

## St. Brigid (4th Class to 6th Class)

St. Brigid was born in County Meath but she spent most of her life in Kildare. She was a kind and generous child with a strong will. She was a kind and generous child with a strong will. She lived at the time of St Patrick. When she heard St Patrick preaching about Christianity, it inspired her to live a Christian life. She decided that she wanted to dedicate her life to prayer and helping the poor. Brigid set up a convent with some other girls who were also dedicated to living as followers of Jesus. She helped people to learn more about God and to place their in him. She became known far and wide for the way she welcomed everyone to the convent, especially the poor.

Brigid set up many convents around Ireland and helped to train other women to live a life of Christian charity. When she died, her body was brought to Downpatrick in County Down to be buried beside St. Patrick.

## Saint Brigid and the dying chieftain

It was a cold evening in the middle of winter when Brigid heard a gentle knock on her door. On opening the door, she saw a young boy in bare feet looking up at her anxiously.

'My master, the Chieftain, is dying,' the young boy said in a timid voice.

'He sent me to see if you would come to him'. Brigid pulled her cloak around her shoulders and asked the boy to show her the way.

When they arrived at the chieftain's house Brigid saw that he was dying. Brigid sat beside his bed and prayed. During the night she gathered rushes and began twisting them together into the shape of a cross, singing quietly as she did so.

Brigid could see that the man was afraid of dying.

Brigid told him that she sings and prays to God and it reminds her of God love for everyone. The man asked her then to tell him about the God she prayed to.

Brigid picked up the cross she made and told him the story of Jesus, the Son of God and how he came to teach us all about God's love for all creation. The chieftain was so overcome by the God that Brigid told him about that he asked to be baptised a Christian.



When we think of St. Brigid we think of the various told about her- the story of her cloak and the Church, how she helped the poor, the story of St. Brigid's cross and much more to do which showed her kindness and faith in God

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### St. Brigid's Blessing

May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell.  
Bless every fireside, every wall and door.  
Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof.  
Bless every hand that toils to bring it joy.  
Bless every foot that walks its portals through.  
May Brigid bless the house that shelters you.