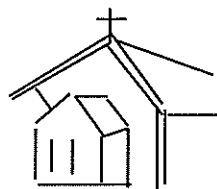


GLANMIRE PARISH
4th February 2024
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



| St Joseph's Church | St Michael's Church |
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| Saturday Vigil 6 pm Sunday 10.30am; 12 Noon Mon, Tues, Thurs & Friday 10 am Wednesday Liturgy of the Word 10 am | Sunday 9.30 am |

St Joseph's Church Adoration Monday night 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm.

Adoration in the Parish Centre Friday 10.30 am – 6 pm.

St Michael's Church open daily from 9am – 4pm.

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Saint Brigid of Ireland or Saint Brigid of Kildare

February the 1st every year marks the feast of St Brigid, who is revered as the patroness saint of Ireland and one of its three national saints, the other two being St Patrick and St Columba.

St Brigid is also referred to as “Mary of the Gael” as well as being the only female patron of Ireland.

Little is known about her apart from the fact that she was born in 451 in Foughart near Dundalk, and died in 525 having founded several different convents of nuns in addition to founding an important monastic community in Kildare.

Born to a noble father and enslaved mother, contrary to the wishes of her father, she refused to marry and became a consecrated virgin and spent her life doing good and spreading the faith. According to folklore, Brigid is patroness of many things including poetry, healing, protection and livestock

among others. In her honour a perpetual fire was kept burning at Kildare for centuries.

Her feast day is on the 1st of February, and traditionally involves weaving Brigid's crosses and many other folk customs. Brigid is said to have collected rushes and woven them into a cross while explaining the Crucifixion of Christ to a pagan chieftain who asked for Baptism.

To this day, the custom of weaving St Brigid's crosses lives on and is believed to bring a blessing and protection to homes.

As late as last week, St Brigid has come home to Kildare town, 1,500 years after her death!

The relic of a bone from her skull which was brought back to Ireland in 1930's by the Brigidine Sisters in Tullow, Co Carlow, was recently moved to St Brigid's parish church in Kildare where it is housed in a specially designed shrine, much to the delight of the local people.

Fr Pat Fogarty

2nd Collection next weekend is for The Lourdes Invalid Fund. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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| Off 28th Jan | St Joseph's | €1,479 | St Michael's | €293 | Total €1,772 |
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Glanmire Annual Pilgrimage to Knock 8th April – 10th April 2024

2 Nights B&B and 2 evening meals included.

Knock House Hotel require €50 deposit per person when booking and full payment in advance of arrival (New Management Regulations) Cost per person sharing €235 each. Cost per person **not** sharing i.e. single room €275.

Early booking essential. Departure 9am on Monday 8th April 2024 from Glanmire Library. Returning Wednesday 10th April at 6 pm.

Contact: Síle Murphy 086 1701595, Billy Meaney 087 3161697, Joe Conway 087 3290153.

CONNECT 4 – Faith gathering for young people aged 18-35 – Diocese of Cork & Ross. **Guest Speaker:** Msgr. James Shea. **Time:** 10:00am – 4pm. **Location:** Student Centre, University College Cork. **Price:** €10.00 including Food & Refreshments. Search for CONNECT 4 at Eventbrite.ie