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St John's Bulletin

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February 2009
Month of
the Purification of
Our Lady

Devotions & Activities at St John's

Rosary daily at 6 pm; Saturday and Sunday at 10.30 am
Every Sunday: Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 10.30 am
Every Thursday: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Miraculous Medal Novena after the 6.30 pm Mass (except First Thursday)
First Thursday: Apostolate of Prayer for Priests. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 11 am Mass, adoration until 6.30 pm Mass.
First Friday: Benediction after the 6.30 pm Mass
First Saturday: Monthly day of Recollection (April to November)
Confessions: 10.30 am on Saturdays and Sundays, and after 11am Sunday Mass
Missa Cantata: Fourth Sunday of the month
Doctrinal Conference for Adults: First and Third Tuesdays at 7.30 pm
Catechism for children: Every Sunday between Masses
Catechism for teenagers: Second Saturday of each month at 11.45 am
St John's Schola and Choir: Wednesdays at 7.30 pm

Devotions & Activities in Athlone

Rosary daily at 6.30 pm
First Friday: Holy Hour at 6.30 pm
First Saturday: Benediction and Rosary at 10.25 am
Confessions: 10.30 am on Saturdays and Sundays
Missa Cantata: First and Third Sundays of the month

Devotions & Activities in Cork

Fourth Sunday: Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass
Confessions: Half an hour before every Mass and after Mass when announced
Missa Cantata: Third Sunday

SSPX Groups and Pious Associations in Ireland

Eucharistic Crusade: Contact Fr. Biérer
Archconfraternity of St Stephen for Altar Boys: Contact Fr. Angles
St John's Circle: Contact Fr. Anglés
Youth Group: Contact Fr. Loschi
Third Order of the SSPX: Contact Fr. Anglés
St Philomena's Rosary Association: Contact Kay Cronin

Sunday 2nd Collection

1st : For the Seminaries of the SSPX
 2nd : For Insurances (buildings, car, health)
 3rd : For Utilities (heating, electricity, petrol, phone)
 4th : Building Fund (renovations of churches & priories)
 5th : For the Missions of the SSPX

Mass Stipends

1 Mass intention: 16 € / £ 15
 Novena of Masses: 160 € / £ 150
 Gregorian: 640 € / £ 600

Church Law

LAWS OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Present Legislation

All Fridays through the year and the time of Lent are penitential days and times throughout the entire Church.

Abstinence from eating meat is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless they are solemnities; abstinence and fast are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their sixtieth year. Nevertheless, pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance.

Traditional Fast and Abstinence

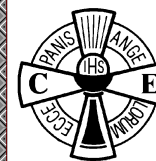
RULES OF FAST: The laws of fast apply to persons between the ages of twenty-one and fifty-nine. On a fast day one may eat one full meal and two light meatless meals, which together would not equal the main meal. Meat may be taken at the principal meal, except on days of complete abstinence. Liquids such as water, milk, and fruit juices may be taken between meals.

RULES OF ABSTINENCE: The laws of abstinence apply to everyone seven years of age and over. On a day of complete abstinence no meat, meat gravy or soup made from meat may be taken. On a day of partial abstinence meat may be taken once.

TRADITIONAL DAYS OF FAST: All the days of Lent up till noon on Holy Saturday, Ember Days, the Vigils of Pentecost, the Immaculate Conception, Christmas, and All Saints.

TRADITIONAL DAYS OF COMPLETE ABSTINENCE: Every Friday of the year, Ash Wednesday, Holy Saturday (until noon), the Vigil of All Saints, the Vigil of the Immaculate Conception, and the Vigil of Christmas.

TRADITIONAL DAYS OF PARTIAL ABSTINENCE: Ember Wednesdays and Saturdays and the Vigil of Pentecost.



Intention for the Eucharistic Crusade

for the month of February 2009

For the sick, that they might learn to unite their sufferings to the Cross of Jesus

NOVEMBER 2008 RESULTS

The Intention was for the departed and the dying

Treasure Sheets returned	Morning Offering	Masses	Communions		Sacrifices	Decades of the Rosary	Visits to Blessed Sacrament	15 mins of meditation	Good Example
			Sac.	Spirit.					
26	724	193	187	696	1433	3350	61	72	1239

February 1st

LITANY OF SAINT BRIGID OF KILDARE

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of Heaven, *Have mercy on us.*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary, Queen of virgins, *Pray for us.*

Saint Brigid, *Pray for us.*

Mary of the Gael, *Pray for us.*

St. Brigid, Patroness of Ireland, *Pray for us.*

St. Brigid, shining light of virtue and sanctity, *Pray for us.*

St. Brigid, consecrated spouse of Jesus Christ, *Pray for us.*

St. Brigid, foundress of Kildare, *Pray for us.*

St. Brigid, cornerstone of the monastic institute in the Isle of Saints, *Pray for us.*

St. Brigid, great model of Irish virgins, *Pray for us.*

St. Brigid, mother of religious, *Pray for us.*

St. Brigid, pattern of religious perfection, *Pray for us.*

St. Brigid, intercessor for the Irish Church, *Pray for us.*

St. Brigid, mediatrix for the Irish race, *Pray for us.*

St. Brigid, protectress of the holy faith planted by Saint Padrig, *Pray for us.*

St. Brigid, enjoying with him the clear vision of God, *Pray for us.*

St. Brigid, whose one desire was to satisfy the poor, drive out hardship, and spare every miserable man, *Pray for us.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world: *Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world: *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world: *Have mercy on us.*

V. *Pray for us, O glorious Saint Brigid:*

R. *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray.

O God, Who dost rejoice with the memory of the blessed Saint Brigid, Thy virgin and abbess, mercifully grant that we may be assisted by her merits, by whose chastity we are illumined. Through Jesus Christ Thy Son Our Lord. R. *Amen.*



This litany is of unknown origin and is for private use only
Source: *Kyrie Eleison — Two Hundred Litanies by Benjamin Francis Musser O.F.M., The Magnificat Press, 1944*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ **EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE CAMPS** : The dates for the Summer Camps of the Eucharistic Crusade this year will be for the girls : July 10th to 19th and for the boys : July 19th to 25th. The location of the camps is unchanged, they will take place in Sandville House, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan.

♦ **ST JOHN'S** : Please note the time of the masses in February. There will be 6.30 pm mass only from Monday to Friday. The week-end mass times are the same. This is due to Father Biérer going on a well-deserved holiday. Please pray for the success of the mission work he will accomplish for the Society of St Pius X in Dubai late January, and in New Caledonia in February.

♦ **BLESSING OF CANDLES** at St John's and Corpus Christi Church on February 2nd, Candlemas, and on the following Sunday in the churches and chapels.

♦ **BLESSING OF ST BLAISE (THROATS)** at St John's and Corpus Christi Church on February 3rd, and on the following Sunday in the churches and chapels.

♦ **ASH WEDNESDAY**: Blessing and distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday at St John's and Corpus Christi Church; Distribution of ashes before the Masses on Sunday, March 1st in the churches and chapels.

♦ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** every Friday of Lent at 6 pm at St John's and Corpus Christi Church, starting on February 27th.

ALL-DAY ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament



Corpus Christi Church in Athlone
Wednesday 18 February

Starting after morning Mass 11am
until Rosary 6 pm

The intentions are:

- The Holy Church
- The Holy Father and the Bishops
- The Priests and Seminarians
- Priestly & Religious Vocations

Press Release from the Superior General of the Priestly Society of Saint Pius X

The excommunication of the bishops consecrated by His Grace Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, on June 30, 1988, which had been declared by the Congregation for Bishops in a decree dated July 1, 1988, and which we had always contested, has been withdrawn by another decree mandated by Benedict XVI and issued by the same Congregation on January 21, 2009.

We express our filial gratitude to the Holy Father for this gesture which, beyond the Priestly Society of Saint Pius X, will benefit the whole Church. Our Society wishes to be always more able to help the pope to remedy the unprecedented crisis which presently shakes the Catholic world, and which Pope John Paul II had designated as a state of "silent apostasy."

Besides our gratitude towards the Holy Father and towards all those who helped him to make this courageous act, we are pleased that the decree of January 21 considers as necessary "talks" with the Holy See, talks which will enable the Priestly Society of Saint Pius X to explain the fundamental doctrinal reasons which it believes to be at the origin of the present difficulties of the Church.

In this new atmosphere, we have the firm hope to obtain soon the recognition of the rights of Catholic Tradition

Letter of the Superior General of the Priestly Society of Saint Pius X

Dear faithful,

As I announce in the attached press release, "the excommunication of the bishops consecrated by His Grace Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, on June 30, 1988, which had been declared by the Congregation for Bishops in a decree dated July 1, 1988, and which we had always contested, has been withdrawn by another decree mandated by Benedict XVI and issued by the same Congregation on January 21, 2009." It was the prayer intention I had entrusted to you in Lourdes, on the feast of Christ the King 2008. Your response exceeded our expectations, since one million seven hundred and three thousand rosaries were said to obtain through the intercession of Our Lady that an end be put to the opprobrium which, beyond the persons of the bishops of the Society, rested upon all those who were more or less attached to Tradition. Let us not forget to thank the Most Blessed Virgin who has inspired the Holy Father with this unilateral, benevolent, and courageous act to. Let us assure him of our fervent prayers.

Thanks to this gesture, Catholics attached to Tradition throughout the world will no longer be unjustly stigmatized and condemned for having kept the Faith of their fathers. Catholic Tradition is no longer excommunicated.

Though it never was in itself, it was often excommunicated and cruelly so in

Lessons from the Matins of the Sarum Breviary,

Lesson 1: The holy Brigid, therefore, whom God foreknew, and predestined to eternal glory, was born of good and very prudent Irish stock, offspring of her father Dubhtach and her mother Brocca. From her youth she grew up in studies of the good things. For this maiden was chosen by the Lord, and grewalways into the better things, being full of the principles of sobriety and modesty. And who is able to fully tell the story of her deeds and wonders, which she wrought even at this age? Yet for the sake of example we have taken care to set before you these few deeds from amongst the innumerable. When therefore she had come to maturity, she was sent by her mother to the work of milking, that from milking the cows butter might be made from milk, that just as other women usually laboured at this task, she also might accomplish it in equal measure.

Lesson 2: And when at the appropriate time the other women were making the accustomed milking of the cows and the measured weight of butter as commanded, they yielded quite fully the amount of butter customary for use, but she, a virgin very beautiful and hospitable in her conduct, wishing to obey God rather than men, distributed the milk and butter to the poor and travellers, generously. And when according to custom the right time came for all to yield up the fruit of the cows, it was now her turn. And once her co-labouring maids had showed their completed work, it was asked of the aforesaid virgin that she also should show her share of the work. And she, anxious with fear of her mother, seeing she had nothing she could show, because she had bestowed it all upon the poor, she (not

obtaining a stay till the next day), being steadfast and enkindled with a great and inextinguishable flame of faith, betaking herself to the Lord, prayed. Without delay, the Lord was with her, hearing the virgin's voice and her prayers (seeing that He is our helper in our necessities) through the generosity of His Divine gift. And He restored the butter overflowingly to His virgin trusting in Him.

Lesson 3: And behold, not long afterwards, when her parents wished to betrothe her to a husband after the way of men, she, being inspired from heaven, wishing to show herself a chaste virgin to God, made her way to the most holy Bishop Machille of blessed memory. Seeing her heavenly desire and purity, and the love of such chastity in the virgin, he placed upon her venerable head a white veil and a shining white garment. She humbly bowing her knees before God and the Bishop and the altar, and offering her virginal crown unto the almighty Lord, touched with her hand the wooden base wherewith the altar was upheld, which wood, in remembrance of its pristine powers, sprouted forth with greenery (as it does even to the present day), becoming green, as if it had not been cut and planed, but as if it were fixed in place by its roots. And even until this day, it driveth sickness and diseases from many of the faithful. And who is able to count up the diverse multitudes and numberless peoples from all provinces of Ireland that flowed together to her? They came together for the solemn feast of the nativity of the holy Brigid, some because of the abundance of the banquets, others because of their healings from their diseases, others coming together with great gifts and donations. For that is when she, on the kalends of the month of February, cast off the heaviness of the flesh, falling asleep in security, and when she followed after the Lamb of God into the mansions of heaven.

From the Matins lessons of the Sarum Breviary, St. Hilariion Press

The Month of February sanctified

Month dedicated to the Purification of Our Lady

Offer 1st Friday Communion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Offer 1st Saturday Communion in honour and reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
On the 3rd starts the Novena of St Agatha
On the 25th, Ash Wednesday, fast and abstinence

Suggested resolution for the month :

Learn and pray often during the day an act of spiritual communion. Example:
"My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love Thee above all things and I desire Thee in my soul. Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though Thou wert already there, I embrace Thee and unite myself wholly to Thee; permit not that I should ever be separated from Thee."

ST BRIGID

"The Giveaway"

By P. McGinley,

Published in New York, Viking Press, 1957

Saint Bridget was
A problem child.
Although a lass
Demure and mild,
And one who strove
To please her dad,
Saint Bridget drove
The family mad.
For here's the fault in Bridget lay:
She Would give everything away.

To any soul
Whose luck was out
She'd give her bowl
Of stir about;
She'd give her shawl,
Divide her purse
With one or all.
And what was worse,
When she ran out of things to give
She'd borrow from a relative.

Her father's gold,
Her grandsire's dinner,
She'd hand to cold
and hungry sinner;
Give wine, give meat,
No matter whose;
Take from her feet
The very shoes,
And when her shoes had gone to others,
Fetch forth her sister's and her mother's.

She could not
quit.
She had to share;
Gave bit by bit
The silverware,
The barnyard
geese,
The parlor rug,
Her little niece-
's christening
mug,
Even her bed to
those in want,
And then the mattress of her aunt.



An easy touch
For poor and lowly,
She gave so much
And grew so holy
That when she died
Of years and fame,
The countryside
Put on her name,
And still the Isles of Erin fidget
With generous girls named Bride or
Bridget.

Well, one must love her.
Nonetheless,
In thinking of her
Givingness,
There's no denial
She must have been
A sort of trial
Unto her kin.
The moral, too, seems rather quaint.
WHO had the patience of a saint,
From evidence presented here?
Saint Bridget? Or her near and dear?

**O Brigid, Mary of the Gael,
May thy protection never fail.
Spread thy mantle over me,
Where're I pass, where're I be.**

day to day events. It is just as the Tridentine Mass had never been abrogated in itself, as the Holy Father has happily recalled in the *Motu Proprio Summorum Pontificum* of July 7, 2007. The decree of January 21 quotes the letter dated December 15, 2008 to Cardinal Castrillon Hoyos in which I expressed our attachment "to the Church of Our Lord Jesus-Christ which is the Catholic Church," re-affirming there our acceptance of its two thousand year old teaching and our faith in the Primacy of Peter. I reminded him that we were suffering much from the present situation of the Church in which this teaching and this primacy were being held to scorn. And I added: "We are ready to write the Creed with our own blood, to sign the anti-modernist oath, the profession of faith of Pius IV, we accept and make our own all the councils up to the Second Vatican Council about which we express some reservations." In all this, we are convinced that we remain faithful to the line of conduct indicated by our founder, Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, whose reputation we hope to soon see restored.

Consequently, we wish to begin these "talks" - which the decree acknowledges to be "necessary - about the doctrinal issues which are opposed to the Magisterium of all time. We cannot help noticing the unprecedented crisis which is shaking the Church today: crisis of vocations, crisis of religious practice, of catechism, of the reception of the sacraments... Before us, Paul VI went so far as to say that "from some fissure the smoke of Satan had entered the Church", and he spoke of the "self-destruction of the Church". John Paul II did not hesitate to say that Catholicism in Europe was, as it were, in a state of "silent apostasy." Shortly before his election to the Throne of Peter, Benedict XVI compared the Church to a "boat taking in water on every side."

Thus, during these discussions with the Roman authorities we want to examine the deep causes of the present situation, and by bringing the appropriate remedy, achieve a lasting restoration of the Church.

Dear faithful, the Church is in the hands of her Mother, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. In Her we place our confidence. We have asked from her the freedom of the Mass of all time everywhere and for all. We have asked from her the withdrawal of the decree of excommunications. In our prayers, we now ask from her the necessary doctrinal clarifications which confused souls so much need.

Menzingen, January 24, 2009
+Bernard Fellay

Liturgical calendar for February 2009				St John's	Athlone	Cork	Belfast	Newry	Tralee	Cashel
Sunday	1	Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, II class	<i>St Brigid of Kildare</i>	9 am & 11 am	11 am	11 am	11 am	8.30 am	5 pm	
Monday	2	Purification of the Blessed Virgin, II class		6.30 pm	11 am					
Tuesday	3	Ferial, St Blaise, IV class		6.30 pm	11 am					
Wednesday	4	St Andrew Corsini, III class		6.30 pm	11 am					
Thursday	5	St Agatha, III class	FIRST THURSDAY	6.30 pm	11 am					
Friday	6	St Titus, St Dorothy, III class	<i>St Mel, Bp of Ardagh</i> <i>Abstinence</i>	FIRST FRIDAY	6.30 pm	11 am				
Saturday	7	St Romuald, III class	FIRST SATURDAY	11 am	11 am					
Sunday	8	Septuagesima Sunday, II class		9 am & 11 am	11 am	11 am	11 am	8.30 am		5 pm
Monday	9	St Cyril of Alexandria, St Apollonia, III class		6.30 pm	11 am					
Tuesday	10	St Scholastica, III class		6.30 pm	11 am					
Wednesday	11	Our Lady of Lourdes, III class		6.30 pm	11 am					
Thursday	12	Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order, III class		6.30 pm	11 am					
Friday	13	Ferial, IV class	<i>Abstinence</i>	6.30 pm	11 am					
Saturday	14	Our Lady on Saturday, St Valentine, IV class		11 am	11 am					
Sunday	15	Sexagesima Sunday, II class		9 am & 11 am	11 am	11 am	11 am	8.30 am		
Monday	16	Ferial, IV class		6.30 pm	11 am					
Tuesday	17	Ferial, IV class	<i>St Fintan of Clonenagh</i>	6.30 pm	11 am					
Wednesday	18	Ferial, St Simeon, IV class		6.30 pm	11 am					
Thursday	19	Ferial, IV class		6.30 pm	11 am					
Friday	20	Ferial, IV class	<i>Abstinence</i>	6.30 pm	11 am					
Saturday	21	Our Lady on Saturday, IV class		11 am	11 am					
Sunday	22	Quinquagesima Sunday, , II class		9 am & 11 am	11 am	11 am	11 am	8.30 am		
Monday	23	St Peter Damian, III class		6.30 pm	11 am					
Tuesday	24	St Matthias, II class		6.30 pm	11 am					
Wednesday	25	Ash Wednesday, I class	<i>Fast and Abstinence</i>	6.30 pm	11 am					
Thursday	26	Ferial, III class		6.30 pm	11 am					
Friday	27	Ferial, St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows, III class		6.30 pm	11 am					
Saturday	28	Ferial, III class		11 am	11 am					
Sunday	1	First Sunday of Lent, I class		9 am & 11 am		11 am	11 am	8.30 am	5 pm	