

## A Gathering Festival in Honour of St. Brigid

Come to Kildare Town, Ireland this September and be part of setting a Guinness World Record in weaving St. Brigid's crosses



Kildare Town will welcome visitors from the UK, the US, Canada, Australia, Europe and from all around Ireland between Sunday 15th September and Saturday 21st September to celebrate the story of St. Brigid.

There will be a special welcome "Céad Míle Fáilte" to those named Brigid and those who have variations of the name. We also welcome people from around the world who have an affinity with St. Brigid through parishes, associations, churches and place names, to visitors from Ireland and overseas with an interest in Brigid and her legacy.

This promises to be a truly memorable week for all.

For further details and contact information go to  
**[www.solasbhride.ie](http://www.solasbhride.ie)**

**St. Brigid of Kildare** is one of Ireland's best known and best loved saints, dating back to her founding a double monastery for men and women in Kildare at the end of the 5th century. Missionaries and migrants have carried her name and her spirit across the world.

**St. Brigid's life** still speaks to us in the 21st century, as she is renowned as a woman of extraordinary faith, a spiritual leader, a woman of the land, an advocate of the poor, a peacemaker and a woman of legendary hospitality.

**Solas Bhríde** – Brigid's Flame - was established by the Brigidine Sisters as a Centre of Celtic Spirituality in Kildare Town, Ireland. Working in partnership with local community groups, Solas Bhríde seeks to unfold the legacy of Brigid of Kildare and its relevance for our world. The Centre welcomes people of all faiths and none. A new purpose built Solas Bhríde Centre and Hermitages will open in 2014.



*(Photo: Sculpture of St. Brigid by Annette McCormack)*



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Session	Sunday 15 Sept	Monday 16 Sept	Tuesday 17 Sept	Wednesday 18 Sept	Thursday 19 Sept	Friday 20 Sept	Saturday 21 Sept	
Morning		11am Guided Tour of the Monastic City of Kildare Meet up: Market Square Host: Kildare Town Walking Tours	11am Guided Tour of the Monastic City of Kildare Meet up: Market Square Host: Kildare Town Walking Tours	11am Guided Tour of the Monastic City of Kildare Meet up: Market Square Host: Kildare Town Walking Tours	Time TBC Country Market Event Venue: Friary Grounds	11am Walking in the Footsteps of Brigid of Kildare/ Pilgrimage Meet up: Solas Bhríde 14 Dara Park	11am Guided Tour of the Monastic City of Kildare Meet up: Market Square Host: Kildare Town Walking Tours	
Afternoon	2.00pm *Official Opening & Celebration of St. Brigid with Scoil Rince Cill Dara Dancers Venue: Market Square Host: Solas Bhríde with Scoil Rince Chill Dara	2pm Walking in the Footsteps of Brigid of Kildare/ Pilgrimage Meet up: Solas Bhríde 14 Dara Park Host: Solas Bhríde	2pm Weaving of Brigid's Cross – Craft Workshop Venue: Áras Bhríde Host: Solas Bhríde	2pm Pilgrimage- Walking in the Footsteps of Brigid of Kildare and Tree Planting Ceremony Meet up: Solas Bhríde, 14 Dara Park Host: Solas Bhríde	2pm Weaving of Brigid's Cross – Craft Workshop Venue: Owen's Cottage, Irish National Stud Host: Solas Bhríde	2 pm A Walk on the Curragh Plains / St. Brigid Pastures (€) Meet up: The Curragh – near Cill Dara Golf Club Host: Solas Bhríde	2.30pm Guinness Book of Records Challenge (€) Venue: St. Brigid's Parish Church Host: Solas Bhríde Team & Partners	
	3pm Guided Tour of the Monastic City of Kildare Meet up: Market Square Host: Kildare Town Walking Tours	3pm Craft Workshop: Weaving of Brigid's Cross Venue: Aras Bhríde Host: Solas Bhríde	3pm Ceramic Craft Exhibition Venue / Host: Kildare Heritage Centre	3pm Ceramic Craft Exhibition Venue / Host: Kildare Heritage Centre	3pm Ceramic Craft Exhibition Venue / Host: Kildare Heritage Centre	Followed at 3.30pm by Guided Tour of the Irish National Stud with Melodeon Music by Christy Ennis Open to craft workshop participants	3pm Craft Workshop: Weaving of Brigid's Cross Venue: Áras Bhríde Host: Solas Bhríde	Registration for this event is essential
	Time TBC The St. Brigid of Kildare Stakes (€) Hosted by the Curragh Racecourse	4pm Craft Participation: Weaving of Wall Hanging Venue: Solas Bhríde Host: Solas Bhríde	4pm Craft Participation: Weaving of Wall Hanging Venue: Solas Bhríde Host: Solas Bhríde	4pm Craft Participation: Weaving of Wall Hanging Venue: Solas Bhríde Host: Solas Bhríde	4pm Craft Participation: Weaving of Wall Hanging Venue: Solas Bhríde Host: Solas Bhríde			4.15pm Closing Event Venue: Market Square Host: Solas Bhríde & partners
Evening	8.00pm Julie Feeney Concert in St. Brigid's Cathedral (€) Venue: St. Brigid's Cathedral			7.30pm Brigid's Autumn Fire – Music and Readings Venue: Kildare Library Host: Kildare Library with Kildare County Council Choir and partners	7.30pm Harvest Celebration Ritual Venue: St. Brigid's Well Host: Solas Bhríde			
	*Entertainment in local venues in Kildare Town	*Entertainment in local venues in Kildare Town	*Entertainment in local venues in Kildare Town	*Entertainment in local venues in Kildare Town	*Entertainment in local venues in Kildare Town	*Entertainment in local venues in Kildare Town	*Entertainment in local venues in Kildare Town	

Tickets for events hosted by Solas Bhríde to be booked directly with Solas Bhríde [info@solasbhríde.ie](mailto:info@solasbhríde.ie) or tel +353 (0) 45 522890. Other events to be booked directly with Kildare Town Heritage Centre. Unless marked (€), events are free of charge. Events marked \* are open access, no tickets or charges apply. Additional events to be added - please check [www.solasbhríde.ie](http://www.solasbhríde.ie) for information updates. The organisers reserve the right to change or cancel events if required.

