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### Lá Féile Bríd.

We celebrated the feast of St. Brigid on Friday. She is the second patron saint of Ireland after St. Patrick. St. Columba or Colmcille is the third. St. Brigid wished to consecrate herself to God's service. Her father, however, resisted since he would have wanted her to marry. When he saw how determined Brigid was he consented. She received the veil and her early formation in Ardagh probably from St. Mel a follower of St. Patrick. Other young women soon followed her example and she gathered a small community of like minds around her. She soon established a Monastery in Kildare with the help of St. Conleth. Hospitality, almsgiving and the care of the sick were her main preoccupation. Although her monastery was small, in her lifetime, her reputation earned her the title of "Muire na nGeal". She died in 524 and devotion to her is widespread not only in Ireland but in many parts of the continent of Europe.

Many of the stories we have of St. Brigid are mainly legend written many years even centuries after her death. However they do illustrate the devotion that grew up in her memory over a long time.



### Trocaire

**Trocaire Boxes** are available at the Church. It is a good idea to have the box in some prominent place in the house during Lent. What is saved by the Lenten Fast could be put into the box. On **Holy Thursday**, the evening on which we celebrate the **Last Supper**, the Boxes will be brought to the Altar at the time of the Offerings.

### Notice Board

### Deaths:

Bob McCarthy, Village.  
Willie Fitzgerald, Maulnaskimlehane.

*God's grace and mercy are with those he has chosen. (Wisdom 4:15)*



### First Penance

The children preparing to make their First Holy Communion this year will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance on **Tuesday, 26th February** at **8.00 p.m.**

### Spring Stations

**Friday 8th February:** John and Mary Coughlan, Clonbuig. 8.00 p.m.  
**Wednesday 27th February:** Ann Harrington, Farnagark. 11.00 a.m.  
**Saturday 8th March:** Sheila O'Connell, Barleyfield. 11.00 a.m.

Enquiries have been made for other stations but dates not been firmed up yet. I would again encourage moderation in the hospitality..

Tom Riordan P.P.

**Masses for Ash Wednesday will be at 9.00 a.m. And 8.00 p.m.**

**Lent Adoration**

The **Blessed Sacrament** will be placed on the Altar, in Kilbrittain Church on the Wednesday evenings during Lent from 8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

People are welcome to come for whatever time suits, five minutes or for the hour. Keep a space in your calendar of events.

**Stations of the Cross**

Sundays Evenings during Lent 8.00 p.m.

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**Income and Expenditure 2007**

**Income** €112,342.00

**Expenditure** €107,870,81

**Credit Balance** over the year €4,471.19

The income includes a transfer of €52,000 from reserve. The have €54324.60 credit in the Bank but very little on reserve at this stage.

**Sunday Collection** Sunday 27th January €1015.00



**Special Education Needs And Parents**

Are holding a special Public Information meeting

**"Bridging the Gap"**

HSE Services and School Resources.

in the

**Parkway Hotel, Dunmanway,**

**Thursday 7th February at 8 pm. sharp**

ALL ARE WELCOME



**Child Protection**

"The Diocese of Cork and Ross recognises that, while child protection is everyone's responsibility, all involved in working with children and young people have a special duty of care towards them" *[Diocesan Guidelines]*.

Each parish will need to set up **Child Protection Guidelines** for the parish. As part of this a Parish Representative will be appointed to help in this task. We will be inviting people to apply for such a position in the near future. This is a voluntary position.

**The Role of a Parish Representative.**

The Role will be to;

Help the parish to develop an awareness of best practice principles and procedures.

Provide information on Statutory Provisions, Church Guidelines and Diocesan Policy.

Agree a policy statement for the parish vision for children.

Implement basic procedures that will show how the policy statement is followed.

People who are interested will be interviewed, given a specification, undergo training and will be able to draw on help and support.

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"Although God demands a whole heart, He will accept a broken one if He gets all the pieces."

*Mary Irving*

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