

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## 4th Sunday of Easter—3rd May 2020



### Readings for 4th Sunday of Easter

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14, 36-41

**Psalm:** 22

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 2:20-25

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia (2)

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 10: 1-10

### \*\*\*\*\* Mini-survey \*\*\*\*\*

If you are reading this, please send an email with 'Reading the Parish Newsletter' in the subject line to

[office@blanchardstownparish.ie](mailto:office@blanchardstownparish.ie)



St. Brigid's Parish  
Reading Laudato Si' Together  
Online



Starting Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup>  
at 20:00, for 6 weeks

This program of reading and reflection on Pope Francis' encyclical will be conducted on-line using interactive video technology

To register, send an email to Tony at [chezdevlin@gmail.com](mailto:chezdevlin@gmail.com) or Máirín at [Mairin.Keegan@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:Mairin.Keegan@dublindiocese.ie) for instructions on how to join. Support will be available for using the video system and a copy of the full text of Laudato Si' will be provided

**HOLY HOUR – Tuesdays 4-5pm Online via Webcam**

PRAYER – SILENCE & MUSIC



**Holy Hour**

Come spend time in  
the presence of Jesus.

<http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie/our-parish/webcam>

### Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Faithful for the Month of May 2020



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

#### Pope encourages faithful to pray Rosary at home

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020

Link to prayers: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-04/letter-on-the-month-of-may-full-text.html>



PARISH OF ST. BRIGID, BLANCHARDSTOWN

### Webcam Masses

[www.blanchardstownparish.ie](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie)

Monday to Saturday Mass 10.00am

Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.00pm

Sunday Mass at 10.30am

During this time, we will keep one another in prayer and watch out for our neighbours.

### A Poem for Today

Extracts from Soft words for today by Joyce Lancaster

Tender moments

I cherish now.

fear is present but I hope it doesn't last.

Answers yet to be found, but may the knowledge

God gives us be our foundation.

Pray for God's healing hand and Mercy.

Walk us out of the darkness into the light,

may it shine on everyone.

May the virus be contained soon.

Let's be kind to one another.

Hold onto our dreams

Cherish yesterday's memories.

And tomorrow's dream

Love unconditionally.

### The Fingal Covid-19 Community Response

Helpline operated by Fingal County Council's Customer Care Unit 7 days a week 8am to 8pm. We encourage people who need assistance in having groceries, prescriptions or hot meals delivered, those who are simply looking for someone to talk to during this crisis, or, if you know someone who needs help, or would like to offer help to get in touch :

Phone: 01-890-5000 Freephone: 1-890-459-059

Email: [covidsupport@fingal.ie](mailto:covidsupport@fingal.ie)

For more information check our website: [www.fingal.ie](http://www.fingal.ie)

Intentions	2nd/3rd May
Sat. 7pm	
10.30am	Maureen Keane Key McNally Raymond Fleming

## Children's Corner

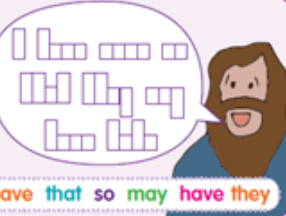
### JESUS GIVES US LIFE!

Jesus wants us all to be safe and happy.



### Jesus' message

What did Jesus tell his friends? Write the correct words in the boxes, based on the shape of the letters.



life come I have that so may have they

### Happy at home

Michael is very happy when he is with his family. Help Michael to find his way home by colouring in numbers that can be divided by two.



I can follow Jesus when I...



### IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He goes ahead of his sheep and leads them to

safety. Jesus wants us all to live happy and full lives

### A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me and for showing me how to live. I know that if I follow you I will be happy. Help me to be loving, even when it is hard. Amen.

**Alone COVID-19 Support Line for Older People** is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm. Call **0818 222 024**.

**Accord – important new support line** for people struggling with relationship issues during this time of self-isolation. Phone **01 9059555** 10 am - 1 pm every Monday to Friday. More info: [www.accorddublin.ie](http://www.accorddublin.ie)

**Crosscare** emergency food bank in Blanchardstown for delivering emergency Food Parcels to those self-isolating, cocooning and people who are at risk of food poverty. If you know anybody that needs help please contact our foodbank team on **01-8219892**.

We appreciate your continued support of the Parish and the Diocese in these difficult times.

If you wish, you can donate to the *Sunday Mass 1st & 2nd Collections* online on the Diocesan Website directly on [www.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.dublindiocese.ie).

Your *Family Offering Envelope* contributions may be retained by you until the current crisis is over.

### We remember our recently deceased



**Ann (Nancy) Smith**

*To live in hearts left behind  
is not to die*