

Parish Calendar of Services, Mass Intentions and Feast Days

Saturday 23rd	<i>St. Ildephonsus of Toledo, 607 - 670, abbot and archbishop.</i>
9.00am Mass:	Ann & Austin Grehan
7.30pm Mass:	Mattie & Bridie Brogan, Michael & Eileen Kavanagh, Brendan Mackey.
<i>Rosary after 9:00am Mass & at 5.30pm. Confessions at 10.30am or by appointment</i>	
Sunday 24th	<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary time</i>
8.30am Mass:	Johnnie Kelly (Birthday Remembrance)
10.00am Mass:	Daniel & Agnes Ryan
11.30am Mass:	Ita Seaver
<i>Rosary at 5.30pm.</i>	
Monday 25th	<i>St. Paul, 4 BC - 64 AD.</i>
9.00am Mass:	
<i>Rosary after 9:00am Mass & at 5.30pm. Miraculous Medal Novena Exposition & Benediction: 8pm</i>	
Tuesday 26th	<i>Saints Timothy and Titus, Friends of St Paul.</i>
9.00am Mass:	
<i>Rosary after 9:00am Mass & at 5.30pm.</i>	
Wednesday 27th	<i>St. Angela Merici, 1470 - 1540, founder of the Ursulines.</i>
9.00am Mass:	
<i>Rosary after 9:00am Mass & at 5.30pm.</i>	
Thursday 28th	<i>St. Thomas Aquinas, 1225 - 1274.</i>
9.00am Mass:	Patrick Savage, Esther Baugh
<i>Rosary after 9:00am Mass & at 5.30pm.</i>	
Friday 29th	<i>St. Gildas, 500 - 570.</i>
9.00am Mass:	
<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am – 12.00pm. Rosary after 9:00am Mass & at 5.30pm</i>	
Saturday 30th	<i>St. Aidan / Blessed Margaret Ball / Blessed Francis Taylor</i>
9.00am Mass:	Gerry O'Boyle
7.30pm Mass:	
<i>Rosary after 9:00am Mass & at 5.30pm. Confessions at 10.30am or by appointment</i>	

Readings for Sunday 31st January 2016.

Jeremiah 1: 4 - 5, 17 - 19. 1 Corinthians 12: 31 - 13: 13 Luke 4: 21 - 30.

Consecrated Life: A service to conclude the Year for Consecrated Life in the Church of St. Therese, Mount Merrion on Tuesday 2nd February at 7.30 pm. All welcome.



Saint MacCullin's Church Lusk

Celebrating 90 Years 1925 - 2015

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New Parish Priest

We welcome Fr. Eoin McCrystal as our new Parish Priest. For the last seven years Fr. McCrystal has been Parish Priest in Holy Trinity Parish which includes Donaghmede, Clongriffin and Balgriffin. He was also the VF (Vicar Forane) and chaired the Howth Deanery.

Bible Study course with Fr Kieran O'Mahony restarts Tuesday 26th January @ 10.00 in Parish Centre Lusk.

St. Brigid's Celebration - Lá Fhéile Bríde on Saturday 30th January. Making of Crosses in the Parish Hall from 5pm, blessing during 7.30pm Mass.

Feast of St. Brigid - Lá Fhéile Bríde on Monday 1st February.



Lusk Church Choir

is looking for new members.

If you enjoy singing please come along to our weekly Monday night choir practice in the Church at 8.20 pm.

Lives of the Saints

St. Paul, preached the power of God at work in the lives of each one of us. His own conversion shows that power in his life. Out of a persecutor God made a preacher and a teacher of the peoples. Paul never ceased to express thanks and wonder for this grace. But he still prayed for perseverance.

Most of what we know about Paul, the 'apostle of the Gentiles', comes from the Acts of the Apostles and from his letters to the communities he had evangelised or was in contact with.

Saints Timothy and Titus were close to St Paul as followers and later in their work with him. Tradition makes Timothy the first Bishop of Ephesus and Titus was sent to organise the Church in Crete. They were two of Paul's most loyal companions, disciples and helpers.

St. Angela Merici, founder of the Ursulines, devoted herself to Christian education based on love, kindness with firmness, and concern for the individual.

St. Thomas Aquinas was born in Roccasecca, near Aquino, in the kingdom of Sicily in 1224. Thomas taught that Christian revelation & human knowledge are aspects of a single truth & cannot be in conflict with one another. One of the greatest theologians & philosophers, he is patron of schools, universities, students and booksellers.

After completing the Summa contra Gentes (a treatise that moves from truths known from natural reason, such as creation, to truths of Christian revelation, centring on the person of Jesus) in 1264, Thomas began his life's most important work, the Summa Theologica, which is a comprehensive explanation of the Christian faith, the moral life and the sacraments. He died in 1274, from a stroke, on his way to the Second Council in Lyon, where Pope Gregory X hoped to re-unite the Eastern Church with the West.

St. Gildas, 500 - 570, is best known for his historical work De excidio Britanniae (On the Ruin of Britain) & for a penitential (a book or set of Church rules concerning the Christian sacrament of penance, that was first developed by the Celtic monks in Ireland in the sixth century), both of which were widely used in Ireland, Wales and England. He had contact with Irish monks and settled for the last part of his life on an island off Brittany, near where there is a town called St Gildas de Rhuy. His historical work is cited by the Venerable Bede in his Ecclesiastical History of the English People completed in the 8th century, which tells the story of the conversion of the English people to Christianity. Gildas was also known as Gildas sapiens or Gildas the Wise.

St. Aidan or Maedoc, was born about 550, probably in County Cavan. Aidan studied under David in Wales and on his return he founded a monastery at Ferns. He became bishop there and he was renowned for his generosity and kindness. He died in 626.

Blessed Margaret Ball was imprisoned for teaching Catholicism, harbouring priests and having Mass celebrated in her home. The harsh conditions of Dublin Castle wore down this lady of gentle birth and she died in the prison in 1584. A chapel-of-ease, called Blessed Margaret Ball Church, built in the 1980's in Santry, in Larkhill Parish, Dublin, was named in her honour.

Blessed Francis Taylor was born in Swords and was elected Mayor of Dublin in 1595. For his Catholic faith he was sent to prison for seven years and died of the hardship suffered thereon 30th January 1621 at the age of seventy.

Pope Francis visits the Great Synagogue in Rome: 17 January 2016.

The visit records another milestone in the on-going reconciliation of Jews and Christians. The talk by the president of the community, Dr Ruth Dureghello, is quite remarkable. To see the whole encounter: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=QbtWYOz8MhE>

The Irish Catholic

 is available for sale in the Sacristy after Mass

Parish Office

The Parish Office is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am-12.30pm.

Tel: 01 8438421. E-mail: luskparish@eircom.net or visit www.luskparish.ie

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to do any of the following:

Make an appointment to meet with Fr. Eoin McCrystal. Get Baptismal Certificates. Book Baptisms or Anniversary, Weddings and Funeral Masses. Buy Mass Cards, Baptismal Candles or other religious gifts. First Holy Communion prayer books, rosary beads & cards available.

Child Safeguarding and Protection Policy and Procedures

St. MacCullin's Parish accepts Safeguarding children standards & guidance documents for the Catholic Church in Ireland, Child Safeguarding and Protection Policy & Procedures see www.cps.dublindiocese.ie

Child Protection Contact Personnel

Dublin Diocese Child Protection Office **01-8360314**

Dublin Diocese Director of Child Protection Service.

(Director and Designated Person) **Mr Andrew Fagan 01-8360314**

or contact the Child Protection Officer: **Ms Julie McCullough 01-8360314**

Vivienne Knight, Garda Vetting Administrator Diocesan Offices, Clonliffe College
01-8360314

Local Garda Siochana; Lusk **01-843 7222** or Balbriggan **01-802 0510**

Principal Area Social Worker Lusk Health Centre, Main Street, Lusk **01-8709017**

Lusk Parish Office: **01-843 8421**

Parish Child Protection Representative: **Mr. Hugh O'Malley 086 256 1882**

Support Representatives **Mrs Patsy Russell 087 299 8312**

Mrs. Mary Byrne 086 374 4195 **Mr. Jackie Byrne 086 817 7875**

Samaritans Help line **01-116123**

ChildLine **1800 666666** or text 'help' or 'talk' to **50101**

Tusla, the Child and family agency: **01-7718500**

Emergency Numbers 999 or 112

Lusk Parish Newsletter

For inclusion of items in the Newsletter, please email lusknewsletter@gmail.com by **12 noon Wednesday**. The Parish Pastoral Council reserves the right to edit all submissions.

Have you missed an issue or want to check something you read before? Visit www.luskparish.ie to see previous editions. Remember you can have the newsletter by email before the print version is available. **E-mail to lusknewsletter@gmail.com**

Lusk National School Enrolment September 2016. Enrolment packs for the coming school year, commencing September 2016, are available from the school office between Wednesday 6 January and Friday 29 January 2016. Packs may be collected and returned between 9.30 am and 3 pm during school days. All enquiries regarding school enrolment should be made to the school office - 01 8437738.

Primary Education in the Village of Lusk: Copies of history of Lusk Primary School are still available in the following Lusk outlets: 'Supervalue' and 'Costcutters', or from Joey Russel at EastCoast Blinds, or by emailing: lusksschoolhistory@gmail.com Paperback at €20, Hardbacks at €30.

Al anon Help for those effected by someone else's drinking. Meeting every Wednesday 8.15 - 9.15. Flemington Community Center (Beside Educate Together School) Hamlet Lane, Balbriggan. Confidentiality assured - No fees charged. Dublin Information Center: 01 8732699. www.al-anon-ireland.org

Corduff National School; Notification of Enrolment applications 2016. The Board of Management of Corduff National School in Lusk wishes to inform parishioners that application forms to enroll pupils in the school for September 2016 will be available for collection from the school from Monday 11th January. A limited number of places are available. Completed applications must be received by Friday 29th January at 12.30pm

Aware Volunteering Opportunities: Aware, the national organisation providing support and information to individuals and families impacted by depression and bipolar disorder, is now recruiting new volunteers to train on a number of services. Aware was this year awarded the Investing in Volunteering Standard in recognition of the level of training and support it provides for its 400 volunteers. See [aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie) for specific info and requirements for all volunteering opportunities including the Aware Support Line (phone); Support Mail (email); Support Groups (face-to-face), and Life Skills (Online) programmes. Minimum commitment is 18 months. Help Aware continue to be a supporting light through depression. www.aware.ie

Italian Mass: For all Italians in Dublin - the Archdiocese of Dublin will be offering a Mass celebrated in Italian on the second Sunday of the month in St Kevin's Oratory at 3 o'clock. Next Mass on Sunday, 14th February. All welcome.

Trip of a Lifetime to the Holy Land 2016. Join Group Leader Mícheál de Barra and Spiritual Director and Bible Scholar Fr. John Newman for an unforgettable journey, following in the footsteps of Jesus in the land of the Bible. Dates: June 8-18th 2016. Staying in excellent 4* hotels and with full itinerary from Bethlehem to the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem. New reduced price for 2016, same quality 11-day pilgrimage. See the testimonials from last year's pilgrims on the website, www.culturaltoursireland.com For more information and booking contact Micheál at 086 8337681 or culturaltoursireland@gmail.com In conjunction with Premier Travel Agents, Cork.

World Day of the Sick 2016: The annual Conference will take place on Saturday 6th February from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm at the Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan Road, Co. Dublin. Speakers include Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, Bishop Donal Murray and Professor J. Bernard Walsh, who will reflect on the Lourdes experience. For further information please contact Trish Conway on 087 6220349.

The Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick is on Sunday 7th February at 3.00 pm in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Merrion Road (opposite St. Vincent's Hospital). Main Celebrant: Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. All are welcome to attend.

The Five First Saturdays – Fairview Parish. Devotion of the Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. First Saturday of each month at 3.00 pm at the Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Confession before Mass, Rosary recited after Mass to praise God through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

God's Mercy in the Old Testament (Scripture reflections for the Year of Mercy) Jessie Rogers will look at key texts in the Old Testament dealing with God's mercy to discover where Jesus's teaching is a continuation of the Old Testament vision and where he offers something radically new. Orlagh Retreat Centre, Gunny Hill, Kilakee Road, Dublin 16. January 28th, February 4th & 11th, 7.30pm-9.30pm €10 per week. Information & bookings 01 4958190, info@orlagh.ie Website www.orlagh.ie



St. Brigid's Celebration - Lá Fhéile Bríde on Saturday 30th January. Making of Crosses in the Parish Hall from 5pm followed by blessing during 7.30pm Mass. Come and learn how to make a St. Brigid's cross. Rushes supplied. All welcome.

Situated on the slopes of Faughart hill are St. Brigid's Shrine and Holy Well. <http://www.megalithicireland.com/St%20Brigid's%20Shrine,%20Faughart.html>

Brigid of Faughart Festival; Wednesday 27th January- Monday 1st February 2016 <http://www.brigidoffaughart.ie/>

Reflection from the bishop of Rome (from a celebration of Baptism in 2015)
“You, mothers, give milk to your children — even now, if they are crying with hunger, feed them, don't worry. Let us thank the Lord for the gift of milk, and let us pray for those mothers — there are so many, unfortunately, who are unable to breast-feed their children. Let us pray and let us try to help these mothers. Thus, what milk does for the body, the Word of God does for the spirit: the Word of God makes faith grow. And thanks to faith we have been begotten by God. This is what happens at Baptism. We have heard the Apostle John: “Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God” (1 Jn 5:1). Your children are baptized in this faith. Today it is your faith, dear parents, godfathers and godmothers. It is the faith of the Church, in which these little ones receive Baptism. But tomorrow, by the grace of God, it will be their faith, their personal “yes” to Jesus Christ, which gives us the Father's love.”

Lusk Athletic Club

A very warm winter welcome back to all our athletes and to our newcomers. We were delighted to see so many of you on Tuesday night. Registration can now be done online through our website - www.Luskathleticclub.ie.



Training menu for this week:

Tuesday: Training for all groups at 7pm.
Thursday: Training for all groups (except Little Athletics) at 7pm.
Saturday: Parkrun 5k timed run in Donabate, Malahide and Ardgillan Castle 9.30am sharp.
Indoor juvenile training session in Morton Stadium, Santry at 12 o'clock
Sunday: Long Slow Run Sunday 9am. Lusk NS. Distance and route decided on the morning.
Junior Parkrun 2K at 9:30 in Rush.

Icon Course given by Mihai Cucu for one week from Monday 22nd – Friday 27th February at the Carmelite Monastery, Delgany, Co Wicklow. Beginners welcome. For details, email mihaicucu78@gmail.com

Consecrated Life: Celebrate the Day for Consecrated Life at the Carmelite Monastery, Delgany, Co. Wicklow on Sunday 31st January at 9.30 am Mass. Celebrant: Fr Tom Noonan, Carmelite. All welcome. Refreshments available after Mass.

Make-A-Wish Fundraising Walking Challenge Make-A-Wish® Ireland grants wishes to children aged between 3-18 years battling a life-threatening medical condition. This year, our target is to grant 174 magical wishes, our new unforgettable challenge to the Islands of Sardinia (Italy) and Corsica (France), takes place on Sunday 9th – Sunday 16th October 2016. We are looking for walkers of all capabilities to join us and Walk for Wishes, whilst enjoying an amazing experience and well planned and organised walking challenge!

Places are limited and the total amount to be raised by each participant for the walk is a minimum of €3,500, which includes all aspects of the trip. Highlights include:

Orgosolo – a town in the historic region of Barbagia, where approximately 150 murals decorate its streets, bringing thousands of Italian & foreign tourists every year

Beach walk in Biderosa and Emerald Coast. **Visit Garibaldi's footsteps**, Caprera

A hike in the rocky wonder world, Capo Testa. **Bonifacio** – one of Corsica's most visited towns & picturesquely located on imposing chalk cliffs fringed by sea water. email mary@makeawish.ie, phone the Make-A-Wish Ireland office on 01 205 2012.

Catholic Schools Week 2016 will run from Sunday 31st January to Saturday 6th February. The theme for 2016 is 'Catholic Schools: Challenged to Proclaim God's Mercy'. A Mass will also be broadcast by RTÉ on Sunday 31 January to celebrate both Catholic Schools Week and the new Grow in Love religious education programme for primary schools. Students from Mount Mercy College, Cork, as well as pupils from Saint Pius X primary school in Templeogue, Dublin will participate in this special liturgy. <http://www.catholicbishops.ie/2016/01/05/resources-for-catholic-schools-week-2016/>

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena: Inchicore Mary Immaculate Parish will host Our Lady of Lourdes Novena from the 2nd -11th February at 10.00am each morning and at 8.00pm each evening. The torchlight procession Thursday 11th at 7.30pm. Further information please contact the parish office on 01 4534408.

Beechwood Avenue Parish: Join us for a talk on Thomas Merton - Saint & Contradiction given by Fr. Bernard Kennedy in Beechwood Avenue Church, Ranelagh Dublin 6 (Luas green line to Beechwood) on Monday 8th February at 8.00pm. For information click on www.beechwoodparish.com

LOUGHSHINNY & RUSH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Are proud to present a talk by Sean O'Gorman entitled:

"IN MEMORY OF NURSE ELIZABETH O'FARRELL (1883 – 1959) THE STORY OF THE 1916 SURRENDER"

in the Strand Bar, Rush, Co. Dublin on Thursday 28th January 2016, 8.15 p.m. sharp
You are all welcome

Féile Bríde 2016 <http://solasbhríde.ie/feile-bride-2015/>

Weaving a new vision: caring for all creation January 31st - February 7th

January 31st

Kildare Monastic Trail, Kildare Town Heritage Centre @ 2.30p.m.

Solas Bhríde Centre open to Visitors,

Weaving St. Brigid's crosses 2.00p.m.-4.00p.m.

Brigid's Eve Ritual at St. Brigid's Well, 7.30-9.00 p.m.

Assemble: Japanese Gardens' car park at 7.20 p.m.

If you wish bring a light/lantern & bring suitable clothing & footwear.

A pilgrimage of quiet reflection, song and prayer on the eve of springtime.



February 1st – Lá Fhéile Bhríde

Customs & Traditions: some of the customs & traditions associated with St. Brigid Solas Bhríde Centre with Solas Bhríde Team 11.00a.m.-12.30p.m Admission: €5.00

Afternoon: **Centre open for Visitors.**

Songs of Inspiration: Owen C Lynch & friends in Concert, atmospheric & uplifting evening of sacred & secular music in Solas Bhríde Centre & Hermitages, @ 8.00 p.m. Booking Essential: Cost €20, Phone: 045 530672 or Solas Bhríde: Phone: 045 522890

Tuesday, February 2nd

A morning of quiet reflection, with Solas Bhríde Team @ Solas Bhríde Centre, Tully Road. Time: 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

Brigid's Bounty @ Boyle's, Market Square, Kildare town. Time: 7.30 – 9.00 p.m.

Join sisters Susan and Judith Boyle at this tasting event where we will try a variety of food and drinks inspired by Brigid and the creatures of the earth. Cost €10 Booking essential: Phone: Judith at 086 8418909