

**Congratulations to Isabelle Duggan**, who swam for Ballindine National School in Leisureland, Galway and qualified for the All Irelands in Dublin in March in both 50 M Freestyle and Breaststroke! Well done Isabelle.

**Davitts Presto** The numbers drawn were 8, 14, 22, 32. Four players matched three numbers but the Jackpot was not won. The following won €50 each: Lucy Daly, Castlemagarrett, Gemma Flannery, Ballaghaderreen (online), David Healy, Garrafrauns (online), Niall Costello Syndicate, Milltown. Thanks to Killeen's Bar for hosting the draw. There will be a Jackpot of €22,600 in Monday night's draw which will be held in Clarke's Bar.

**Davitts Walking Group** in partnership with RTE's Operation Transformation & Get Ireland Walking **Wed @ 7pm in the Irishtown Track** and continues every Wednesday for 8 weeks. The aim is to make exercise more accessible and to offer local communities an opportunity to get together and socialise in a healthy way. Further details: Anne Marie Kelly 086-1668668

**ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION** : Meetings/Activities will recommence on Tuesday, 7 February, in Ballindine Community Centre, at 8.p.m.

**St. Brigid's Crosses:** Aoife Gill and Keeva Byrne would sincerely like to thank the community for their support to the Irish Pilgrimage Trust last weekend. They raised in total €608.41. All funds go towards a trip to Lourdes at Easter for children and young adults with a range of additional needs.

**Enrolment for September 23 preschool** (ECCE) at Happytots Childcare will start from February 1st. Please contact Happytots on 0949386694 / 0872022526.

**Irishtown NS are now taking enrolments for the coming school year 2022-23.** We would ask parents of children who intend to start school with us in Sept. to fill in an enrolment form. Enrolling your child early will help us to plan ahead for the next school year. Enrolment forms are available from the school office or can be downloaded from our school website: [irishtownns.scoilnet.ie](http://irishtownns.scoilnet.ie) under 'Information for Parents' section. If you are aware of a new family in your area that wishes to enrol their child in the school, please ask them to contact us

**Lipsync Christmas 2022** Irishtown Community Council would like to thank all those who gave sponsorship, and all who attended on the night. It was a wonderful community event. Total income: €9300, expenses €887.50. Profit: €8412.50. Huge thanks to all who supported the event.

**Claremorris Musical Society**, proudly presents: **"9 to 5 The Musical"** Sunday Feb 5th at 8pm, in Claremorris Townhall Theatre. Tickets on sale now and available at [www.townhall.ie](http://www.townhall.ie) or by calling the Townhall on 094 9310999.

**Art Classes:** Art Classes start back in Cúram Family Centre on Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup>. Classes are fun and relaxed and for adults who wish to explore their creative potential and learn new skills. Beginners is 4-6pm and Advanced is 7-9pm. Booking is essential. To book your place contact **Sean on 085 2320402** or Cúram on 094 9362096.

A brand new Variety Show -entitled **Celebration Ireland- by Tommy Marren** comes to Claremorris Town Hall Theatre on **Friday February 24th @ 8pm. Proceeds to Red Cross Claremorris.** The Show is laced with nostalgia dripping with brand new sketches singers & writers One big stage for one night. Ticklets €20. Booking Through Town Hall 094 9310999.

**The 51st Claremorris Drama and Fringe Festival** takes place in the Town Hall Theatre from March 16th to March 25th 2023. This year's festival will feature The Ray Leonard Players Claremorris, St.Patricks Drama Group Westport and The Glenamaddy Players Co.Galway. Five of the top open groups in Ireland will also compete for a place in the All-Ireland Finals in Athlone. The opening Gala Night will feature Seamus O'Rourke with his Play "Padraig Potts Guide to Walking". Season tickets now available from the Town Hall box office 09493 10999 or [www.townhall.ie](http://www.townhall.ie)

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**February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### St. Blaise

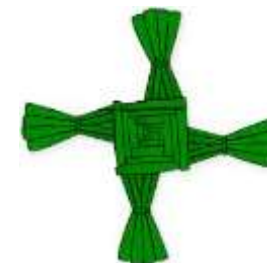
A distraught mother, whose only child was choking on a fishbone, threw herself at his feet and implored his intercession. Touched at her grief, Blaise offered up his prayers, and the child was cured. Consequently, Saint Blaise is invoked for protection against injuries and illnesses of the throat.

In many places, on the day of his feast, the blessing of St. Blaise is given: two candles, blessed on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas), are held in a crossed position by a priest on our throat as he blesses the person's throat.



### ST. BRIGID

Of all our wonder women, Brigid is the star,  
Famous in my lands, both near and afar.  
From north to south, east to west, she's Ireland's patron saint,  
Bountiful in showing love, and that's not something quaint!  
She wandered Ireland with her cow, all white,  
Feeding poor, healing ill, she showed God's might.  
She loved her neighbour as herself,  
She gave away her convent's wealth.  
The yellow dandelions are her flower,  
Their milky sap reminds of God's power.  
You know spring is here when they appear,  
Food for lambs, which she held dear.  
Famous for her cloak which grew and grew,  
And her cross of rushes which you can make too!



**Cluster Priests**  
**Fr. Gannon 086-2656563**  
**Fr. Quinn 087-2685288**  
**Fr. Conlisk 089-4298365**

**Neighbourhood Watch: Any suspicious activity or vehicles should be reported to the Community Alert Text No's: 087-2452565; 087-1322411; 086-8436958; 087-6528213 or Claremorris Garda Station 094-9372080**

## The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Intentions for Week 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

Ballindine Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> 8pm	Tom & Winifred Rush & Deceased of family, John Devane (17 <sup>th</sup> Anniv), Bridget & Michael Raftery, Gerry Devane & deceased of family, Anne & J.J. Tighe.
Irishtown Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am	Gerald & Kathleen Griffin, John Austin, Mary & Christina Moran, Tony, John, Margaret & Willie Burke, Philomena Slattery (22 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv), Deceased of Mannion Family (Dunmacreeena).
Ballindine Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Mike & Delia McGee, Martin Charles and Mike Farrell.
Irishtown Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	People of the Parish, living & dead
Ballindine Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> 9.30am	Private Intention
Irishtown Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> 9.30am	Private Intention
<b><u>Confirmation Enrolment Mass</u></b> Ballindine Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> 8pm	Paddy Rattigan, Thomas & Delia Daly (Anniversary), daughters Geraldine, Chrissie & son Martin and deceased family members (Carrantulla).
<b><u>Confirmation Enrolment Mass</u></b> Irishtown Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am	Kathleen Daly (Month`s Mind), Nora Naughton (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary) and Tom, Annie O`Brien & deceased of family, John, Mary, Nora & Davy Kirrane, Thomas Boyle & deceased of family.

### Anniversaries:

Anyone wishing to have their deceased loved ones remembered in the Parish Newsletter please forward your list with names and dates and they will be included annually in the newsletter.

*Pat Tierney, Michael Flanagan, Tommie Joe Melvin, Baby Burke, Maggie Delia Flattery,  
Mr. Redmond, Michael Roche, John Duffy, Winnie Mitchell (Pat), Helen Godfrey, Martin Keeley,  
Kathleen Doyle, Margaret Hyland, Luke Rattigan, Tom Mitchell, Johnnie Flanagan,  
Catriona Dooley.*

### Eucharistic Ministers

**Ballindine Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 8pm**

C. Kirrane, P. Hennigan

**Irishtown Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 10.30am**

M. Freeley, N. Nally

### Reader

Mary Peters

Shane Kirrane



**Marian House Eucharistic Minister Sun 12<sup>th</sup>:** Noreen Nally

### Prayers of Faithful

**Ballindine Sat 11<sup>th</sup>:**

*Luisne Ni Chonaire, Saoirse Moran*

**Irishtown Sun 12<sup>th</sup>:**

*Aoibhinn O`Hara, Seamie Roche*

**Ballindine Collectors Sat 11<sup>th</sup>:**

F. Goggins, L. Nyland

**Irishtown Collectors Sun 12<sup>th</sup>:**

Joe Ryan, James Clarke

**Death:** Please pray for  
**Kathleen Scott** nee  
Cosgrove, who died in  
Epsom, England, sister  
of Joe, Lisduff.  
**May she Rest in Peace,  
Amen.**

### Children`s Liturgy at Sunday Mass

**Children`s Liturgy continues on Sundays in Irishtown Church at 10.30am Mass.** The children will be invited to the Sacristy to listen to the story of Gospel and do some artwork which they will present at the Altar, later in the Mass. Do bring them along.

### Prayer for Confirmation

*Holy Spirit you are the giver of many gifts. Open these children`s hearts and minds as they prepare for Confirmation. Help them to know that you are confirming all the goodness that they are and all the goodness that they will become. Increase their desire to know and follow Jesus as his disciple with a grateful and courageous heart. Amen.*

### **The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock,**

led by Archbishop Francis, will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Ceremonies commence at 2.30pm with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

### **The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes,**

led by Archbishop Francis, from Knock Airport, 5 nights, Friday Sept 1st to Wednesday, Sept 6th. For details and booking, please contact 01-2410800.

**February Church Cleaners:** Ballindine: M. Corless, M. Rush, C. Diskin

Irishtown: G. Higgins, M. Cullina

**MORE CLEANERS NEEDED TO HELP OUT**

**Ballindine Church Flowers:** Chris Kirrane



### **Faith Renewal Events at Knock Shrine: Saturday 11th February**

Two Screenings of 'The Letter: A Message for our Earth' in the Prayer Centre, Knock Shrine.

First screening: 11am – 1pm; Second screening: 2pm -4pm

Film Duration: 80 mins plus Q&A / Discussion

### **Saturday 25th February**

'Following in the footsteps of Jesus to his Passion' with Fr Denis McBride C.Ss.R

Taking place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock Shrine

Time: 10am – 4pm; Cost: €30 **Advance Booking Essential. To find out more or to book your place, visit [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)**