.
- Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 12.15pm Sandra Doyle- Rec. Dec.
- Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 9.15am Patsy Cullen Rec. Dec.
- Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 9.15am Gerard Egan – Rec. Dec.
- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 9.15am Get Well Intention Thanksgiving Intention
- Thur 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 9.15am Holy Souls in Purgatory
- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 9.15am Altar List of the Dead

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 9.15am Special Intentions Should you wish to have a loved one included in this section, please contact the Parish Office with the details by the previous Thursday before 2.00pm.

**Recent Church Collections** 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: €75 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: €80 Envelopes: €315 *Our sincere thanks for your* continued generosity

#### Fun Bingo Night



The Bingo night is back on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February

#### **Readers and Eucharistic Ministers**

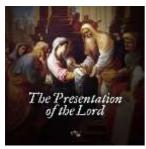
	Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan
	6.30pm	10.15am	12.15pm
Ministers	Paul Gogarty	Enda Creegan	Norvil Caguioa
of the	Alex Byrne	Toussaint Mina Nzanga	Theresa Sheridan
Eucharist		Ŭ	
Ministers	Josie Brennan	Childrens' Mass	Frank Kelly
of the	Enda Creegan		Lorraine Conway
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### The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> February:

**World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life (2<sup>nd</sup> Feb)**: This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Further resources: https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life\_vocations/world-day-consecrated-life\_





The Presentation of our Lord (2<sup>nd</sup> Feb): This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. The celebration will develop in three moments:

The *Liturgy of the Light* will begin with the lighting and blessing of candles and continue on with the procession.

The *Liturgy of the Word* will culminate in the homily, the prayer of thanksgiving for the gift of the consecrated life and the pledge of fidelity in following Christ and in the apostolic mission.

The *Eucharistic liturgy* will seal this encounter with Christ and this offering, with him, of the consecrated life until He is "the light to illumine the people".

Resources: https://www.vatican.va/

The Blessing of Candles will take place at the 9.15am Mass on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Blessed Candles will be available for €1 after Mass.

#### The Feast of St Blaise: The Blessing of the Throats (3<sup>rd</sup> Feb)

The Blessing of St Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. Using two crossed and unlighted candles, blessed on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the minister touches\* the throat of each person, saying, 'Through the intercession of St Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other evil (or from every disease of the throat and from every other illness). In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.' \*Due to COVID, the Minister will not touch the throat.



The Blessing of the Throat will take place at the 9.15am Mass on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Please bring your candles with you.

A message from the Archdiocese of Dublin: The virus is still circulating in the community and we advise caution and prudence over the coming weeks. Mask wearing and hand sanitising is still in place. People should be encouraged to continue keeping a certain social distance. Utmost care should be taken if visiting the sick.



### **Catholic Schools Week**

Sunday, 30th January, marks the end of Catholic Schools Week 2022.

Due to COVID19 restrictions, limited events took place during the week. Lots of resources for fun activities ideas, games and art & crafts are available online to download and print:

https://dublindiocese.ie/catholic-schools-week/ The past year has once again been a very challenging year for students and indeed for the whole school community. Last year the focus was on resilience, on reconnecting and re-engaging students. This year it is on living our lives with the hope of a brighter tomorrow.

**Volunteers:** We highly encourage Parents to help the Parish organise the Preparation and Sacraments of the First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please contact the Parish Office or the School Religion Committee.



At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.

# Call for young musicians and singers for the family choir:

Lucan South Parish Family Choir invites musicians and singers to join the Choir for the 12.15pm Mass.

Please contact the Parish Office.



#### Tús initiative in the Parish:

The Tús initiative is a community work placement scheme providing short-term working opportunities for unemployed people. The work opportunities are to benefit the community and is managed by the South Dublin County Partnership on behalf of the DSP.

The 2 Tús Workers currently working in the Parish are looking after the cleaning of the Church. Lucan South Parish will welcome shortly additional Tús Workers to the work force (Security, Cleaning and Maintenance).

### Remember, Silent prayers are good practices before & after Mass:

At church, Catholics should spend their time in silence before Mass, preparing "to meet with Jesus" the Pope said Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 at his weekly general audience. "Silence is not reduced to the absence of words, but (is) the availability to listen to other voices: that of our heart and, above all, the voice of the Holy Spirit," the Pope said Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> 2018. In silence, then, we discover "the importance of listening to our soul and then opening it to the Lord."



Please be aware of Resonance in the Church: sound sources and conversations in the Porch reflect on walls and ceiling and bounce back into the congregation and may disturb silent prayers.

Parish Office Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9.45am to 1.00pm. Closed Bank Holidays. Wide range in stock of Mass Cards, General Cards for all occasions.

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