

St. Brigid and the Apples

St. Brigid is well known as a friend to poor people and she famously gave away her mother's butter to paupers and her father's precious sword to a poor man that sold it to feed his family.

Her kindness and willingness to share led poor people to seek out her help. She never refused them.

One particular story of her kindness relates to a gift of apples.

St. Brigid was resting along a roadside one time after undertaking a long and tiring journey.

As she rested, a wealthy local woman saw her and quickly filled a basket with her best apples to present to St. Brigid. This gift would be well received and the woman could ask Brigid to bless her and her orchard.

So she came to St. Brigid and gave her the basket of apples. Brigid thanked her and they chatted for a time.

While they were talking, a group of weary and hungry poor people were passing by. They looked hungrily at the basket and one small child asked Brigid for an apple.

Brigid waved her hand saying help yourselves and in a minute all the apples were taken and eaten.

The wealthy woman had been angry but then realised the deep satisfaction Brigid took from helping others. She asked that Brigid bless her garden so she could also help others - this was done and her trees gave twofold the fruit each year after.