

St Brigid's Church Killeshandra
Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea & Sacred Heart Church Arva
Church Newsletter 2nd February 2025
The Presentation of The Lord

Sunday Reflection: Our landscape is part of God's creation and also part of our inheritance. Celtic Spirituality reminds us of our Christian origins, which are based on a great love and reverence for all aspects of our natural environment. Our patron saints, Patrick, Colmcille and Brigid appear to have shared this reverence for the things of nature. While aspects of their stories may be mythical, yet the 'Shamrock' of Patrick, the 'Crane Bird' of Colmcille, and the 'Rush Cross' of Brigid are emblems we all feel comfortable with. Yesterday, we honoured St Brigid, who always took special care of people, animals and God's earth. She is traditionally associated with blessings, a long practice in Irish spirituality of blessing people, places and objects. For example, 'as Gaeilge' our greeting for another person is 'Dia dhuit'. On departure we may also say 'Goodbye' which is a contraction for 'God be with you'. Brigid's best-known title is 'Muire na nGael' – Mary of the Gael.

Jubilee of Hope Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

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Sunday 2nd February	11.15am.	Candlemas Day. Candles will be blessed for Church and home use.
Monday 3rd February	7pm.	Feast of St Blaise. Blessing of Throats.
Wednesday 5th February		Eucharistic Adoration 5pm to 9pm.
Friday 7th February	7pm.	Month's Memory: Eugene McCahill, Rock Cross, Cavan and formerly Coragh, Killeshandra
Saturday 8th February	12noon	Month's Memory: Hughie Carmichael, Drumgoa.
Sunday 9th February	11.15am.	Anniv: John and Mary Ann O'Reilly, Eonish.

Please remember in your prayers: Charlie Sheridan, Kill, Kildare and formerly Drumgoa, Killeshandra, whose funeral took place on Monday 27th January in St Brigid's Church, Kill. May he Rest in Peace.

Readers: Sunday 2nd February: Martina Young. Sunday 9th February: Siobhán O'Flaherty.

Offertory Collection: Sunday 26th January: €635.

Fr Dan Memorial: We acknowledge with gratitude the generosity of the Sheridan family for donating the beautiful stain glass memorial in memory of Fr Dan. Thanks, is also due to Bishop Martin Hayes and Bishop Emeritus Leo O'Reilly, celebrant and co-celebrant respectively, of Fr Dan's 6th Anniversary Mass on Sunday last. The Memorial was unveiled by Bishop Martin in the presence of the Sheridan family.

Sacred Heart Church Arva

Sunday 2nd February	9.45am.	Candlemas Day. Candles will be blessed for Church and home use.
Monday 3rd February	10am.	Feast of St Blaise. Blessing of Throats.
Friday 7th February	10am.	People of the Parish.
Sunday 9th February	9.45am.	

Readers: Sunday 2nd February: Michael O'Faoláin. Sunday 9th February: Paul Dobson.

Offertory Collections: Sunday 26th January: Will be included in next week's Newsletter.

Children's Rosary Sacred Heart Church: Wednesdays - 6.30pm. We welcome all children and adults to join us in this beautiful prayer.

Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea

Saturday 1st February	7.30pm.	St Brigid's Day/Candlemas Day – Blessing of St Brigid's Crosses/Blessing of Candles. 1st Anniv: Vincent Maguire, Cordownan. 2nd Anniv: Thomas Kilkenny, Coronea.
Sunday 2nd February	1pm.	Funeral Mass for Michael Finnerty, Corr, Cornafean.
Monday 3rd February	10am.	Feast of St Blaise. Blessing of Throats. Anniv: Robert and Kathleen Greaves, Coronea.

Tuesday 4th February **No Mass**

Saturday 8th February **7.30pm.** **Anniv:** Pat Joe Brady, Drumcon, Cornafean.

Offertory Collections: Saturday 25th January: €298.

Date for your Diary: Open Day in Corliss National School on Saturday 8th February from 10am-12 noon. Meet the teachers and see what our fantastic school has to offer. Everyone welcome. Enrolment forms available at the Open Day or by contacting the school at schooloffice@corlissns.ie or 049 4334888.

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Secretary: Bridie Finlay 049-4334017 or Email: killeshandra@kilmorediocese.ie – Booking of Anniversary Masses, and notices for inclusion in Church Newsletter. **Monday to Wednesday 10am to 1pm.**