

St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, Parish Newsletter.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time 11th Feb 2018



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading

Ancient Israelites quarantined those suffering from leprosy out of fear the disease would spread to others. In what ways does our society make rules out of fear of the other?

Second Reading

Paul places a high premium on being Christ-like to others, inviting the Corinthian Christians to imitate him in this regard. What in Paul's life do you think modern believers should imitate?

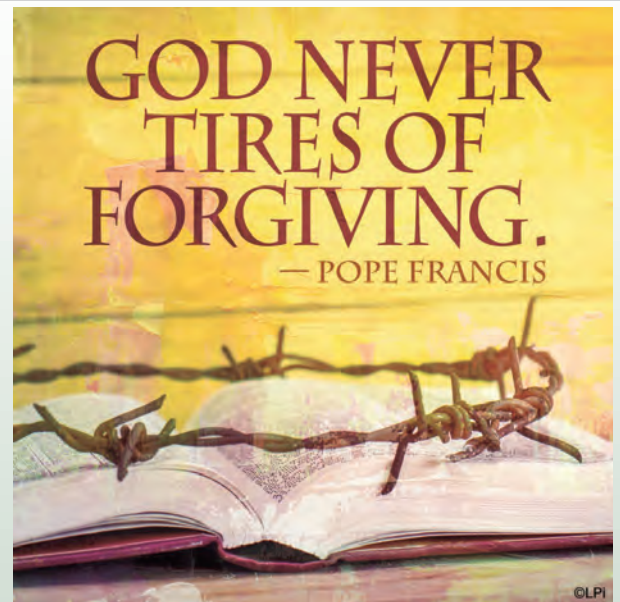
Gospel Reading

What was the unintended consequence experienced by Jesus as a result of healing the leper? Did this surprise you?

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Mark 1:40-45

1. Jesus' compassion for people suffering was an outstanding characteristic of his ministry. We see the healing power of God at work through him. Recall times when the compassion of others has had a healing effect on you. Remember also when your compassion towards someone in trouble brought them hope, healing or strength.
2. 'If you choose, you can make me clean'. Our choice is a key factor in how we affect others. We cannot choose to have no impact on the people in our lives. Even a choice to do nothing has an effect. When have you been particularly aware of the importance of your choice to be a positive influence on another?
3. Lepers were forced to live away from others. The leper's cure meant that he was also readmitted to contact with the community. Perhaps you recall people who were once ostracized being brought back into family or community. Who was the Jesus person who helped this healing to take place?
4. The joy of the leper on being healed was such that he could not keep the good news to himself. Bring to mind occasions when you were so filled with good news that you could not keep it to yourself? John Byrne osa



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There will be a 7pm Mass on Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed after this Mass and after the 10am morning Mass

The 26th anniversary celebrations of **World Day of the Sick** will take place this Sunday. The **Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick** will be celebrated at St Agnes' Church, Crumlin, Dublin 12 at 3.00pm. Chief Celebrant: Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. All are welcome.

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Information from
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Eucharistic Adoration will continue on Tuesdays and Fridays after the 10am Mass

There will be no Monday morning Meditation This Monday 12th February

Due to the Church Calendar, there will be no Baptisms on the 3rd or the 5th Saturdays of March (St. Patrick's Day and Holy Saturday). They will take place instead on the 4th Saturday 24th March at 12 noon.



An Carghas 2018

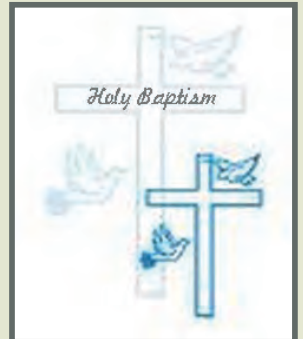
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ag Scéipéal na Sacramhinte Beannaithe Stúilán Bhunscoil Baile Átha Cliath 2

Luanín go hAoine 1.15 p.m. ag tosú ar Chéadaoin an Luathrígh 14 Feabhra

Daily Mass in Irish in the City Centre during Lent at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Bachelor Walk, Dublin 2 **Monday to Friday 1.15 p.m., beginning on Ash Wednesday 14 February**

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You are invited to join us in Prayer
FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE AND FAMILY

during Eucharistic Adoration
every Tuesday and Friday
2.00—2.30 p.m.

Bereavement Information Evening Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Monday 12th February at 7:30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght, Dublin 24. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc., please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Friday 9th February or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888. www.anamcara.ie



Registration for the WMOF event August 2018

Registration for the Pastoral Congress (which includes guaranteed tickets for the Festival of Families & the Final Mass) is open online on our website at www.worldmeeting2018.ie

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Mondays 7pm in the Fr. Dungan Room, in the Pastoral Centre

SET DANCING classes are held every Tuesday at 8.15pm in the Castleknock Parish Centre. We do set dancing and include some line dancing. We extend a warm welcome to all. Why not come along and try it

Mass Intentions

Feb 11th

Feb 18th

Sat. 7pm	Nicholas Clonan, Kathy Moran & Brenda Grogan	Maureen Ryan
Sun 9am	Maureen & John Keane	Colette Eglington
10.30am	Paddy Fox & Frank Power	Patrick Kelly
12 noon	Martin & Claire Corry	John Gilligan
7pm	Keith Dillon	Felix (Noel) Kavanagh



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READERS FOR FEB 4th

7pm: Ignatius Byrna 9am: Brian Santry

10.30am: Carle Salvaleon

12 noon: Maeve O'Donoghue

7pm: J. K. Owumereh



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