

# St. Brigid's Well, Faughart

Faughart Upper, Hill of Faughart, Co. Louth

Faughart as we have said is the birth place of St. Brigid, Ireland's mother saint and on the hill of Faughart stands the ruins of a 12th century church, an ancient graveyard, St. Brigid's Holy Well, St. Brigid's Pillar, possibly the base for a high cross and St. Brigid's Bed, a horse-shoe shaped enclosure which may have been a small building and was used until recent times as a penitential station.

The graveyard is a site of pilgrimage all year round, but particularly at the feast day of St. Brigid on February 1st, when people come from far and wide to pray, honour the saint, leave an offering on the Well Tree and collect water from St. Brigid's Well.

Ireland's holy wells are enchanting places filled with history and spirituality. These sacred spots date back to ancient times and offer peace and are believed to have healing powers. Holy wells are found across the country, with over 3,000 scattered from mountains to seashores. Each well is unique. Perhaps there is one in your Parish?

## Record of Pilgrim's Visit

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRAYER ACTIVITY COMPLETED:

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