

# St. Brigid's Festival

1 - 5 February 2024

Lá Fhéile Bríde  
Imbolc Festival Clondalkin



Join us as we celebrate the arrival of Spring, known in Celtic times as Imbolc where we come together to honour our Matron Saint, Elder and Celtic Goddess, Brigid.

Marking our national holiday in honour of St. Brigid, this family friendly weekend festival includes a family parade, cross making and St. Brigid's cloak making workshops, talks, music and arts performance plus a pilgrimage walk through green spaces from the City Centre to Clondalkin with meeting points along the way to cater for varied distances. (16km/10km/3km) plus gathering at our famous heritage site St Brigid's Well. All are Welcome.

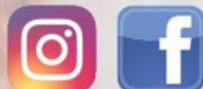
Let's celebrate Spring together.

"Brigid is the bridge, crossing the threshold from Goddess to Saint, Celtic to Christian, North and South, winter and spring, water and fire, masculine and feminine, ancient and modern."

— Treacy O' Connor



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## Monday 8th Jan

Art Competition for Primary Schools opens – themed "A woman who Inspires"  
for info contact Clondalkin Library (closing date Jan 26th)

## Wednesday 24th Jan

6.00pm My Brat Bhríde Brigid's Cloak Workshop with Rita O' Loughlin.  
(for info contact Clondalkin Library)

## Thursday 1st Feb

8.00pm Brú Chrónáin Visitor Centre Round Tower Garden, Clondalkin -  
Festival Launch with Tornado Fire Performance and Dramatization  
of the story of Brigid. All welcome

8.30pm Monk's Kitchen, Brú Chrónáin Visitor Centre, Clondalkin -  
Dolcáin's Cellar Open Mic Night – Brigid Theme

## Sunday 4th Feb

2.30pm Meet at Round Tower GAA Clubhouse, Convent Road for Fun Dress  
Up Parade with Mummers & Biddy Boys & St. Joseph's Pipe Band.  
Prizes for best dressed. All Welcome

3.00pm Events commence at Áras Chrónáin  
Mummers of Fingal  
Live Musical Performance  
My Brat Bhríde – Brigid's Cloak Workshop  
Sean-Nós dancing performance  
St. Brigid's Cross making with Mervyn Ennis  
Bridóg Doll making workshop

## National Holiday Monday 5th Feb

9.00am Meet for Brigid's Way Imbolc Pilgrimage (welcome & refreshments)  
9.30am Brigid's Way Imbolc Pilgrimage, Dublin. Departs from the garden  
labyrinth at The Sanctuary Holistic Centre, Stanhope Street, Dublin 7 to  
Clondalkin led by Dr. Karen Ward Moon Mná (16km from Clondalkin)  
(Please wear suitable clothing/bring packed lunch)

Walk meeting up points:

- 11.45am Junction at St Vincent's St W & Golden Bridge Walk/beside  
Drimnagh Luas Stop - under the bridge (10km from Clondalkin)
- 1.15pm Knockmitten Community Centre, Clondalkin (3km from Well)

2.15pm St. Brigid's Well – musicians, speakers, fire and water ritual  
led by Dr. Karen Ward and Oein DeBhairduin

3.15pm Events commence at Round Tower GAA Club, Convent Road,  
St. Brigid's cross making workshop with Gay Allen.

4.00pm Talk by Michael Fortune, Folklore.ie - Brigid The Saint & Goddess,  
Ancient Rituals and Legends.

All festival events are free of charge