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OF IRELAND

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# The Story of Brigid

- Brigid was born at a time of major transition in 5th century Ireland. She embodies in herself the pre-Christian Celtic and Christian Celtic spirit. It is generally accepted that St Brigid built her double monastery for men and women in Kildare around 470 AD.
- Some scholars credit Brigid with pioneering monastic life in Ireland. Her monastery was acclaimed as a centre of education, pilgrimage, worship and hospitality until the 16th century when all the monasteries were suppressed.
- <https://solasbhride.ie/the-story-of-brigid/>



St. Brigid's Day, celebrated on 1 February is marked by our national holiday on Monday, 2 February.

# How to make a St Brigid's Cross

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bq0ci42PnLc>



## We Sing a Song to Brigid (Alive-O)

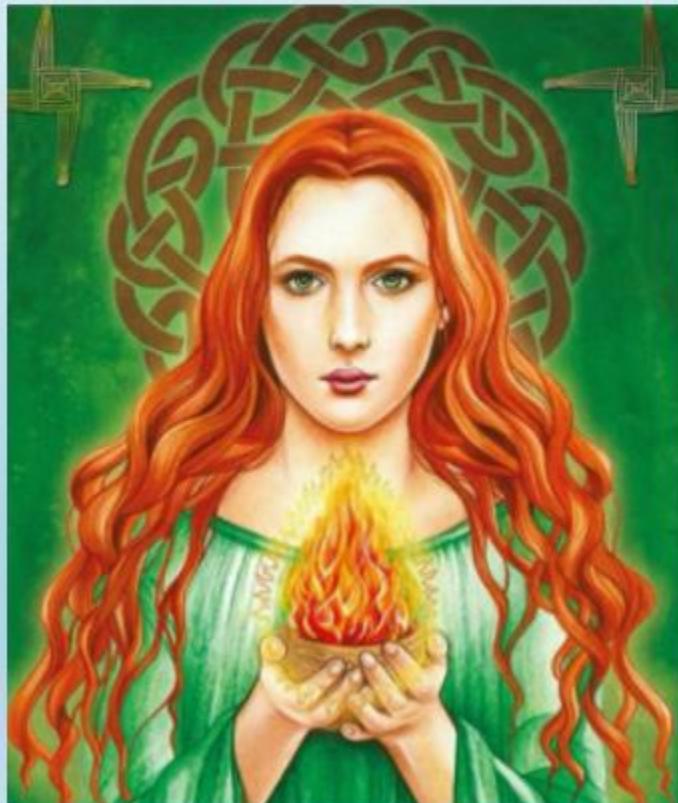
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yqs7lcZvSA8&t=15s>
- We sing a song to Brigid, Brigid brings the spring Awakens all the fields and the flowers And calls the birds to sing.
- All were welcome at her door, no one was turned away. She loved the poor, the sick and the sore, She helped them on their way.
- She laid her cloak out on the ground And watched it grow and grow, In wells and streams and fields of green St. Brigid's blessings flow.

A woman with long, wavy, reddish-brown hair is standing on a grassy hill. She is wearing a long, flowing green cloak. Her hands are on her hips, and she is looking down at the landscape. The background features a vast green field with a small white sheep in the foreground, a body of water, and a sky filled with large, fluffy white clouds.

## Legend of St. Brigid's Cloak

- <https://brigidine.org.au/about-us/our-patroness/legend-of-st-brigid-s-cloak/>

# St Brigid's Blessing



May Brigid bless the house  
wherein you dwell

Bless every fireside every  
wall and door

Bless every heart that beats  
beneath its roof

Bless every hand that toils to  
bring it joy

Bless every foot that walks  
its portals through

May Brigid bless the house  
that shelters you.



# Hymn to St Brigid: Dearc Anuas

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Dearc anuas, féach mar táimid;  
A naoimh álainn, féach sinn.  
Feacamid ár nglún id láthair;  
Dearc mar mháthair ar do chlainn.  
Cuidigh linn, a mháthair aoibhinn;  
Bí a choíche ag éisteacht linn.  
A Naoimh Bríd, a chéile Chríosta,  
Mar an fhaileann ar an toinn.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJn8PrXKSok>

Aoife Ní Fhearraigh -  
Gabhaim Molta  
Bríghde (I Give Praise  
to Saint Brigid).



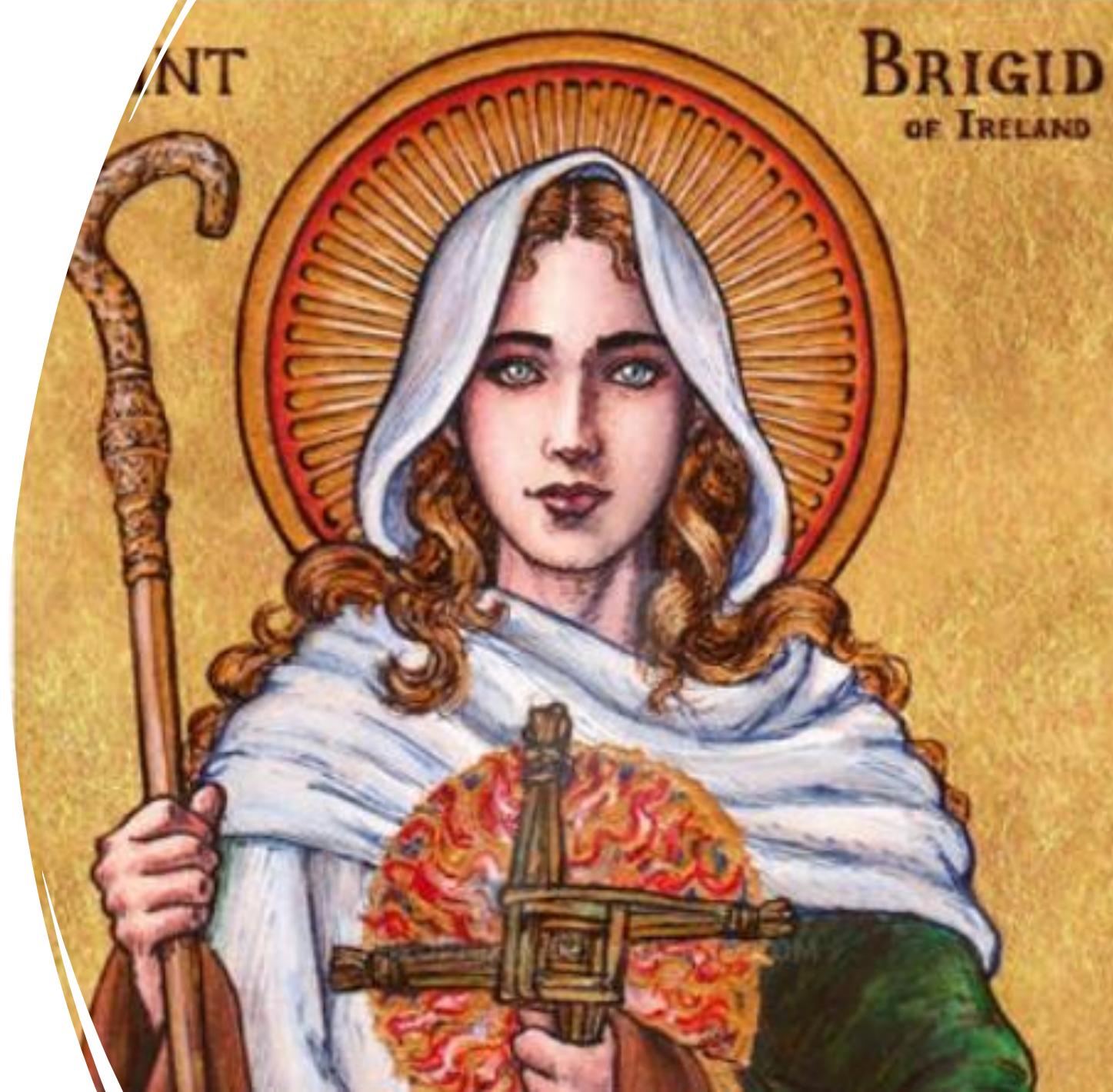
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# Intercessions

(taken from Morning Prayer for the Feast of St Brigid)

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- We praise the Lord Jesus Christ who led St. Brigid along the paths of Justice and holiness; and pray that we may follow his way.
- *Response; Lord, be our light and salvation.*
- Through your resurrection, Lord Jesus, new light came into our darkness – let your Church be a light to the world.
- *Response; Lord, be our light and salvation.*
- At the springtime of the year, we renew our hope – give us the grace to encourage all whom we meet today.
- *Response; Lord, be our light and salvation.*





- Brigid dedicated her life to prayer and service – May we follow her example in our own lives.
- *Response; Lord, be our light and salvation.*
- Lord Jesus, you gave Brigid the desire to serve and not be served – may we spend our lives in the service of others.
- *Response; Lord, be our light and salvation.*
- You made the work of St. Brigid fruitful; – give success to the work of our hands.
- *Response; Lord, be our light and salvation.*



- St. Brigid emerges through history as a woman of deep faith, a spiritual leader, a woman of the land, an advocate for the poor, a peacemaker, and a woman of legendary hospitality.
- <https://www.spiritofbrigid.ie/about-brigid/st-brigid/>
- Events celebrating St Brigid in 2026:
- <https://www.spiritofbrigid.ie/events/>

# St. Brigid – Harry Clarke's Stained-Glass Window

[https://www.historicalballinrobe.org/topics/harry-clarke-stained-glass-windows/st\\_brigid\\_harry\\_clarkes\\_stained-glass\\_window\\_at\\_st\\_marys\\_church\\_ball\\_inrobe\\_county\\_mayo](https://www.historicalballinrobe.org/topics/harry-clarke-stained-glass-windows/st_brigid_harry_clarkes_stained-glass_window_at_st_marys_church_ball_inrobe_county_mayo)

