

Saint Brigid

Saint Brigid was born in Dundalk in Louth. Saint Brigid wanted to be like Saint Patrick.

Saint Brigid lived in the same time as St. Patrick.

At the age of 18 her father told her that she should get married but St. Brigid did not want to get married. She wished to spend her life minding the poor, elderly and sick.

She prayed and wished her beauty would go away from her so she would not have to get married. Her wish was granted.

Her father was angry with her generosity and kindness to the poor and sick. When she gave away her father's jewel-encrusted sword to a person with leprosy her father got very angry at her.

Her father knew that he couldn't change her mind about becoming a nun.

Saint Brigid went to the King and asked him for land to build her church on. The king said you can have as much land as your cloak can cover. Her cloak was not very long. When she stretched her cloak out it grew and grew until she had as much land as she needed.

In another story Saint Brigid told the Gospel stories to a pagan king. The pagan king did not know about Jesus so she made a cross to explain.

Making a Saint Brigid cross is a special tradition people do on the 1st of February. When you make a Saint Brigid cross you usually put it on your door to keep your house safe.

St. Brigid died when she was 75 years of age in the year of 525 AD.

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