

St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, Parish Newsletter.

Fourth Sunday of Lent—11th March 2018

4th Sunday
OF LENT



And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. - Jn 3:19-20

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No morning Meditation

Monday—12th or 19th

Will resume on Monday 26th after the 10am Mass

Happy Mother's Day

THE DEEP END: Rejoice!

Today, the 'middle' Sunday of Lent, is known as Laetare Sunday. The name comes from the opening words of the entrance antiphon of the Mass, 'Laetare Jerusalem' or 'Rejoice, O Jerusalem'. We tend not to think of Lent as a time to rejoice, but a few small signs of joy are permitted at Mass today, such as the use of flowers on the altar and rose-coloured vestments for the priest instead of the Lenten purple. The shadow of the cross still looms large, but we look forward with hope to Easter, when light will conquer the darkness.

We are offered an opportunity today to pause and reflect on our Lenten journey. Listen to the words of St Paul: 'You are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.' Many of our efforts during Lent are aimed at improving ourselves, being more generous with our time or resources, more patient, more attentive to the needs of others – living as true followers of Jesus. What changes do I need to make to be 'God's work of art'?

And in John's Gospel we hear: 'The [person] who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.' One question we might ask this Lent is: Am I living a truthful life? Am I honest in my dealings with others, trying always to choose what is right and just, or are there things I think or do in secret that are unkind or dishonest? How might I step out into the light this Lent? Triona Doherty

**Eucharistic Adoration will continue
on Tuesdays and Friday
after the 10am Mass**

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LENTEN REFLECTION

Throughout our lives, we can find ourselves either closer to or further from God depending on our circumstances. Sometimes we are the prodigal; sometimes we are the faithful one. Either way, God loves us and longs for us to be even closer to Him. We will never find ourselves in a flawless relationship with God until we are with Him in heaven for eternity. Until then, we will continue the cycle of turning away and then returning to Him. He will continue to run towards us each and every time.

A Prayer for Mother's Day

On this special day set aside to honour mothers we ask for a special touch from the Lord for each and every one of them.

May each mother in this room be granted a special blessing, and may all of the work of her hands not be forgotten in Your sight.

Let her example to her children be a guiding force in their lives, and may wisdom be passed down to the next generation of mothers.
Amen



Divine Mercy Prayer Group
Mondays 7pm in the Fr. Dungan Room, in the Pastoral Centre

Bring it to the Cross

- Stations of the cross each Friday in Lent at 9.30 before the 10.00 Mass
- We invite you to place your worries into our box at the foot of the cross.
- You may like to spend some time with Jesus on His journey by reading the reflections at each station.

"During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord:

Make our hearts like yours."

Pope Francis

Due to the Church Calendar , Baptisms will take place on the 4th Saturday 24th March at 12 noon.

A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS

to our gallant troupe of cleaners who went to extraordinary lengths to clean the church after the snowstorm and provide a sparkling environment for the delayed Confirmation ceremony this week.

Anam Cara North Dublin, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 21st March from 7.30pm-9:00pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. Anam Cara North Dublin offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether this was recent or not.

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Draíocht
Drama Group

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PREPARING FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES



Parish Conversations

In each session of this six-session parish conversation, the participants will be invited to take part in a process which is designed to be interactive and participative. They will be helped to reflect on and articulate their experience of family life and their response to Pope Francis' reflections in The Joy of Love. The programme takes, as its starting point, people's experience of love and their hopes and fears with regard to marriage and family. This is a very simple process and everyone is welcome. The more voices the better!

*You are very welcome to attend any or all sessions
Dates of future sessions will be announced after Easter*

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

Have you considered volunteering? An opportunity not to be missed!

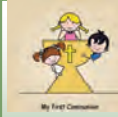
Congratulations to the pupils of Scoil Bhríde Boys' & Girls' Scoil Oilibhéir who received the sacrament of Confirmation during the week. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them.



Many thanks to their teachers and the parish team who prepared them for this occasion and to all who prepared and decorated the church for this wonderful occasion.

New Envelope Boxes.

The new Family Offering envelope boxes for the coming year have been distributed to parishioners recently. If you did not receive your box please contact the parish office or sacristy.



We welcome our families preparing for 1st Holy Communion to our special Masses this weekend

and we continue to pray for them at this particular time.

Many thanks for your generosity to the recent collection for the World Meeting of Families last week-end. €2,610 was collected.

St Brigids Easter GAA Camp for 5-13 year old boys and girls takes place from March 26th-29th from 10am-2pm daily. To book your place email: eventsbrigids@gmail.com

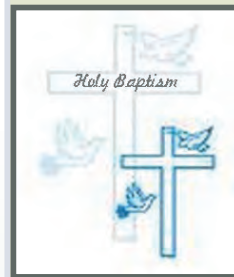


**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S
DAY**



READERS FOR NEXT WEEK-END

7pm: Máire Martin 9am: Ignatius Byrne
10.30am: Saritha Moras
12 noon: Richard Carroll
7pm: Tony Devlin



**Welcome to
George, Cillian and**

Senan

Who were recently baptised

Mass Intentions

Mar 11th

March 18th

Sat. 7pm

Niall Brooks

James & Mary Carolan

Sun 9am

Patrick Bruen

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10.30am

John McNally

Tom Coughlan.
Mary Keogh MM

Chris & Sean Brady

12 noon

Sheila Kavanagh

Phyllis & Jim Slevin

7pm

Thomas & Kathleen
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