



Assembly for the Feast of Saint Brigid - 1st February

Opening Hymn

Opening Prayer

God our Father, as we gather together as a community of Faith, we thank you for the gift of Saint Brigid, a woman full of holiness and grace and patroness of Ireland. Be with us as we reflect on her life and work, that we may be supported by your grace and the Holy Spirit, care for those who are lonely, poor and anxious at this time especially those affected by the pandemic.

Scripture Reading

A Reading from the book of Job (31:16-20, 24-25, 31-32)

I have never refused to help with the poor; never have I let widows live in despair or let orphans go hungry while I ate. All my life I have taken care of them.

I have never trusted in riches or taken pride in my wealth.

All those who work for me know that I have always welcomed strangers

I invited travellers into my home and never let them sleep in the streets.

The Word of the Lord.



Intercessions

Introduction

Lord, you are always with us. Hear our prayers today, as we place them before you and as we ask Saint Brigid to mediate on our behalf.

We take time to reflect on the moments during this pandemic year when we have reached out to others in need. Help us, we pray, to continue to do so by following the example set by Saint Brigid. *Pause* Lord Hear Us **Lord Hear our Prayer**

We pray for our school. May it continue to be a beacon of light to the students, staff, parents, governors..... May we strive to support all our students during this challenging school year. *Pause* Lord Hear Us **Lord Hear our Prayer**

We pray for our students. May they continue to support one through maintaining contact through social media, telephone, socially distanced walks. May they be open to hearing your voice in the busyness of every-day living.

Pause Lord Hear Us **Lord Hear our Prayer**

We pray for our families. We thank them for their love and support, and we ask them for their continued guidance..... We place the prayers of all families under the protection of Saint Brigid.

Pause Lord Hear Us **Lord Hear our Prayer**

We pray for those who feel isolated, alone or anxious in any way. Be with them in their time of need and give them the strength to face the future with courage knowing that you are with them always.

Pause Lord Hear Us **Lord Hear our Prayer**

We take a moment to call to mind anyone or anything we wish to pray for this today.

United as a family, we bring all our prayers together in the words Jesus taught us**Our Father...**

Concluding Prayer

As your Spirit guides us and your loving care keeps us safe, Lord, be close to us this day and every day, and in your mercy listen to those who call on you. Strengthen and protect us in your kindness and draw us closer to you. Help us to imitate Saint Brigid by placing God at the centre of every thought, action, decision that we make. Amen.

