



Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Anne

Sunday 29th January 2012

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Wed: 2-5p.m.
Thur: 2-5p.m.
Fri: 2-4p.m.

Please note on Mon. 31st
Jan. the Parish Office will
not be open from 2-5p.m.

Priests of the Parish: Fr. J. Criostóir Mac Donald
Fr. Tomás Walsh SMA

Just in passing...

Next weekend we shall celebrate the feast of St. Brigid,
The Presentation of the Lord and St. Blaise.

St Brigid's Cross

A St Brigid's Cross would be hung in a house, and perhaps in a stable, to ensure the protection of the saint over the people of the house and the livestock. But where did the St Brigid's Cross come from? When Brigid was with a dying pagan chieftain, she picked some rushes off the floor and began to weave a cross. When he asked her what she was doing she explained the story of Christ to him and the significance of the cross. She told him that there was no need to be afraid of death because Jesus loved us so much. After much explanation, the pagan chieftain was baptised and became a member of the Christian community. Each year newly woven crosses are blessed with holy water and the following words of blessing accompany it: 'May the Father, Son, Holy Spirit and St Brigid bless this cross and all who look upon it.'

The Presentation of the Lord or Candlemas

Candlemas is the name given to the day after the Feast of St Brigid. This feast recalls Mary and Joseph bringing the infant Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to dedicate the child to God in keeping with Jewish tradition. There they meet an old man called Simeon who refers to the child as 'the light of the nations'. He also looks ahead to Jesus' adult life and foretells his death. (Luke 2:22-40).

In this passage from the story, Simeon predicts that a sword would pierce Mary's heart.

As the child's father and mother were wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'Look, he is destined for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is opposed – and a sword will pierce your soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

The Eastern Church celebrated this feast first and called it 'the Encounter'. It was celebrated in the Western Church a little later. This feast finishes the story of the Nativity but, with Simeon's words, we are pointed towards the Easter event.

St Blaise

A woman brought her son who was choking on a fishbone to Blaise and the child was healed.

*Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr,
May God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other evil.
In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen*

WELCOME!

If you are a visitor to the Cathedral, we want you to know how welcome you are – whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or from another parish here in the diocese or across the river.

Thank you for praying with us.
Thank you also for your generosity, which helps us to celebrate our liturgies in a fitting and beautiful way.

SUNDAY DUTY ROTA

Parish on duty this Sunday,
29th January, is Knocknaheeny
In case of an emergency a priest can be
contacted at 087-6544836

FIRST FRIDAY CALLS TO THE SICK SHALL TAKE
PLACE ON THE USUAL DAYS THIS WEEK

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Sincere thank you for last week's collection Jan. 21/22 for the normal running expenses of the Parish which realised € 1,201
Last weekend 21/22 Jan. our monthly second collection on behalf of the Cathedral Renovations Fund realised €1,178
Thank you for your continued support.

CONFIRMATION

Commitment Services for young people of North Pres. Primary School who are to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Cathedral on 25th April shall take place on Tue., 7th Feb. at 7.30p.m. in the North Presentation Convent

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

In preparation for the International Eucharistic Congress 2012 in Dublin, we invite all parishioners to join us for an Holy Hour of Adoration held each Thursday evening at North Presentation Convent from 7-8p.m

CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S EVE

Friday 16th March 8p.m. at the
North Cathedral/Shandon
Over 60's Heat & Variety Show
Firkin Crane with Hugh Moynihan,
Eddie Fuller & Guests

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

CATHEDRAL:

Saturday, 28th January Vigil
6.00p.m. Eamer Coughlan 1st Anniv. RIP
Sunday, 29th January
11.30a.m. Edward & Mamie O'Sullivan Anniv. RIP
Theresa Higginbotham RIP
Monday, 30th January St Aidan
10a.m. Mary Nolan Anniv. RIP
Tuesday, 31st January St John Bosco
10a.m.
Wednesday, 1st February St Brigid
10a.m. Shared Mass
Thursday, 2nd February
10a.m. Special Intention
Friday, 3rd February St Blaise & St Ansgar
10a.m. Dan McAuliffe Anniv. RIP
Saturday, 4th February
10a.m. People of the Parish

ST. VINCENT'S CONVENT:

Monday, 30th January St Aidan
5p.m. Patrick Bowman Anniv. RIP
Wednesday, 1st February St Brigid
5p.m. Hannah & Bernard Healy & Bertie Crowley RIP
NORTH PRESENTATION CONVENT:
Tuesday, 31st January St John Bosco
5p.m.
Thursday, 2nd February
5p.m. Finbarr Mulcahy & Tadgh Manning Anniv. RIP

WEDNESDAY SHARED MASS

Wednesday morning Mass celebrated at the Cathedral will be offered for all who wish to have an intention remembered. These intentions will be written out and placed before the altar during the Wednesday Mass. A special card will be issued to the donor indicating that an intention is being remembered. A donation of €3 is requested from those who wish to have an intention remembered. (A Sympathy Card which can be forwarded to those who have lost loved ones will be available at an extra cost of €1)

DEATHS

We pray for the recently deceased...

*Sean Corkery, Redemption Road,
Timothy Hennessy, Chapel Lane,
Mary Healy, Killeens Place,
John Murphy, England, (late Knockpogue Ave.)
...may they rest in peace*