* **First Year Mass - Feast of Saint Bridget**

**Feb 1st 2023**

*The space can be set up very simply, using candles and an image of the Holy Family.*

*Procession: Used to set up/ add to the Sacred Space & Narration:*

*Representation of family at home - Lego House*

*Representation of our family at school - School Journal*

*Representation of our parish family - photo of parish*

*St Bridget cross*

*Photo of family*

Entrance Song: Hiding Place

Words of Welcome/ Words of thanks: Mr. Cawley.

*MUSIC PLAYING IN BACKGROUND LIGHTLY*

Narrator: Chloe White and Zach Power

Welcome to our Mass in celebration of Saint Bridget.

Today marks the feast of Saint Bridget. Saint Bridget is renowned for her hospitality, alms giving and care of the sick. She is the second Patron of Ireland after St. Patrick. This special day marks the beginning of spring - a time of new life and growth after the darkness of winter. God calls us to use our gifts and talents in our school to help others, to be kind, to be merciful and to pray. God calls us to live like Jesus.

Jasmine Murphy brings a lego house to represent our home community and Aine Cashman brings a candle to represent the light of God instilled in us at home,

Aoife O'Gorman brings a school journal to represent our school community and Charlie Smyth brings a candle to represent the light of God entrusted to us by our founding father Edmund Rice,

Shane McGrath brings a photograph of our local church to represent our local parish and Kevin O ‘ Reilly brings a candle to remind us to follow the light of God whenever we are lost in the darkness.

Liam Walsh brings The St. Bridget’s Cross whose Feast we celebrate today and Leon Dignam brings a candle to represent the light of Christ that St. Bridget lived.

Jay Power brings a Family photo to represent our families and in particular our parents and grandparents. And Billy O’Donohue brings a Candle to represent the Light of Faith that our parents and grandparents continue to hand on to us.

**Introduction and Greeting - Father Richard.**

**First Reading: TJ Flanagan**

1st Reading: **A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.**

There are many different gifts, but it is always the same Spirit;

There are many different ways of serving, but it is always the same Lord.

There are many different forms of activity, but in everybody it is the same God who is at work in them all.

The particular manifestation of the Spirit granted to each one is to be used for the general good.

To one is given from the Spirit the gift of utterance expressing wisdom; to another the gift of utterance expressing knowledge, in accordance with the same Spirit;

To another, faith, from the same Spirit; and to another, the gifts of healing, through this one Spirit;

To another, the working of miracles; to another, prophecy; to another, the power of distinguishing spirits; to one, the gift of different tongues and to another, the interpretation of tongues.

But at work in all these is one and the same Spirit, distributing them at will to each individual.

**The word of the Lord.**

Psalm: Song:

On Eagles Wings

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you. Alleluia.

**Gospel: Father Paul.**

**Homily: Father Richard.**

**Prayers of Intercession:**

*Father Richard Introduces Students for Prayers of the Faithful.*

Mateusz 1. For the whole Church community. May we become instruments of God which we have been called to be.

**Lord hear us**

Daisy Murphy 2. For members of our parish community. May we support one another as we strive to protect and fight for the common good in our common home.

**Lord hear us**

Benjamin Farrell 3. For the members of our school community. May we always promote the value of equality and human dignity as we work together every day.

**Lord hear us**

Jill Power 4. For those who are sick in mind, body or spirit, may they experience God’s loving care and comforting hand in their hour of need.

**Lord hear us**

Grace McCartan 5. For ourselves, May we find strength in God’s love to work towards a future where we make the necessary changes to change our planet.

**Lord hear us**

Johan Roshen 6.We pray for our grandparents, we thank God for their kindness and the positive role they play in our life. May God protect, guide, and support them on their earthly pilgrimage.

**Lord hear us**

Una Longergan:

We the adults here, your parents, grandparents , teachers and SNAs pray for you first years .  
You are bright, friendly and enthusiastic important members of our school community.  
  
We pray you will be blessed over the coming years with good health and happiness.  
  
**Lord hear us.**  
 ***Father Richard Concluding Prayer***

**Offertory Procession: NAME liam ryan and leah grant**

Bread and Wine

*Eucharistic Prayer II*

Communion: SONG

Supermarket Flowers

Reflection after Communion:

**Saint Bridget’s Blessing**

**Read by Afton O Meara O’Brien**

May Brigid bless the house wherein we dwell.

Bless every fireside, every wall and door.

Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof.

Bless every hand that toils to bring its joy.

Bless every foot that walks portals through.

May Brigid bless the house that shelters us.

**Read by Doireann Ni Chuilleanáin**

You were a woman of peace.

You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness.

You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace

cover those who are troubled and anxious,

and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater

wholeness in mind, body and spirit.

Amen

Final Hymn: MUSIC

Shine Jesus Shine