



Brigid brings the spring

Anois teacht an earraigh, beidh an lá ag dul chun síneadh
Is tar éis na Féile Bríde, ardóidh mé mo sheol

Now with the coming of spring, the days will be getting longer
and after the feast of Brigid, I will raise my sail

Dear Friends,

Brigid: A Voice for the Ages is the overarching theme of the Annual Féile Bríde in Kildare Town. Launched on January 16th in Solas Bhríde Centre, the 2026 Féile programme promises to uplift spirits and put a spring in our steps as the new year unfolds.

The Féile begins on **Saturday, January 31st**, with a gentle difference to our usual opening. The day starts with **cross weaving workshops from 10am-12 noon**, followed by the much-loved **annual pilgrimage to St. Brigid's Well at 6pm**—a time of quiet reflection, song and prayer that draws people from near and far.

St. Brigid's Day itself welcomes many national and international visitors to Kildare Town. Following our **Pause for Peace at 12 noon**, we are delighted to host the **Planting of a Peace Pole**—a symbol of hope, unity and a lasting commitment to peace in our world. We would be honoured if you could join us for this special moment.

The Féile offers a **week-long programme of creative events** for all ages and interests, celebrating through music, dance, weaving, poetry, reflection and discussion. Many events, including the **Afri Conference on February 7th**, will invite us to reflect on how we can create a more caring, just and peaceful world. Events will be hosted across Kildare Town at **Solas Bhríde Centre, the Heritage Centre, Kildare Town Library and Kildare Education Centre**.

We hope you will be able to join us for some of the events and be part of this meaningful celebration. If you cannot be with us in-person do look out for the online events.

Further details of all events happening during Féile Bríde can be found on [our website](http://www.solasbhride.ie) www.solasbhride.ie.

Mary, Rita, Phil & Geraldine



IN PERSON EVENTS

A very warm céad míle fáilte to our 33rd Féile Bríde or 'Festival of Brigid'. This week long celebratory programme of events which includes pilgrimage, music, dance, cross weaving, reflection and discussion. Click on the event links below to find out more.

ST BRIGIDS EVE - SATURDAY 31ST JANUARY

[Cross weaving workshops](#) from 10.00am - 11.30am

[Pilgrimage to St Brigid's Well](#) - assemble at Japanese Garden's carpark at 5.45pm

Féile Bríde



Solas Bhride is delighted with State recognition for the Weaving of a St Brigid's Cross as part of Ireland's Cultural Heritage



1ST BRIGIDS DAY - SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

Kildare calls for a Global Pause for Peace at 12.00 noon

“This new Pause for Peace movement is a unique event which breaks new ground in recognising the cultural and historical importance of St. Brigid beyond boundaries and aims to form a spirit of solidarity and peace in societies all over the globe” - President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins.

Planting of a Peace Pole at 12.15pm

Peace movement supported through schools and our peace Embassadors



“May Peace Prevail on earth”

A Peace Pole is a symbol of
hope, unity and a monument
to peace in our world

MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

Kildare through the Ages: A Journey across the Curragh at 2pm

WEDNESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

Mindful Steps: A Meditative Walk in the serene grounds of Solas Bhríde at
11am

SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

Mass at St Brigid's Well at 10.30am



Go out into
the natural world,
look, listen and know
your place within creation



ONLINE EVENTS

Our online offering this year includes morning meditations, a reflection on the practice of hospitality inspired by the generosity and compassion of St Brigid presented by the Solas Bhríde team and the Annual Celtic Lecture, which is in collaboration with Kildare Education Centre. All of these events can also be attended in person. We would be delighted for you to join us either virtually or in person as we look towards the light and renewed hope this Springtime. To book or to find out more please click on links below.

TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

[Morning Meditation 'Stepping into Spring'](#) at 10am

[Open Heart: An Exploration of Hospitality at 7.30pm](#)

WEDNESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

Morning Meditation 'Emerging into Light' at 10am

Annual Celtic Lecture presented by Dr Bairbre Ní Fhloinn, Lecturer on Irish Folklore & Ethnology at 7.30pm

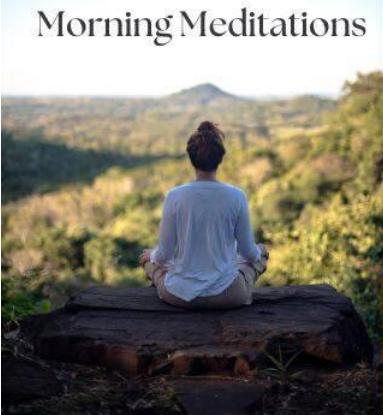
THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

Morning Meditation 'Springtime Stillness' at 10am



Féile Bríde

Morning Meditations



"If we could see the miracle
of a single flower clearly,
our whole life would change"
- Buddha

Onsite & In Person



"The heart of hospitality is about
creating space for someone
to feel seen and heard and loved"
- Shauna Niequist



**OPEN HEART:
An Exploration of Hospitality**



GUEST PRESENTERS AT SOLAS BHRÍDE

Get ready for an amazing evening in the company of Inni-K, supported by Philip Scott at an event filled with good vibes and great music.

We are truly excited to welcome Nancy Fitzgerald, author of Brigid's Mantle to share her passion and inspiration formed from the legacy of St Brigid in her own unique way

As always we are delighted to share the energy that Betty & Terry bring to the centre through sacred dance and also the wonderfully gifted artistry of Elizabeth Murray AOIFA. To book or to find out more on these events, please click on links below.

1ST BRIGIDS DAY - SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

Ceoilchoirm - Concert with Inni-K at 8pm

MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

Under Brigid's Mantle at 11am - booking essential

TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

Sacred Circle Dance at 10.30am - Booking essential

THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

St Brigid's Spring: A Floral Journey at 2.30pm - Booking essential

Féile Bríde



Ceoilchoirm
Concert with Inni-K



Sacred Circle Dancing



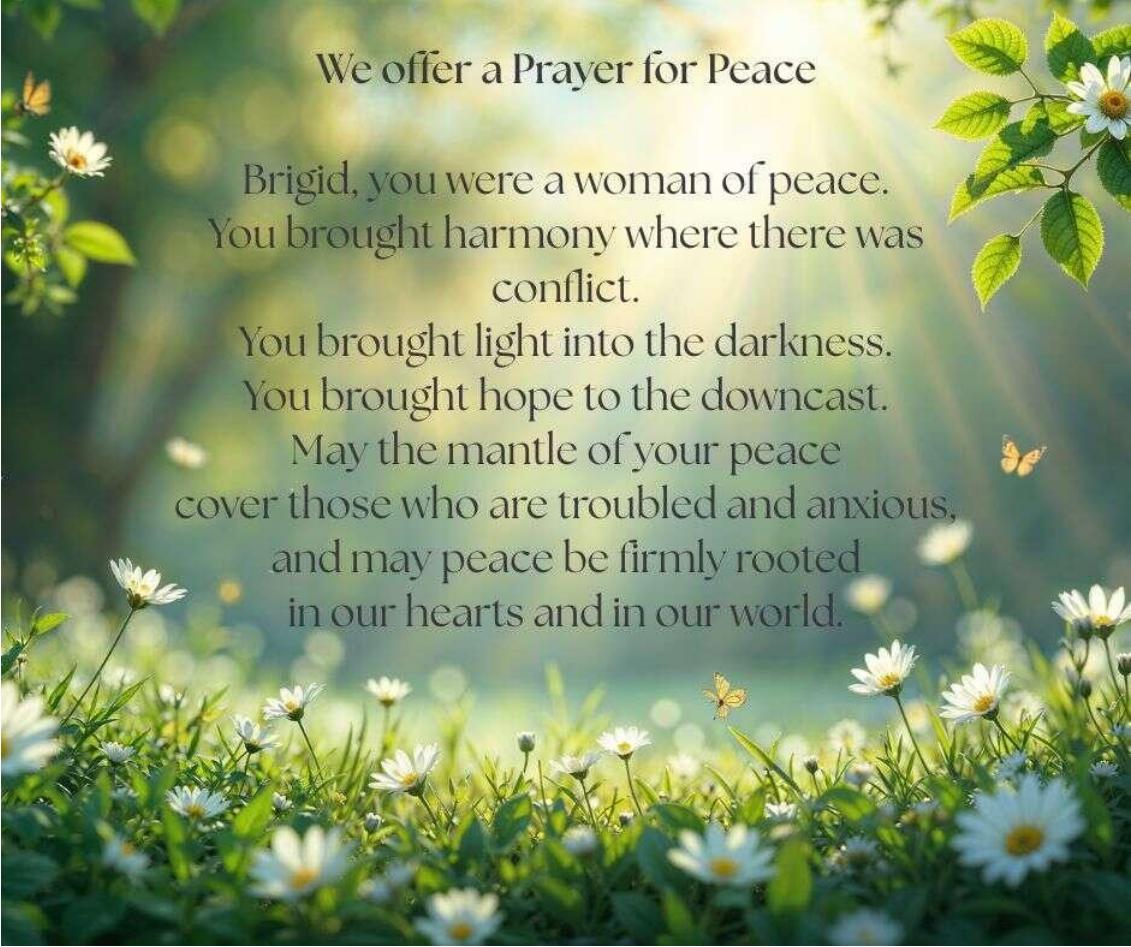
BRIGID'S MANTLE

Nancy Fitzgerald

Finding the fiery Saint of Kildare
at the Heart of Celtic Spirituality



A Floral Journey with Elizabeth Murray



We offer a Prayer for Peace

Brigid, you were a woman of peace.
You brought harmony where there was
conflict.

You brought light into 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.

Further details on all the events can be viewed [here](#).
Booking is available through our website www.solasbhride.ie or if you require
assistance please contact us by email: info@solasbhride.ie or phone: 045-522890
