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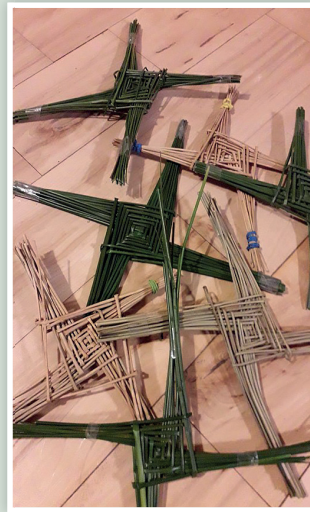
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ST. BRIDGID'S DAY



Kilkenny Libraries is celebrating St. Bridgid's Day with a number of workshops across the branches. Monica Fleming will be discussing some of the traditions around St. Bridgid and showing attendees how to make their own, traditional, St. Bridgid's Cross. All materials provided. The sessions take place on Wednesday 29th of January from 11am-1pm in Castlecomer Library (Phone 056 440561 to book) and from 2pm to 4pm in Loughboy Library (Phone 056 7794176 to book). And on Thursday 30th of January from 10:30am-12:30pm in Graiguenamanagh Library (Phone 056 7794178 to book) and 2pm-4pm in Thomastown Library (Phone 056 7794331 to book). On Friday 31st January from 11am-1pm in Urlingford Library (Phone 056 7794182). Booking is essential as places are limited for each workshop.



St. Bridgid's Cross Workshop

Learn about St. Bridgid and the traditions surrounding her, And make a cross of your own with Monica Fleming

BOOKING REQUIRED

Graiguenamanagh Library
Thursday Jan 30th
10.30-12.30
Tel: 056 7794178
email@graig@kilkennylibrary.ie



rybank Library on 056 7797210 for more information.

And don't forget to leave out your "Brat Bride" on the night of January 31st. St. Bridgid is said to pass over the country during the night, bestowing her blessing. The "Brat" is a piece of cloth that has healing powers and is particularly beneficial for any pains in the head.



St. Bridgid's Day is, traditionally, one of the first big days in the Irish Calendar. The first day of Spring, a time for farmers and households to take stock after the Winter and a focal point for agriculture in the year.

St. Bridgid is Ireland's second patron saint, patroness of cattle and dairy and well renowned for her healing and protection.

There are many ways her day is still marked across Ireland. The most common is the making of a Bridgid's Cross from rushes or straw. These were made and hung in the house to gain the saint's blessing and keep the household safe from fire, curses and evil spirits. It was also said to give protection from storms and lightning. A cross was also hung in the cattle shed to keep the animals safe from harm.



Monica Fleming - a seasoned Gardener and Tutor from Kilkenny Community Education. With her expertise in Horticulture and Crafts, using Natural Materials and knowledge of Folklore in Ireland she will guide groups through St. Bridgid, her crosses and the traditions at this time of year.



There will also be some special St. Bridgid's Day Stories and Crafts in Thomastown and Ferrybank libraries on Friday 31st January. Contact Thomastown Library on 056 7794331 and Fer-

THE MOBILE LIBRARY

Every month our mobile library van visits over 60 schools, nursing homes and early learning centres across the county including 11 community stops where everyone is welcome to visit! The mobile library offers the same great services as our other library branches so come along to borrow or return items, request items or to get assistance from our friendly mobile library team. For more information on any of our mobile stops please visit www.kilkennylibrary.ie or phone (056) 7794160.

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Community Stops January-February 2025

Owning	Jan 29th	2.50pm - 3.50pm
Slieverue	Jan 30th	10.50am - 11.50am
Luffany	Feb 6th	12.35pm - 12.55pm
Mooncoin (The Church)	Feb 6th	2.30pm - 3.45pm
Mullinavat	Feb 14th	1.45pm - 2.30pm
Kilmoganny	Feb 26th	3.00pm - 3.40pm
Kells	Feb 26th	3.50pm - 4.05pm
Bigwood	Feb 27th	11.35am - 12.15pm
Kilmacow	Feb 27th	2.40pm - 3.15pm