



Saint MacCullin's Parish, Lusk

The mission of St MacCullin's Parish is to serve our community through communicating the love of Christ.

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 January 2022

Pastor's Desk

The citizens of Jesus's home town refused to believe that God could work among them through one of their own; they had become so used to Christ that they became incapable of putting supernatural faith in Him, even when He showed by His words and miracles that He was worthy of such faith.

We can also make this mistake. We can take God's truly marvellous actions for granted, closing ourselves off from the grace they afford. It takes effort on our part not to fall into routine and boredom at Mass—the most remarkable event that takes place in the world today. It takes childlike trust to find God supernaturally at work in the simple symbols of the sacraments. The more we fall into a merely superficial, going-through-the-motions type of faith, without concentrating and putting our whole mind and strength into it, the more exposed we are to the danger of falling into routine. Only heartfelt prayer and humility will enable us to give Christ a fresh welcome into the hometown of our hearts every day.

—Fr John Bartunek



Parish Calendar of Services, Mass Intentions and Feast Days

Saturday 29th ***St Gildas the Wise (d. 570), abbot***
7:30pm Mass Joe, Maureen & Seamus Carton, Patricia Harris

Sunday 30th ***Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time***
08:30am Mass Mattie & Bridie Brogan, Sam Dennigan, Margaret Emily Jackson
10:00am Mass Gerry O'Boyle, David Fannen (1st anniv.), William, Eddie & Helena Fannen, John & Monnie Moore
11:30am Mass James Senior, Veronica Cox

Monday 31st ***St John Bosco (d. 1888), founder of the Salesians, patron of editors, apprentices and young boys***
9:15am Mass

Tuesday 1st ***St Brigid (d. 525), abbess, foundress, patroness of Ireland***
9:15am Mass Tom (Thomas) McNally, Angela O'Connor, Joan Harold

Wednesday 2nd ***The Presentation of the Lord***
9:15am Mass Special intention

Thursday 3rd ***St Blaise (d. 316), bishop, martyr, patron of those with diseases of the throat***
9:15am Mass

Friday 4th ***First Friday***
9:15am Mass Altar list of the dead

Saturday 5th ***First Saturday; St Agatha (d. 250), martyr, patroness of nurses***
9:15am Mass

Readings for Sunday 6 February

Isaiah 6:1–2a, 3–8

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

Luke 5:1–11



The parish webcam can be accessed here: <https://www.churchservices.tv/lusk>

DATES FOR SACRAMENTS

Dear parishioners: we haven't made any decisions yet in relation to preparations or dates for reception of the sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation. We will communicate with you in plenty of time and through our website, Facebook and our parish schools.

Retrouvaille—A Lifeline for Married

Couples: Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next virtual programme starts 3–6 March 2022. For information contact: Tony & Anne (01) 495 3536, text or call 086 413 5440, Mike & Anne 087-2526812 / 087-6874658, text or email info.retrouvaille2020@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.ie.

Study Theology Online: Is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before 8 February for Spring 2022. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com.

Supporting Bereaved People

Thurs. 10 Feb. 2022 at 09:15

Tickets available at

Eventbrite <<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/supporting-bereaved-people-tickets-201632336747>

If you wish to have a notice included in the newsletter, please email it to lusknewsletter@gmail.com before Wednesday of each week. Follow the parish Facebook page: [@LuskParishDublin](https://www.facebook.com/LuskParishDublin)

Now that the CAO deadline is just around the corner, the BATH. from St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth, may be the perfect fit for students! This course provides a solid intellectual formation in Theology plus two other Arts subjects. Studying Theology gives you the skills to ask the biggest questions of existence. The Baccalaureate in Theology and Arts (BATH.) is a three-year, level 8, full-time, honours degree course comprising Theology and Arts subjects. The Theology courses are taught in the Faculty of Theology of St Patrick's Pontifical University, while the Arts subjects are taught in Maynooth University (MU). Prospectus: <https://maynoothcollege.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ef19d96268a3e67d44aa35c63&id=1839557990&e=facead3c>

Fully escorted pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 21 February 2022. Price: €549.00 per person sharing (includes return bus transfer from Dublin, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board, all entertainment and excursions). Wheelchair-accessible rooms. Single supplement €60.00. Contact Patricia on 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com or patricia@gotrouvaille.com.

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The Parish Office is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 9:30am–12:30pm.

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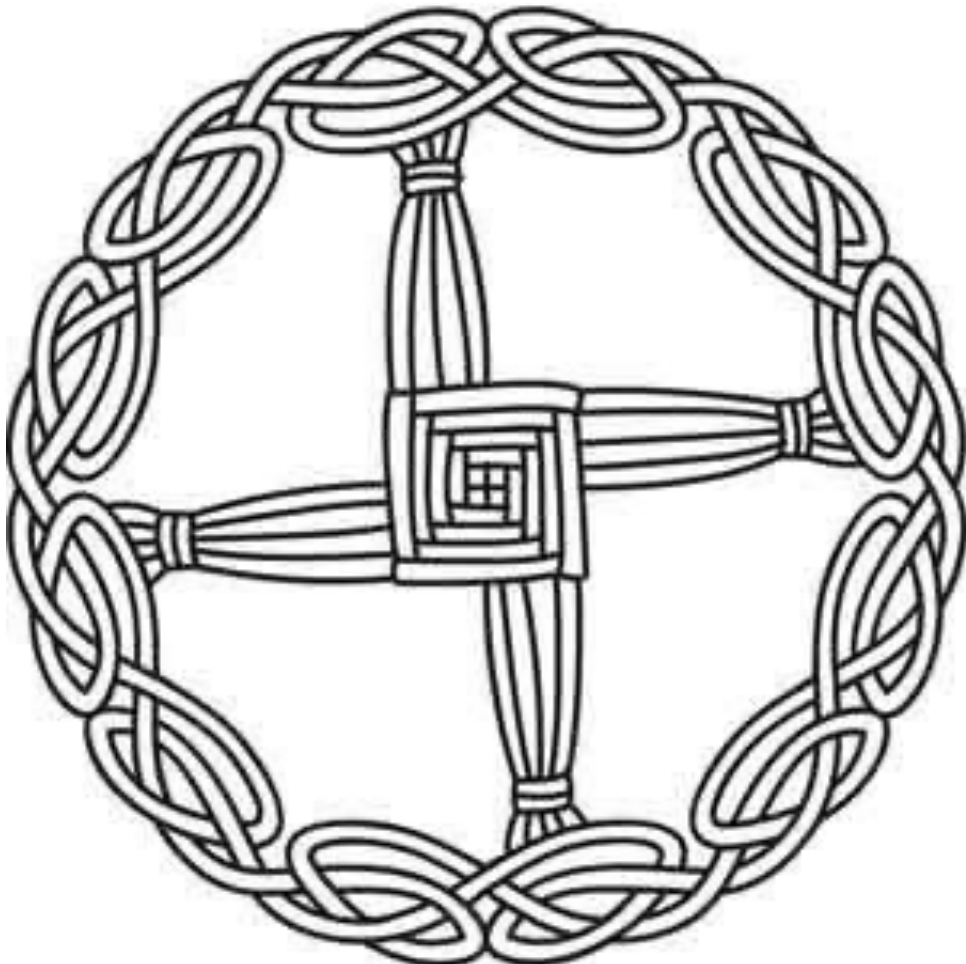
It is requested that visitors do not arrive at the priests' houses unannounced. Please make an appointment through the Parish Office, tel. 843 8421, or in an emergency please phone the priest to advise that you are on your way. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

— Lusk Parish Pastoral Council

Saint Brigid's Cross

Brigid wove a cross of rushes
By a dying chieftain's bed.
“Brigid, what is that you're making
From the rushes there?” he said.
Brigid said, “A cross I'm weaving,
Like the cross where Jesus died.”
“Who was Jesus?” asked the chieftain,
“Why was this man crucified?”
Brigid told the gospel story
To the dying pagan king.
Lying silently he listened,
Never saying anything.
Then he kissed the cross of rushes
Saying, “Brigid, thanks to you,
I have come to love this Jesus,
I will follow his way, too!”

—*Finbar O'Connor*



First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4–5, 17–19

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying: ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

‘So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed.

‘I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you—it is the Lord Who speaks.’

Psalm 70:1–6, 15, 17

My lips will tell of Your help.

In You, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In Your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me.

My lips will tell of Your help.

Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for You are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked.

My lips will tell of Your help.

It is You, O Lord, Who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On You I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother’s womb You have been my help.

My lips will tell of Your help.

My lips will tell of Your justice
and day by day of Your help.
O God, You have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim Your wonders still.

My lips will tell of Your help.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:31–13:13

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge—for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;

No one can come to the Father except through Me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 4:21–30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue: ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’ And He won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from His lips. They said, ‘This is Joseph’s son, surely?’

But He replied, ‘No doubt you will quote Me the saying, “Physician, heal yourself” and tell Me, “We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in Your own countryside”.’ And He went on, ‘I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

‘There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah’s day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha’s time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.’

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled Him out of the town; and they took Him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw Him down the cliff, but He slipped through the crowd and walked away.