



St Brigid – Prayers, Reflections and Events



St. Brigid's Day, celebrated on 1 February will be marked by our national holiday on Monday, 5 February.

# SAINT BRIGID

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- This year, we celebrate the 1500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Brigid's death.
- Last Sunday (28 Jan 2024), Mass was celebrated by Bishop Denis Nulty at the installation of the holy Relic of Saint Brigid in St. Brigid's Church, Kildare.
- This relic is a gift from the Brigidine Sisters, a "fitting commencement to the celebrations of the 1500th Anniversary of the death of St. Brigid."
- It is placed on permanent display for people to visit and pray.
- <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2024/01/28/mass-celebrated-by-bishop-denis-nulty-for-the-installation-of-the-holy-relic-of-saint-brigid/>



# Féile Bríde 2024

**Brigid: A Woman, A Life, A Legacy**

January 31st to February 10th Kildare Town, Co. Kildare



Féile Bríde – is a week- long series of events commencing on the eve of St.Brigid's Day.

- See <https://solashbride.ie/brigid-1500/>



# How to make a St Brigid's Cross

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bq0ci42PnLc>

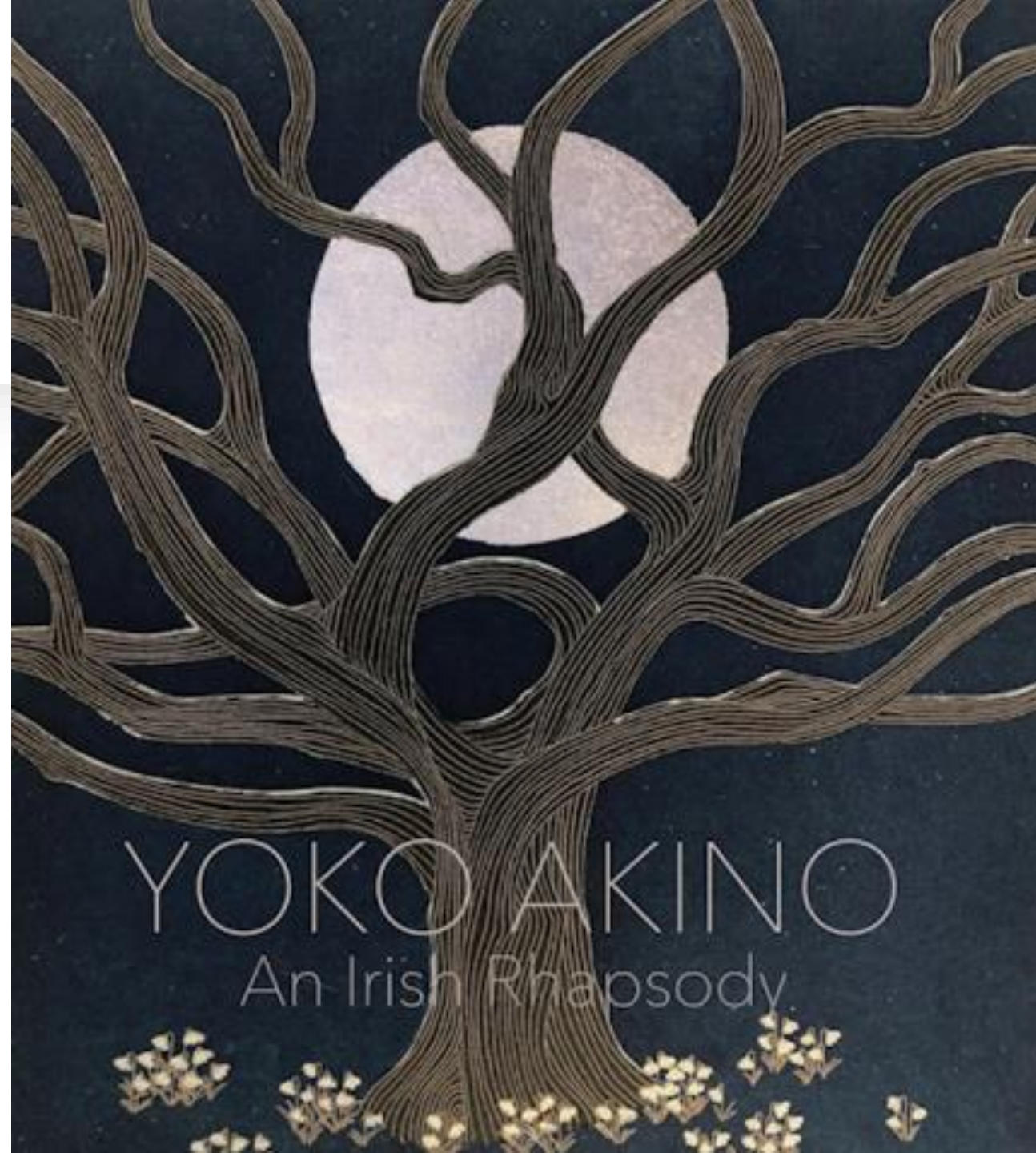


# The Story of Brigid

- Brigid was born at a time of major transition in 5th century Ireland. She embodies in herself the pre-Christian Celtic and Christian Celtic spirit. It is generally accepted that St Brigid built her double monastery for men and women in Kildare around 470 AD.
- Some scholars credit Brigid with pioneering monastic life in Ireland. Her monastery was acclaimed as a centre of education, pilgrimage, worship and hospitality until the 16th century when all the monasteries were suppressed.
- <https://solasbhride.ie/the-story-of-brigid/>

Artist Yoko Akino is the *An Post* commissioned artist for the commemorative stamp for St Brigid 2024.

- <https://visualartists.ie/events/an-irish-rhapsody-yoko-akino-at-hamilton-gallery/>





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Last year, pupils from Loreto College, St Stephen's Green designed stamps to commemorate St Brigid as part of their FÉILE RANGEELA project with ATU, Galway and the Loyola Academy, Chennai, India.

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## We Sing a Song to Brigid (Alive-O)

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yqs7lcZvSA8&t=15s>

We sing a song to Brigid,  
Brigid brings the spring  
Awakens all the fields and the flowers  
And calls the birds to sing.

All were welcome at her door, no one  
was turned away. She loved the poor,  
the sick and the sore,  
She helped them on their way.

She laid her cloak out on the ground  
And watched it grow and grow,  
In wells and streams and fields of  
green St. Brigid's blessings flow.

# Legend of St. Brigid's Cloak



- <https://brigidine.org.au/about-us/our-patroness/legend-of-st-brigids-cloak/>

# Prayer to St. Saint Brigid

You were a woman of peace.  
You brought harmony where there was  
conflict.  
You brought light to 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.  
Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all  
God has made.  
Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and  
the weary.  
Strengthen what is weak within us.  
Calm us into a quietness that heals and  
listens.  
May we grow each day into greater  
wholeness in mind, body and spirit.  
Amen



# 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.



# Hymn to St Brigid: Dearc Anuas

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Dearc anuas, féach mar táimid;  
A naoimh álainn, féach sinn.  
Feacamid ár nglún id láthair;  
Dearc mar mháthair ar do chlainn.  
Cuidigh linn, a mháthair aoibhinn;  
Bí a choíche ag éisteacht linn.  
A Naoimh Bríd, a chéile Chríosta,  
Mar an fhaoileann ar an toinn.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJn8PrXKSok>

Aoife Ní Fhearraigh -  
Gabhaim Molta  
Bríghde (I Give Praise  
to Saint Brigid).



- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tP5FS6IXJJA>



# The Brigid 1500 programme...

- a series of events and initiatives:
- festivals, concerts, talks
- art commissions
- illuminations
- pilgrimages
- craft workshops
- school programme
- See:  
<https://brigid1500.ie/aboutbrigid1500/>



# The Brigid 1500 programme...

- Brigid 1500 celebrates and commemorates St. Brigid the woman, the life and the legacy, in a broad, rich way. The programme will engage with the values St. Brigid championed including faith and spirituality, biodiversity and sustainability, arts and culture, social justice, peace, hospitality and education.

