



Church of Ireland
**United Dioceses of
Cork, Cloyne & Ross**
Templebreedy Group

Patronal Festival of St Brigid



**A Christingle Eucharist with the
Baptism of
Tadhg Rory O'Flaherty Charlwood**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Words of Welcome and Introduction

Sentence

You are my strength Lord, I will love you; Under the shadow of your wings protect me. *The Prayers of Moucan, eighth century*

Hymn

592 O love that wilt not let me go

The Blessing of the Christingles

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe. You make our darkness to be light. For with you is the well of life and in your light shall we see light.

Blessed be God for ever.

A brief explanation of the Christingle.

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendour, that we, who by this kindling flame light up this temple to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled; bless these Christingles that they may be a token of the joy that is to be found in your Son, who is the light to lighten the nations; may we be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal city where you live and reign, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Kindle in our hearts, O God, the flame of love that never ceases, that it may burn in us, giving light to others. May we shine for ever in your temple, set on fire with your eternal light, even your Son Jesus Christ, our saviour and redeemer. Amen. *St Columba*

Christingles will be distributed at the end of the service!

Hymn

165 It's rounded like an orange

The Collect

Trí threoir do shearbhónta Bríd Neartaigh tú an Eaglais sa tír seo :
Agus muid ag tabhairt buíochas ar son a bheatha de sheirbhís
dhúthrachtach Séid ionainn beatha agus solas úrnua Agus tabhair
buanseasmhacht dúinn chun iomlán ár Laethanta a chaitheamh I do
sheirbhís trí Íosa Críost ar dTiarna. Aimean.

Father, by the leadership of your blessed servant Brigid you strengthened the Church in this land: As we give you thanks for her life of devoted service, inspire us with new life and light, and give us perseverance to serve you all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading

A reading from the book of the Prophet Hosea, chapter 6

Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn, that he may heal us;
he has stricken and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive
us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.
Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his going forth is sure
as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains
that water the earth. What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall
I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew
that goes early away. *Hosea 6:1-4*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

343 We love the place O God

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St John, chapter
10, beginning at verse 7.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door
of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but
the sheep did not heed them. I am the door; if anyone enters by me,
he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and
have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays
down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd,
whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the
sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father, and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Declaration

We welcome Tadhg who is to be baptized. I invite his Godparents, to present him now.

Catherine & Christopher say, We present Tadhg to be baptized.

Maeve & Kat, Catherine & Christopher, will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Tadhg for baptism and answer on his behalf?

With the help of God, we will.

By your own prayers and example, by your teaching and love, will you encourage him in the life and faith of the Christian Community?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Tadhg begins his journey in faith. You speak for him today. Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

All join with the Baptismal family and friends in answering

In baptism, God calls us from darkness to his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all proud rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life?

I come to Christ.

You have joined Maeve & Kat, Catherine & Christopher in our shared response to Christ. Will you support them and Tadhg in this calling?

The congregation answers

We will support them.

The Signing with the Sign of the Cross

The sign of the cross using the oil of catechumens blessed by the Bishop on Maundy Thursday is made on Tadhg's forehead

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the cross.

Live as a disciple of Christ, fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith. Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

The Blessing of the Baptismal Water

Water is poured into the font.

Praise God who made heaven and earth.

Who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your Kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that you have called Tadhg to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that Tadhg may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May he die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Declaration of Faith

To Maeve & Kat, Catherine & Christopher

Do you believe and accept the Christian faith into which Tadhg is to be baptized?

I do.

To the whole congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Baptism

Tadhg Rory, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



Prayers

Father, we thank you that Tadhg has now been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, and that he becomes your own child by adoption, and a member of your Church. Grant that he may grow in the faith in which he has been baptized; Grant that he may confess it when he comes to be confirmed; Grant that he may bear witness to it by a life of service to others; and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in him; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, bless Maeve and Kat, give such grace and wisdom to them in their care of Tadhg, that by their word and good example they may teach him to know and love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

On this feast of St Brigid, we pray for the Diocese of Meath & Kildare, for their Bishop Pat, and for Isobel, former Rector of this Group and now Dean of Kildare, for our own Diocese and our Bishop Paul. We pray for institutions and churches dedicated to the honour of St Brigid, including our own Group of Parishes and for the Brigidine Sisters continuing to live the monastic life. We pray for a wider acknowledgement of the role of women in the ministry of the church, giving thanks for those who serve as readers, and in the threefold ministry of deacons, priests and bishops in the Church of Ireland. These prayers and petitions we make in the name of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd and the Light of the World. **Amen.**

We pray for all who suffer, particularly as result of war, for the sick and remember those who have died.

Anthem

Lully, Lulla Lullay (The Coventry Carol)

Philip Stopford, b.1977

The Welcome & Peace

Tadhg, God has called you into his Church.

We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ, as a child of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. We are the body of Christ. By one spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life together.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn

651 Jesus friend of little children

Offertory Prayer

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us; nourish your people with the word of life, and the bread of heaven. Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God our Father, you built your Church in this land through the preaching of Patrick, Columba & Brigid, each filled with the Holy Spirit; each proclaiming the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.
He opened wide his arms upon the cross and, with love stronger than death, he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on the night before you died you came to table with your friends. Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying, Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the bread of life.

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:

dying, you destroyed our death,

rising, you restored our life;

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us, who know our need of grace,
one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven, for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Ár nAthair, atá ar neamh, go naofar d'ainm, go dtaga do ríocht, go ndéantar do thoil, ar talamh mar a dhéantar ar neamh. Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn inniu. Agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha, mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna féin. Agus ná lig sinn i gcathú, ach saor sinn ón olc. Óir is leatsa an ríocht, agus an chumhacht, agus an ghlóir Trí shaol na saol. Aimean.

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Invitation to Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Remember that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Communion

The Church of Ireland welcomes all to receive communion as conscience allows and so all are welcome to do so this morning. If you prefer to receive only the host (the bread) and not the chalice (the wine), that is fine. If you prefer to receive a blessing, keep your head bowed at the altar rail.

Post Communion Prayers

Father, we give you thanks for these heavenly gifts. Kindle us with the fire of your Spirit that when Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Giving of the Lighted Candle

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You, Tadhg, have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The Christingles are distributed.



Almighty God, who enkindled in the heart of Brigid the living flame of your love: stir the cold embers of our hearts and lead us to the well-springs of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn

499 When I needed a neighbour

The Blessing

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, fill you with radiance and scatter the darkness from your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you all evermore. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God



Parents

Maeve O'Flaherty Elder
Kathryn Charlwood

Godparents

Catherine O'Flaherty Elder
Christopher Charlwood

Notices

Sunday 15 February Group Service in Holy Trinity 11.00am followed by a pancake party. Further details to follow.

17 February School Service at 11.20am in Holy Trinity

18 February Ash Wednesday Services at 10am in Holy Trinity & 7pm in Nohoval

Tracton Biodiversity Group will hold a Table Quiz on Friday 6 February at 8 pm at the Tracton Arts & Community Centre. Quiz Master: Paddy O'Brien. Tickets Euro 40 for a table of 4.

Lent Study and Prayer Professor David Ford, OBE, worked on a comprehensive commentary on the Gospel of John, published in 2021; last year, he published a more accessible “companion for Lent, Holy Week and beyond” entitled, “Meeting God in John” which will form the basis of our Lent studies in Templebreedy. The sessions will take place on Monday evenings at The Rectory 7.30 – 9.00 p.m. beginning on Monday 23 February. Copies of the book are available at €10.

Templebreedy School—Clothes collection A clothes collection organised for Monday 9th March. We will take bags of clothes in school on Friday 6th March or first thing on the Monday morning. It would be ideal for clothes to be taken in the churches on Sunday 8th March. Items accepted: § Re-wearable items of clothing § Paired Shoes § Handbags and Belts § Soft Toys Please no carpets, rugs, duvets, pillows, cushions, ripped, soiled clothes or single shoes.

Anam Cara Cork the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold it's monthly Face to Face Parent Support Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 4th February 2026 at 7.30pm in the Maryborough Hotel, Maryborough Hill, Douglas, T12 XR12.

Seamans Christian Friend Society 16 mens bags and 6 ladies bags have been put together and ready to be sent. If you would like to contribute items, the following gives an idea of what goes into the bags ~ Soap, shower gel (ideally 250ml bottles as these fit perfectly in the large zip lock bags), heavy socks, warm hats, razors, snack bars, writing pads, toothbrushes etc.,.

*If you would like something to be announced on this sheet,
please contact the Parish Office before 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, thank you.*

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