


St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, Parish Newsletter.

Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord—Sunday 7th Jan 2018

World Day of Migrants and Refugees



Darkness cannot
drive out darkness;
only light can do
that. Hate cannot
drive out hate; only
love can do that.

—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

THE DEEP END: Come and see

Today is the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, and this year's theme is 'Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees'.

In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis spoke of our responsibility, as individuals, communities and Church, to welcome everyone, particularly those who have been forced to leave their home in search of a better future.

'Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age ... This is a great responsibility, which the Church intends to share with all believers and men and women of good will, who are called to respond to the many challenges of contemporary migration with generosity, promptness, wisdom and foresight, each according to their own abilities.'

Pope Francis has spoken often of our 'brotherly responsibility' towards our fellow human beings, and how our welcome ought to be a response to the Lord's supreme commandment to love the other, the stranger, as ourselves. We all have opportunities to do this in our communities.

In today's gospel Jesus invites the disciples to 'come and see' where he lives. He welcomes them into his home and they stay with him for the rest of the day. The example of Jesus encourages us to be welcoming, to extend a warm invitation, and to spend time with others in friendship. Triona Doherty

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



Monday morning Meditation
continues with Máirín,
our Parish Pastoral Worker
after the 10 am Mass and Rosary

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LIVING LINKS SUICIDE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

1st Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. Dublin Central Mission, 9 c Abbey St. Lower, Dublin 1. Adults over the age of 18 are very welcome to attend. Facilitated by trained volunteers from **Living Links Ireland**.

Opportunity to share and discuss all aspects of complicated grief associated with the aftermath of a suicide death **Help is available**. For more information or if you wish to attend our group, ph: 086 9371030 /087 2433738.

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

Would you like to grow in your faith for spiritual and personal enrichment in 2018? See our new courses which launch in February:

- Certificate, Diploma and Degree modules in **Theology, Scripture and Philosophy** (by Distance learning) Spring semester launching on Saturday February 27th.
- **Adult Education Certificate in Christian Spirituality and Psychology** (8 weeks onsite, Tuesday evenings at the Priory from February 6th)
- **Theology of the Arts course** (12 weeks onsite, Monday evenings from February 5th)

To find out more and/or register phone: 01-4048124/8132.or see www.prioryinstitute.com

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

7pm Monday nights in the Fr. Dungan Room, Pastoral Centre

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.

Movement Therapy for People with Parkinsons' Disease.

Movement Therapy Classes with Mr. Pat O'Dea, through exercise, dance and enjoyment Wednesdays at 4.30 pm St. Brigid's Community Centre, Blanchardstown.
All welcome— bring a friend or relative.



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Immigrant Family Prayer

God our Father we thank you for the gift of family life.

We thank you for the joy love and friendship of family life.

As our Father we ask you to provide protection and care for all families especially those who face danger, hardship and threats as they move in search of safety and a better life.

Be with those who travel in danger and in your loving kindness lead them to a place of safety peace and rest.

Show comfort to those who are alone and who fear for their families who have been separated by violence, war injustice and famine.

As we celebrate the World Meeting of Families we remember the difficult journey that the Holy Family faced as refugees in Egypt, help us to remember the suffering of all migrant and refugee families

Through the intercession of Mary our Mother, St. Joseph her Spouse, St. Patrick and St. Brigid we pray that all migrant and refugee families may be reunited with their loved ones and find the meaningful work they seek.

Open our hearts and the hearts of our parishes so that we may provide hospitality for all who come in search of refuge.

Give us the courage to welcome every stranger in our midst.

Foster Care Ireland

Foster Care Ireland is an independent foster care service and is currently recruiting foster carers in and around the Dublin area. Would you like to make a positive contribution to a child's life? Foster families offer their home and support to a child or young person who is in need of care. If you are interested in considering what you may be able to offer, please contact Foster Care Ireland on PH: 01 444 3444; Email: info@fostercareireland.ie; Website: www.fostercareireland.ie

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Celtic Rune of Hospitality

I saw a stranger

I put food in the eating place

drink in the drinking place

music in the listening place

And in the sacred name of Triune

He blessed myself and my house

my cattle and my dear ones

And the lark sang her song

often often often

Goes the Christ in stranger's guise

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Mass for All Nations *Unity of All Families*
St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown.



Sunday, 21st of January, 2018
12.00 noon.

**NEXT SUNDAY
ALL WELCOME**

*The whole family are welcome.
Refreshments served after Mass*



Spread the word!

In previous years we have tasted the delights of the various foods from all the different countries (including Ireland!). We invite you all to share your favourite food with us all this year.

Please bring all foods to the Community Centre between 10.30 and 12.00 on the day.

Anam Cara North Dublin, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 17th of January 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. For more information see anamcara.ie or call our Information Line on 085 2888 888.



Welcome to
Adam Patrick, Conor,
Alona Evelyn, Jamie,
Cora Rose, Anna Kate,
Jayce and Oghenenyorhe
Who were recently baptised



ACCOMMODATION FOR FAMILIES **Could you host a family?**

The World Meeting of Families 2018

organisers are actively seeking offers for accommodation for overseas pilgrims in family homes in the Dublin area, particularly areas with good bus or rail links. If you are interested in hosting Pilgrims or a family in your home please email volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie with 'Host a family' in

READERS FOR JAN 21st

7pm: Saritha Moras 9am: Carla Salvaleon

10.30am: Kathleen Brennan

12 noon: Máire Martin 7pm: Marian McCaughley

Mass Intentions

Jan 14th

Jan 21st

Sat. 7pm Thomas Gaffney

Sun 9am John & Ellen
Hyland

10.30am Kitty McCarthy &
Liam McCarthy

12 noon Joan O'Keeffe

7pm Christy & May
Somers



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