

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## 3rd Sunday in Lent—15th March 2020

### Parish Pastoral Priorities

Three weeks ago we shared the Proposed Pastoral Priorities; the feedback has been very positive. Our next step is **Signup Sunday** on 21/22 March. Everybody has something to offer; even if it appears small and trivial to you, it may well be the missing piece that makes the jigsaw whole. What we need is people with an interest in the parish and a willingness to try something.

**Postponed until further notice**

### Novena of Grace

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Fr. Kevin O'Rourke for conducting an inspiring Novena—a brief time out each morning to reflect away from all our cares and worries

### Regular Parish Events

All assemblies, gatherings, meetings in the parish centre are postponed until further notice. We will keep you updated on future developments.

Please note every effort has been made to source hand sanitiser for the parish - without success.

Any queries should be directed to the Parish Office.

### *What can you do during this time.?*

Keep in contact with people by phone, email or Whatsapp, especially those living alone.

If you're at home,  
take some time for reflection.  
Avail of fresh air, go for a walk.  
Get out the board games and spend some time with your children or grandchildren.  
Spring is here, maybe its time to do

Have you got your Trocaire box for Lent

### Corona Virus – Parish information

**As community of faith, we need to take proper care of ourselves. We must take care of each other's wellbeing. We must take care not to spread viruses.**

**The church will be open for Daily Mass and Weekend Masses ( mindful of the strict norms regarding indoor gatherings )**

*Daily Mass and Weekend Masses are transmitted via web-cam on: [www.blanchardstownparish.ie](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie)*

**During this time we will keep one another in prayer and watch out for our neighbours.**

### A Prayer in the time of the Corona Virus

Dear God, in 1879 the Apparition at Knock gave hope and courage to the people of Ireland in difficult times. We ask that Our Lady may now protect your beloved people from the Corona Virus. May its victims be strengthened by the spiritual support of the Christian community and restored soon to full health.

We also pray for the medical personnel who deal with the virus. This we ask in confidence through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

*By Fr. Brian Grogan S.J.*

### Re: Family Offering Envelope Collection

We appreciate your continued support of the Parish Family Offering Collection. Under the present circumstances, the Parish has decided to suspend the process of collecting envelopes from homes to mitigate the risk of COVID19 transmission. The parish team asks that your envelope contributions be retained by you until the current crisis is over or you may deliver your envelopes to the Parish Office.

### Dates of Interest

**March 17th:** St. Patrick's Day  
**March 19th:** Feast of St. Joseph  
**March 22nd:** Mothers Day  
**March 25th:** The Annunciation

Evening Mass during Lent  
7.30pm Monday to Friday  
Our Lady Mother of the Church, Castleknock

**Need a school place for September:**

A new DDLETB secondary community college in the Blanchardstown West area is opening this September. The Ériu Community College will be placed in temporary accommodation on the Hansfield Educate Together secondary school site for this September.

The school is currently enrolling for September and the application form is available on [www.ddletb.ie](http://www.ddletb.ie) and at the following link <http://www.ddletb.ie/application-admissions-policy-for-blanchardstown-community-college/> or alternatively call the Principal on 087-7992770.

The next **Encounter** will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm. Join other young adults (20's & 30's) for a night of live acoustic music, reflective prayer in adoration, with guest speaker Raighan O'Callaghan.

The evening will be followed by a social, pizza and refreshments. For more information Email: [st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie) or follow us on Instagram @theyoungchurchdublin  
**Check the website**

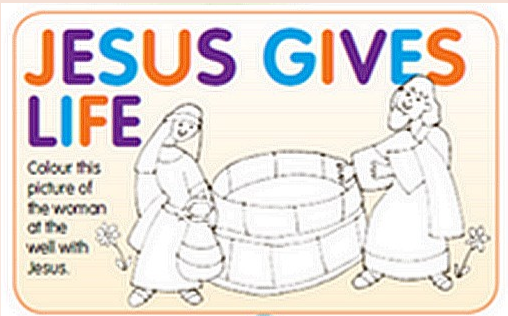
**READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

- Sat. 7pm:
- Sun 9am:
- 10.30am:
- 12noon:
- 7pm:

**Children's Corner**



**J**esus is travelling back home from Jerusalem through another land, when he meets a stranger by a well. Jesus is thirsty and asks her for a drink. After talking for a while, the woman believes in Jesus and goes to tell everyone that she has found the **Holy One of God.**



**A PRAYER TO SAY**

**D**ear Jesus, help us remember that there are people in the world with no clean water to drink. Many people are thirsting for the Good News of your love. Help us not to waste water, and to share your love with everyone we meet. We also ask you Jesus to protect us from the Corona Virus and to keep our family, our friends and all those we love safe. Amen.



**Please Welcome our recently baptised**

**Katie, Isabelle & Ryan**



**We remember our recently deceased**



**Marian Finglas**

*To live in hearts left behind is not to die*

We are continuing our **Teen Hope Project** and hope to have a youth group up and running by next September.

**ADVOCATE COLLECTION – PALM SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

We are a special works conference of the Society of the Saint Vincent de Paul there is an unprecedented demand on all the services that we offer including the holidays we provide for children in need.

**Archdiocese of Dublin Pilgrimage to Knock— Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>**

For more information email: [knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie)

Intentions	14th/15th March	21st/22nd March
Sat. 7pm	Conor McGrane Eugene Kettle MM	Kathleen & Joseph Duffy
Sun. 9am	Niall Brooks	
10.30am	Francis, Kathleen & Muriel Goodwin	Annie Sheridan Margaret Kehir
12 noon	Anna O'Reilly Chris & Sean Brady	Carmel Rogers
7pm	-	-

Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent at 9.30am