St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, Parish Newsletter, Sunday August 13th 2017.



Due to the Summer break we are reducing the size of the newsletter to a single page for the month of August. We hope you all have a wonderful Summer and look forward to seeing you back, refreshed, in September when we expect to have lots more news for you

Mass Intentions	Aug 13th	<u>Aug 20th</u>
Sat. 7pm	Pat Cregan	Frank Smyth
Sun 9am	Freddy Brooks	Frank Horgan
10.30am	Sean Byrne	Trevor Webster
12 noon	Eilish Murphy	Stella, Jimmy and Christy Herbert
7 pm	Con Hegarty	Aeneas Lane

THE DEEP END: Back to the Mountain Top

Jesus once again goes to the mountain-top to pray. We too are encouraged to carve out space and time out in our everyday lives for quiet, for reflection for prayer or meditation; for whatever it is that we do to nourish that deeper spiritual heart of ourselves. It is so important.

The famous story of Jesus walking on the water follows in the Gospel today. What a shock the disciples must have received! Initially Peter is so brave and enthusiastic. Peter is able to walk on the water until he notices the wind, then fear takes over and he begins to sink.

If you have read the book The Shack (and if you haven't I highly recommend it!) you might remember a scene where the main character, Mack, is led onto the water by Jesus and they walk together on the lake. Mack, like Peter in today's Gospel, is full of fear, mostly about what might happen in the future. Jesus is clear to Mack that he lives in the present and that we waste time trying to play God and control what might happen in the future: 'You neither believe I am good nor know deep in your heart that I love you. You sing about it, you talk about it, but you don't know it' (The Shack, p. 151)

Jesus' message for Mack in the story; for Peter in the Gospel and for all of today is 'Why did you doubt?' What eliminates our awareness of the love of God? We are urged to keep our eyes fixed on him. It is in the present that Jesus lives, not in our fears about the future or worries about the past. Jane Mellet

St. Vincent de Paul monthly outdoor collection for the local conferences after all Masses this week-end.



National Grandparents Association Pilgrimage to Knock Sunday 10 September—see posters in church. A bus will run from Navan Road Church at 7.45am Cost €25—depending on numbers. Ph. 8380265



We welcome those recently baptised Eliza Mae, Aimee, Jennifer Margaret, Grace Ava, Sophia Ciara, Jasmine Orpen and Mylo Chimaobi

READERS FOR AUG 13TH 7pm: Michael Hanratty 9am: Kevin Cullen 10.30am: Kieran Kirrane 12 noon: Mary Brady 7pm: Ignatius Byrne

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