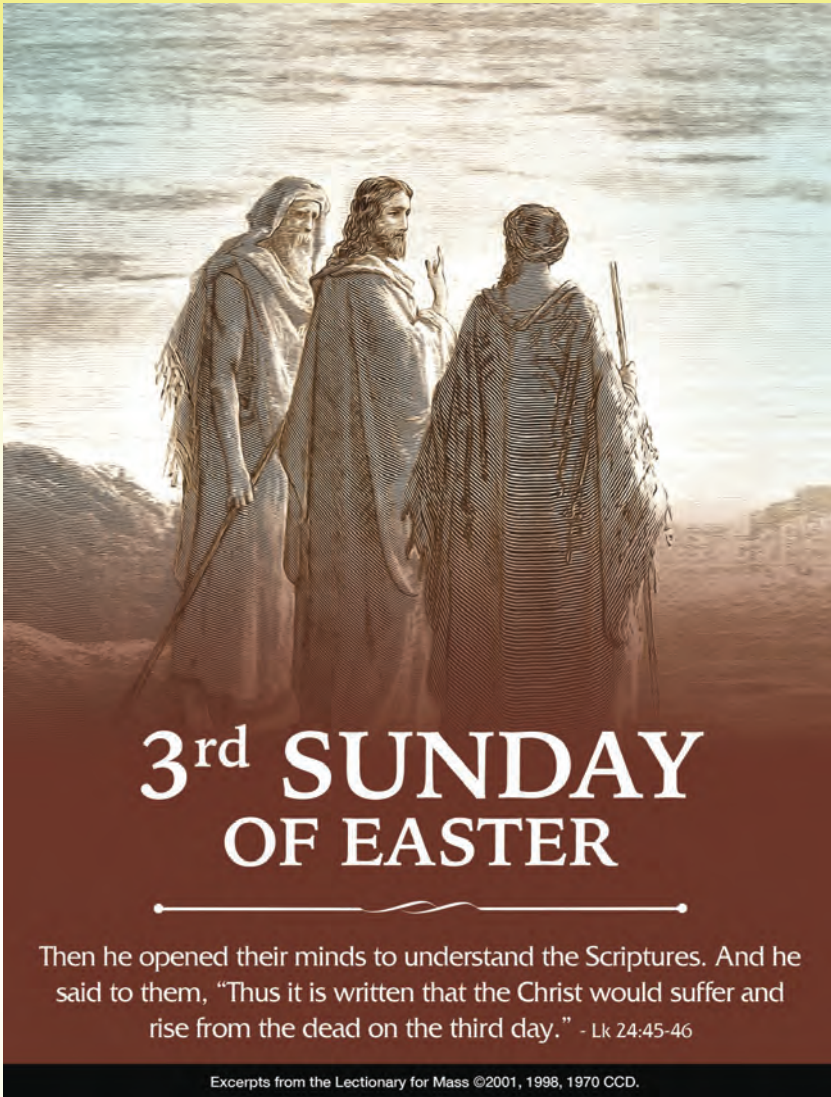


# St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, Parish Newsletter.

## Third Sunday of Easter – 15th April 2018



### 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

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#### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Why are you troubled? Life can easily get the best of us. Anxiety, worry, doubt, and uneasiness are just some of the things that can trouble our hearts. Often we are troubled about temporal things. Sometimes our faith troubles us and we wonder where God may be. If we allow Jesus to open our minds so we can understand the Scriptures and the significance of his passion, death, and resurrection, we can begin to trust that God's plan includes something much more than the current concern of our minds. Jesus can then become a light of revelation who helps us keep our lives in perspective and persevere.

#### THE DEEP END: 'You are Witnesses of these Things'

Today's gospel is one of the resurrection accounts from St Luke's Gospel. It begins with the disciples recalling their experience on the road to Emmaus and how they recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The gospel continues into another account of the risen Jesus with his disciples. Jesus interrupts the disciple's story and greets them with 'peace' (shalom) yet, in this account, they are terrified by this. Jesus shows them his wounds and Luke tells us that they are full of joy, but they still can't believe it and think it is a ghost. Jesus shows them that he is no ghost as he asks for food and eats fish with them. Jesus then journeys with them back through the scriptures in order to open their minds. He speaks to them compassionately.

Jesus tells the disciples that 'you are witnesses of these things'. Luke wants to establish an important point, that these disciples are witnesses to the resurrection, they ate with Jesus after his death and he opened their minds. The resurrection accounts in the gospels are not fantasy, they are the actual experiences of Jesus' disciples. Our Easter faith is based on their testimony. Once Jesus has opened their minds to understand the scriptures, he tells them to go out and preach them in his name.

Jane Mellett

Every year the dull and dead in us meets our Easter challenge: to be open to the unexpected, to believe beyond our security, to welcome God in every form, and trust in our own greening.'

Joyce Rupp

#### Monday Morning Meditation

after the 10am Mass and Rosary

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**Are you thinking of going to college in 2018?**

**Institute of Technology Blanchardstown will host an**

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**Tuesday 17th April from**

**5pm to 7pm**

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[www.itb.ie](http://www.itb.ie)

For queries please email

[info@itb.ie](mailto:info@itb.ie) or call 01 885 1530

**All are Welcome!**

**Resting Under the Tree**

An evening of reflection and music on The Hospitality of Abraham (Genesis 18:1-14) and Rublev's Icon of the Trinity in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus, St. Alphonsus Road, Drumcondra on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00 pm. Music will be led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group.

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

**Divine Mercy Prayer Group**

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

**Upcoming Events for Young Adults**

**Life to the Full (Jn 10: 10) Book Club** Join other 20 & 30 year olds to meditate, share and discuss life, faith, purpose and how to live life to the full. We read a chosen spiritual book over a few weeks and come to reflect and discuss our thoughts - we are currently reading the C.S. Lewis book "The Great Divorce". From 7.00-8.30pm every Thursday in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay, Dublin 7. Contact

[st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie) and

[www.facebook.com/lifetothefullbookclub](http://www.facebook.com/lifetothefullbookclub)

**The Encounter** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay at 8pm. It is a young adults (20's & 30's) event with live acoustic music, reflective prayer in adoration, with guest speakers on life, faith and purpose. We are delighted to announce that John Pridmore is our guest speaker and Riaghan O'Callaghan is our musician for the night. Contact

[st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie) and

[www.facebook.com/theencounterdublincity](http://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 29<sup>th</sup> April for the Howth Cliff Walk. We will meet outside the parish Church in Howth at 12.30pm. Contact

[st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie) and

[www.facebook.com/wewalkgodsway](http://www.facebook.com/wewalkgodsway)

**Choose Life 2018**

Every week, the Catholic Communications Office in Maynooth circulates a double-sided newsletter *Choose Life 2018*. *Choose Life 2018* promotes the Church's position on unborn human life and encourages family discussion on this important subject. The newsletter is published each week on the diocesan website at [www.dublindiocese.ie/choose-life-2018](http://www.dublindiocese.ie/choose-life-2018) Issue five is now available around the church.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**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.

**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](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

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



**Holy Hour** St Patrick's Parish, Corduff will hold a Holy Hour at 8pm on the following dates: Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> May. This is to pray for the protection of human life.





**Parish Conversations**  
**Wednesday Evenings**  
**8.00 - 9.30**

**April 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**



We are continuing our conversations around family life in the light of Pope Francis's exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel". The discussions so far have been interesting and have helped us to reflect together on what family means to each of us personally. Come to all or just come along to whatever you can make. Each voice will help us to get a broader picture of family and relationship. The following themes will be reflected on -

**April 18<sup>th</sup> :- God's Mercy – No One excluded**

**April 25<sup>th</sup> : - A Gospel of Hope for our Families**

**Anam Cara North Dublin**, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 18th April 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.

**SET DANCING**

Set Dancing classes are now on Easter break and will return on Tuesday 24th April 2018 at 8.15pm in the Castleknock Parish Centre.

**READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

- 7pm: Sheila Gouldson
- 9am: John McNulty
- 10.30am: Kevin Cullen
- 12 noon: Micheal Hanratty
- 7pm: Derek Whelan



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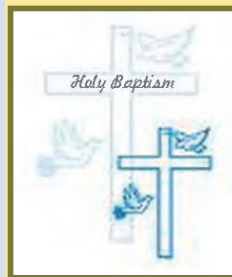
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 Optional Day trip to Auschwitz

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**ACCORD Dublin - Recruiting!**

ACCORD Dublin, Catholic Marriage Care Service, is currently recruiting volunteers as Marriage and Relationship Counsellors and Marriage Preparation Facilitators to prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. Training will be provided for both roles through the Pontifical University in Maynooth.

Potential Marriage Preparation Facilitators: contact Frances Stephenson on 01 4784400. For information on Counselling Roles: call Jennifer Griffin on 01 4784400.



**Welcome to**  
**Georgia, Rocco, Scott Thomas,**  
**Mason James, Sophie Kate,**  
**Robyn and Senan Paul**  
**Who were recently baptised**

**Mass Intentions**

**April 15th**

**April 22nd**

Sat. 7pm

Angela Goodwin

Peggy O'Rourke

Sun 9am

Mary Drummey

Ann Diver

10.30am

Mary & Daniel  
 McCarthy  
 Nancy Purtill

Mary & Czes Kubiak

12 noon

Elizabeth & William  
 O'Brien

Sean Garvey

7pm

Fr. Michael Ward

Simon Hilliard



Please spread the word to family, friends (both at home and abroad), those housebound and also young families with smart devices - all church services are available on the internet via [www.blanchardstownparish.ie](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie)

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