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St. Brigid's Festival Tour / Guided Tour

1 Day Guided Tour

As one of Ireland's three Patron Saints, the tradition of weaving crosses from rushes in honour of St. Brigid, is still widely observed, more than 1500 years after her death.

Not only is Brigid widely respected in Ireland but across many parts of Europe as well. She is acclaimed as the Patron Saint of numerous groups, with dairy and poultry workers, sailors and scholars, children and nurses, to name only a few.

The Hill of Faughart is located to the north of Dundalk where the stream and shrine associated with the childhood of St. Brigid can be found.

Brigid created an outstanding centre of learning in Kildare inspiring the creation of many other monasteries and convents across Ireland, during her lifetime, including the early Christian Church at the top of the Hill of Faughart.

Her legacies of education, generosity and protection continue into the present day. Can there be any doubt, but that her later character was shaped by the community into which she was born, their activities and the traumatic events of her early life?

As part of St Brigid's Festival in 2015, Tours of the Shrine and Graveyard at Faughart will be provided by Liam and Paul from Irish Guided Tours, where these and other stories will be developed. Liam and Paul both are based locally and their passion for the stories relating to all aspects of Faughart comes across clearly in their Tour Commentary.

The tours are scheduled for approximately 45 minutes on each site, a summary of contents is found below.

Programme

Faughart Shrine

St Brigid's Childhood Community,
Walking the Shrine,
Customs of the Site,
Healing in Celtic Times,
Sacred Stones,
Making a Cross,
Local connections,
Q&A.

Faughart Graveyard

St Moninna and her Community,
Holy Well and Rag Tree,
Chancel, Nave, Base of Cross,
Edward de Bruce's Grave,
Gap O' the North,
Summary of Area's Historic links,
Q&A.



Directions

Travel along the M1/A1/E01 to Junc.18.
Exit the Faughart Roundabout on the northern side of the Junction, at exit 3 onto the L3097.
Continue carefully towards sharp left hand bend, travel under the Railway Bridge and continue straight on uphill for about 1.5km to right hand road junction. Turn right onto the L7100, the Carpark for the Shrine is about 100m along on the left.

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