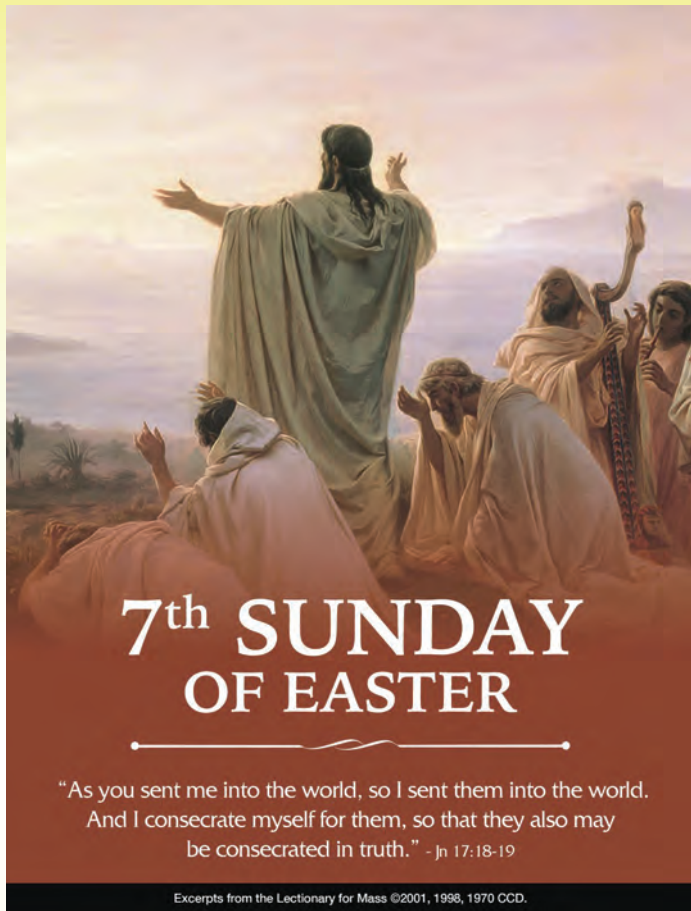


St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, Parish Newsletter.

Feast of the Ascension— 13th May 2018

World Communications Day



7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.
And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may
be consecrated in truth." - Jn 17:18-19

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ANNUAL HEALING MASS



Our Mass of Healing—Mind,
Body and Spirit will take place

**SUNDAY 20TH MAY 2018
@ 3PM**

Carers hands also blest and
hospitality provided in the
Pastoral Centre after the Mass.

NO PARKING FEES

If you need transport please
contact the parish office.

ALL WELCOME

*(If you are available on the day,
your help would be most
appreciated. Please leave your
contact details in the sacristy
or office)*

Monday Morning Meditation

After the 10am Mass
and Rosary

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

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

Eucharistic Adoration Tuesdays and Fridays after the 10am Mass

Count Your Blessings

An evening of music and
reflection with the Dub-
lin Diocesan Music
Group in the Monastery
of St Alphonsus, St Al-
phonsus Road,
Drumcondra. Monday
21st May at 8pm.

THE DEEP END:

Sandwiched between Easter and Pentecost, the feast of the Ascension can sometimes tend to be overlooked. It can be hard to make sense of the artistic images we see of Jesus disappearing into the clouds as the disciples stand stare after him. But the Ascension does more than simply mark the culmination of Jesus' earthly life; it opens up for us a path to God. Where Jesus has gone, we hope one day to follow.

As Pope Francis puts it, 'the Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now ... present in every space and time, close to each one of us. We are never alone: the Crucified and Risen Lord guides us.'

It is this very presence of Jesus that gave the disciples, and gives us, the strength for mission. Immediately before he is taken into heaven, Jesus issues his final and most important instruction: 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the good news to all creation.' And after he goes, the disciples straight away set about the task. Far from being suddenly absent, we are told the Lord is now working with them in a new way. The Ascension is less a loss than a transition, a promise that Jesus will always be with us.

Triona Doherty

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World Communications Day.

This prayer is often shared at social media gatherings and it is a useful reminder of the importance of the Church putting out into the deep of the internet: Christ has no online presence but yours, No blog, no Facebook page but yours. Yours are the tweets through which love touches the world. Yours are the posts through which the gospel is shared. Yours are the updates through which hope is revealed. Christ has no online presence but yours. No blog, no Facebook page but yours.



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Congratulations to the Boys and Girl's of St. Francis Xavier

National School who received their 1st Holy Communion this Saturday

THE AFRICAN CHAPLAINCY
CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF DUBLIN
celebrates
PENTECOST SUNDAY
Sunday 20th May, 2018 @ 1.30pm
Immaculate Conception Church,
Clondalkin

Featuring:
**Rosary
Praise & Worship
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Talk
Sacrament of Reconciliation
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ALL ARE WELCOME

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Events for young people

The Encounter Friday 18th May in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay at 8pm. For young adults (20's & 30's) this event will have live acoustic music and reflective prayer in adoration, with guest speakers on life, faith and purpose. We are delighted to announce Hannah Evans is our guest speaker and Cormac Buckley is our musician for the night.

Contact st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie and www.facebook.com/theencounterdublincity

Ewe Thina: We Walk God's Way Join other young adults (20's & 30's) for reflective hikes around Dublin Area. Monthly event. The next hike will be Sunday 27th May for the Bray to Greystones Coastal Trail. We will meet at Bray Dart Station at 1pm. Contact st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie and www.facebook.com/wewalkgodsway

Castleknock Community

Annual College Plant Sale— takes place this weekend



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**PADRE PIO
PILGRIMAGE TO
HOLY CROSS**
9.00AM
27TH MAY 2018
(bus from Justins)

World Youth Day Panama January 2019

Pope Francis has announced that the next World Youth Day will take place in Panama next January 22-27.

SET DANCING

Set Dancing classes are held every Tuesday at 8.15pm in the Castleknock Parish Centre. We extend a warm welcome to all.

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!

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.

REMEMBER TO TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH YOU AS YOU LEAVE THE CHURCH AND KEEP AN EYE ON THE SPONSORS ON THE BACK.



**Parish Pilgrimage to Glendalough
Sat. 9th June 2018
incorporating a trip to the
Carmelite Sisters in Delgany
Cost €40 (includes dinner)**

*Bookings taken after all Masses on
Sunday 13th May, or you can leave
your name in the office any morning.*



Signs of summer are eagerly sought, if warily welcomed, this year.

Some time of retreat offers a chance to step aside from the usual preoccupations and to look again at the everyday. We are glad to notice how often people recognise anew what God is doing in their lives, and hope that some of the offerings of this May might be of help to you. For a full list of [retreats](#), please see [our website](#) or ask us for a brochure. Go gcoimeádfaí faoi bhrat na Maighdine thú i rith na míosa seo



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**Welcome to
Keith, Ava,
Cillian & Oran
Who were recently baptised**

Mass Intentions

May 13th

May 20th

Sat. 7pm

Richard O'Connell
John Egan

Thomas Delaney
Margaret & Geraldine
Hughes

Sun 9am

Catherine Lawless
Pat & Anna Murray

Dr. Terry Maguire

10.30am

12 noon

Teresa Somers

Patrick McGregao
Mary Fahey

7pm

READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

7pm: Máire Martin
9am: Maeve O'Donoghue
10.30am: Carla Salvaleon
12 noon: Brian Santry
7pm: Eamonn Burke



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