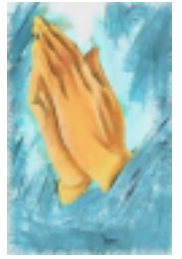




# St John the Baptist Primary School

## School Prayer Focus



### February

On 1<sup>st</sup> February we celebrate St Brigid's Day, the female patron Saint of Ireland. St Brigid spent her life working for God by looking after the poor, sick and elderly. She made crosses from rushes that she gathered in fields to teach about Christianity. People still make St. Brigid's Crosses and hang them in their home on 1<sup>st</sup> February. It is believed that these crosses protect homes from evil spirits.



*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 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.*



### Respect

This month our gospel value will be respect. We will be focusing on how to show regard for someone's feelings, wishes and ideas. Please talk to your children about the importance of showing respect to those in our community.

- I can respect other people's beliefs and ideas
- I can admire other people's talents and achievements