


Celebrating Brigid of Faughart at Imbolc
Dundalk, Faughart and Ravensdale Co. Louth



Saturday Jan 28th – Wednesday Feb 1st 2012

The emphasis of this festival is to revisit and reclaim the richness of the traditions associated with Brigid of Faughart in ways which are relevant to our lives in 21st century.

Saturday Jan 28th

Magnet Pastoral Centre Demesne Road Dundalk

Be the Change introductory workshop.

Time 10.30 registration/tea: Workshop commences at 11.00am sharp

The **Be the Change** workshop takes a fresh look at many of the critical current concerns- such as environmental sustainability, social justice and human/spiritual fulfilment and explores what connects these different themes. Drawing on leading edge studies, including, inspiring video clips from activists around the world and using dynamic group interaction this workshop offers insights into the nature of our world and our role within it. **Be the Change** aims to support people to be informed, aware, inspired and empowered to act courageously in the world today.

Cost donation-10 euro/ students or low income 5euro

Further details **Claire Oakes 087-6760157 www.bethechange.org.uk**

Sunday Jan. 29th Time 10.00am

Pilgrimage walk to Faughart

A weave of historical and mythical reflections with the traditional pilgrimage walk to St Brigid's Shrine. The pilgrimage walk begins at the Peace Garden, Fair Green, Dundalk. The walk to Faughart shrine is 5km. Some people may wish to make this walk holding a specific intention and may wish to maintain silence for some or the entire pilgrimage walk.

Exploring the Sacred Sites of Faughart Hill 12 noon to 1 pm

Facilitator: Pat O'Rourke

Meet at the Shrine Gates at Faughart, at 12.00 noon to walk to graveyard. This walk and exploration of Faughart graveyard will be enhanced by Pat O'Rourke's knowledge and keen interest in the Faughart Landscape and Heritage.

You may wish to organise transport back from Faughart shrine and bring a hot drink with you.

Further Details: email Pat O' Rourke - pat.orourke@louthcoco.ie or

Dolores Whelan: 042 9371901

Cost Voluntary Donation

Sunday Jan 29th 2.30 - 4.00pm

Venue Magnet Pastoral Centre Demesne Road Dundalk

Brigid and the Cosmic landscape Anthony Murphy

In this beautifully illustrated lecture, Anthony explores the cosmic dimensions of the Brigid stories which link the landscape of Faughart and Kildare and places in between in an intriguing way.

Anthony Murphy is author of "Island of the setting Sun"

Cost 10 euro concession rate 7.00euro

Sunday Jan 29th 6.30pm

A Ritual celebration of Brigid and the festival of Imbolc.

Venue Ravensdale Community Hall Ravensdale Dundalk

Brigid and spring time are welcomed into our lives through prayer, chant and dance in this community ritual facilitated by May Coyle, Stephanie O Hanlon and Dolores Whelan.

Cost: Donation

Monday Jan 30th 8.00pm

Riva Townhouse Seatown Place Dundalk

An evening of evening of poetry, story and song with Michael Farry and Kevin Stanley and Dundalk writers,

Monday 30th January at 8.00 in Riva Townhouse.

Admission 5 Euro: details from John Noonan Tel 087- 2538583

Wednesday Feb 1st

Eucharist for St Brigid's Day

Time 1.00pm Venue The oratory at Faughart shrine

Celebrant Fr Tom Hamill Donation

Time 7.30--9.00pm Outcomers Hall Roden Place Dundalk

Circle dancing with Stephanie O Hanlon Cost 10euro.

Details Stephanie 086 3059415.

**Details of all events and directions to all venues are posted on
www.doloreswhelan.ie Tel 042 9371901**