

# St. Brigid's day trail / LÀ FHÈILE BRÍDE at Crawford Art Gallery

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## What is St. Brigid Day and why do we celebrate?

- St Brigid's Day is celebrated on the first day of spring, marking the change of seasons!
- She is one of the Patron Saints of Ireland.
- St Brigid is best known as being the founder of the first monastery (church) in County Kildare, Ireland.
- She was inspired by St Patrick to spread the word of God around Ireland!



Sylvia Cooke-Collis, (Detail) *Festival Scene*, undated. © the artist's estate.

## How many flowers can you see in the Gallery?



John Lavery, (detail) *The Red Rose*, 1923, collection Crawford Art Gallery



Hint: Keep an eye out for the small stuff!



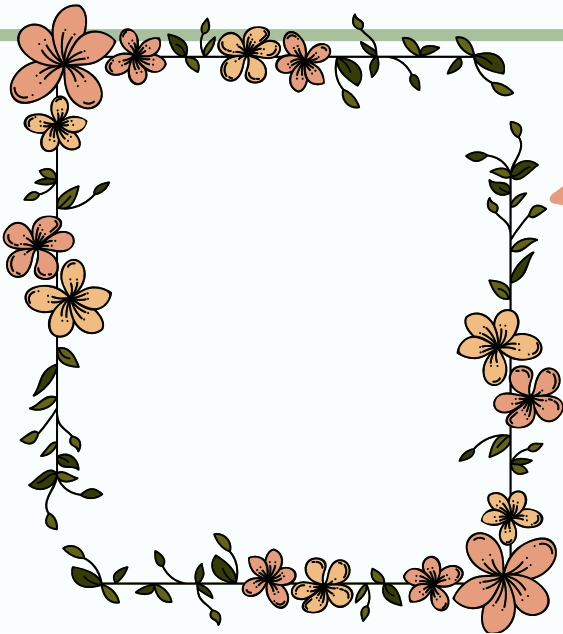
Detail of main staircase, c.1884

- Keep your eye out for white flowers, for Imbolc (the day that marks the changing of seasons) some modern day pagans celebrate by setting up an altar with the symbols of Brigid the Celtic Goddess. Such as: white flowers, a bowl of milk, and candles.



Number of flowers that you saw!

## Draw your favourite flower that you saw today?



## Fun Fact:

- Broccoli is actually a flower!
- St Brigid is the patron saint of poets, midwives, newborns, Irish nuns, fugitives, blacksmiths, dairymaids, boatmen, chicken farmers, cattle, scholars, and sailors!

# The legend of St. Brigid's cloak!

-The legend of St. Brigid's cloak is a well know Irish tale.

-The legend goes that the king refused her plan for a monastery in Kildare.

She asked him for "as much land as her cloak could cover" and after the king agreed, her cloak magically grew to cover many acres of land!



Harry Clarke (detail) *The Consecration of St. Mel, Bishop of Longford, by St. Patrick*, 1910, collection Crawford Art Gallery

Have you seen this piece of St. Patrick?

-Harry Clarke is a well known Irish artist, who dedicated a lot of his work to churches around the country!



Tom Climent, *Eden*, 2019, Purchased, the Artist and Sternview Gallery, 2020. © the artist.

What St. Brigid's cloak could have looked like!

Word Search: Can you find the colours in Irish?

Colour/ Dathanna

- Dearg
- Donn
- Oráiste
- Corcra
- Buí
- Glas
- Gorm
- Liath
- Dubh
- Bán

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