



Canon Micheál De Liostún warmly invites you to Celebrating St. Brigid, **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 monies will go directly to Trocaire.

St Brigid Prayer Card will be available in our two churches in the Parish, please drop in and take one in the next few days.

Prayer to St. 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

Upcoming Dates Next Thursday, 2nd of February is Candlemas Day and it's traditional to bless the candles used for the celebration of Masses. Next Friday, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise. The blessing of the throats will take place at 10am Mass Donoughmore Monday 6th will be the New Bank holiday to celebrate St. Brigid's Day.

When Does Christmas End? 29 Jan 2023

The Season of Christmas seems to start earlier each year. No sooner have we put away the sun-screen, when shops begin to display Christmas

goodies. However, for the church, the liturgical Christmas season begins with the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve and for most people ends 12 days later on January 6th, with the Feast of the Epiphany. However, the Christmas season continues until the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which is followed by the first week of Ordinary Time. Last weekend marks the third week of Ordinary Time. In some places the feast of the Presentation of the Lord is traditionally considered the end of the Christmas season as it marks the final act of the events around the birth of Jesus, when his parents brought him to the Temple 40 days after his birth. The church celebrates this feast on February 2nd each year, Thursday coming.

Building Community 29 Jan 2023

Lent is rapidly approaching. Only 3 more Sundays before Ash Wednesday, Feb 22nd. The older folk will remember it was a time of No Weddings, No Dances, No Parties, and No Meat. All merriment, hilarity and joviality were off the agenda. It was a sombre and subdued season. One reason the church pews were full in past times was because people had very few social outlets. The Confraternity in the Redemptorists had a membership of 8,000 one hundred years ago. To circumvent the Lenten ban people in parishes put on Plays which were permitted by the church. That has been and still continues to be a strong tradition throughout rural Limerick. For 2023, the first of the plays have been staged and they will continue until about April.

Firstly, we have a huge array of professional venues to stage plays for both the professional and amateur: Belltable, Lime Tree; UCH; Glór, Ennis; Excel Tipperary Theatre; and Brú Ború Theatre, Cashel. Look at their websites. Last and this weekend there are plays in Ballinvreena Community Hall and Granagh Community Hall. This and next weekend Doneraile, and also Knockaderry, outside Newcastle West are staging a play, *The Factory Girls*. Other venues to watch out for are: Abbeyfeale, Athea Community Hall, Ballyhahill Community Hall, Banogue Parish Centre, Community Hall Charleville, Cratloe, Kilfinane, Newport and Rearcross Community Centre. Check them out on Facebook.

I promote this because they are big builders of community. They bring together all committee members who stage the play. But they also bring together a huge following, numbers would be roughly from 2,000 upwards. A couple arrived at 7.45 last Saturday in Granagh for the 8 o'clock showing and were sent away due to the crowds. Secondly, it's a great night's entertainment for 10 or 15 euro. Some patrons will come to a second showing of the same play. Thirdly, you will experience a warm, welcoming, affable, friendly, convivial, social and sociable atmosphere in these rural

Remembered In Mass		
Donoughmore		
Sat 28th Jan	7pm	Anthony Douey McCormack (1st) Mary Cartridge (4th) John Whelton & Marie Healy
Mon.30th Jan	10m	
Tues 31st	10am	
Fri 3rd	10am	
Sat 4th	7pm	
Knockea		
Sun 29th Jan.	11am	John Foley (6th) Mary Regan (10th) Listowel
Wed.1st St Brigid	10am	Ann Malone
Sun 5th	11am	Molly Keane (2nd) Maire Hourigan (14th) Ann O'Brien (8th)



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attended a funeral ministry training reflection evening in the Diocesan centre last November. Anyone else who may like to be part of this ministry your welcome also.

Catholic Schools Week special thanks to our Schools who celebrated this in the class room and community last week & thanking our Grandparents. Theme is 'Walking Together in Faith & Love',

Parish Offerings and Christmas dues We take this opportunity to thank you for your continued and generous support of the parish.

Weekly Lotto €2,900 no winner winning no's 1,7,21,22 Lucky dips. 1.Liam Walshe 2.Elaine Conway 3.Diarmuid Kelly 4.Pat O'Riordan 5. Brid Carroll 6. Niall Godfrey Next Jackpot €3,100 Draw Tues 31st Jan. 9.30pm Cat's Cradle

communities. It's a throw back to what was best in old Ireland. JK

Our Prayers and Sympathies: To the Greaney family Ballinagarde on the death of Danny, funeral mass Sunday Donoughmore 11am. To the Moloney family, Ballinagarde on the death of Colin., funeral mass Sunday 2pm Knockea. To the McDonagh family on the death of Myra, funeral mass Monday 3pm Donoughmore. Sympathy also to Minie O'Halloran Ballysheedy on the recent death of his brother Pat, funeral was in St.Munchin's Parish Clancy strand. May they rest in Peace

Parish Funeral Teams are becoming part of ministry in our parishes to support families in bereavement times and with the priest of the parish and the Pastoral Unit, it's a Ministry of accompaniment and consolation to the bereaved, a meeting will take place Monday eve in the Parish Office at 7.30 to have a chat around this, some of our parishioners

