

St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, Parish Newsletter.

28th Sunday in Ordinary time—Oct 15th, 2017



THE DEEP END: What do you want?

What people want is at the heart of today's parable. A king invites people to his son's wedding banquet, but their minds are on other things; they don't see the value of the invitation. They don't want it. Jesus' story tells us that rather than being an imposition, our faith is an invitation, a gift.

It's been said that the biggest problem with consumerism is not that it makes us want too much, but that it makes us want too little; it diverts and distracts us with lesser things. The world we live in is, now more than ever, full of appeals to our most precious possession: our attention. We are, so to speak, in constant receipt of many invitations. There is so much that conspires to steal our attention from what is deepest and most important.

When the king of Jesus' parable issued the invitation to his son's wedding banquet, people's attention was elsewhere, they wanted other things. And some of them, evidently, were angry at

what they perceived to be an imposition on their time and on their priorities.

We would do well to let this parable of Jesus pose two simple questions to us. First, do we habitually think of our faith – the practice and the living out of our faith – as an imposition or as an invitation? Second, what do we want – for ourselves and for our loved ones?

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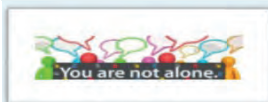
REMEMBER TO TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH YOU AS YOU LEAVE THE CHURCH AND KEEP AN EYE ON THE SPONSORS ON THE BACK.



Monday morning Meditation led by Sr. Teresa continues. It takes place after the 10am Mass and Rosary in the Fr. Dungan room. All welcome

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

7pm Monday nights in the Fr. Dungan Room, Pastoral Centre All are welcome
Our sincere sympathies to the family of Ann elly ,our former Parish



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,

Tel: 086 937 1030 / 087 243 3738.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Wed. 18th of Oct. from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Donegal. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

Dublin 15 Toastmasters meet every second and fourth Thursday of the month. It is a Public Speaking, Leadership, and Confidence Building Social Club Our next meetings are on the 12th and 26th October 2017. Meet 7.30 for 7.45 pm start. Meeting ends 9.45pm. The club is open to adults, 18 years and over. Phone Tony on 086 822 1274 or just come along on the night.

Overseas Volunteers Required!

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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 the subject line

Door to door fundraising for Parish-planned canvass of houses

Parishioners will be aware of the ongoing canvass of the parish in 2017 in relation to the FAMILY OFFERING (BANK STANDING ORDER/ENVELOPE BOX).

The volunteers are now canvassing in the Waterville area and hope to finalise the canvass in that area within the next few weeks.

Once again the canvassers are very pleased and appreciative of the very positive response to the canvass and particularly the warm welcome they are receiving at the doors.

Many Thanks



Please spread the word to family, friends and those housebound and also young families with smart devices All church services are now available on the internet via www.blanchardstownparish.ie

SET DANCING

Castlkenock Set Dancing classes recommence on Tuesday 17th October 2017 at 8.15pm in the Castlkenock Parish Centre. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, and we extend a warm welcome to new

Church Gate Collection

In aid of

Motor Neurone Society after all Masses this week-end

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland : Our next **Marriage Encounter Weekend** will be from **17 to 19-Nov-2017** (8:00 pm Friday to 4:30 pm Sunday) at The Lake Hotel, Killarney www.lakehotelkillarney.ie/. Details of our weekends and lots more are provided on our website www.marriageencounter.ie or phone (087) 784 0408 or (01) 832 4429.

ACCORD , BLANCHARDSTOWN

VOLUNTEER RECEPTIONIST WANTED once or twice a month on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at the Accord Centre in Blanchardstown from 7pm to 10pm. Volunteers are required to answer the door, welcome clients and direct them to counselling rooms. They are also required to answer the phone. Good communication skills, respectfulness and reliable are required. Garda Vetting will also be required.

Overeaters Anonymous Public Meeting
3 Speakers Share Their Recovery
Friday 20th October 2017 from 8.00 - 9.30pm
The Carmelite Community Centre,
56 Aungier St., Dublin 2.

**Welcome to Kacper Damian,
 Rebecca Ellie, Madison,
 Rory Leo & Josepha Eileen
 Who celebrated Baptism**

MISSION MONTH EVENTS

Friday, 20th October: 'Maynooth, Ireland and the Far East', a one-day conference to mark the centenary of the Columban Fathers and the Maynooth Mission to China. This is a full day conference, which will take place at St Patrick's College, Maynooth. Further information is available from the History Department, Maynooth University.



Cake Sale

in aid of Coolmine Musical Society in the Community Centre after all Masses today
Pick up a Sunday treat

November is traditionally a month for remembrance. This Irish Hospice Foundation event aims to provide information about grief and the range of supports available to bereaved people.

Members of the public are invited to attend this free public event:

Thursday, 2nd November 2017 5.30pm - 8.00pm Alexander Hotel, 41-47 Fenian Street (off Merrion Square), Dublin 2.

The evening will open at 5.30pm with a formal introduction. There will also be an opportunity to chat to voluntary bereavement support services about the supports they provide. During the evening Laura Kennedy will address the gathering and speak on the theme 'Living with Loss'.

This public event is free to attend. Bookings - not necessary.

Mass Intentions

Oct 15th

Oct 22nd

Sat. 7pm	Noleen Keogh	Barry Clarke
Sun 9am	Patrick & Bridget Keane	Jim Barber
10.30am	Mary Taylor	Kathleen & Bernard Hall
12 noon	The Sinclair Family	John Stanley
7pm	Seamus Bonner	Tony Keating and daughters Jane & Clare

READERS FOR OCT. 22nd

7pm: Ignatius Byrne/ 9am: Marian McCaughley
 10.30am: Derek Whelan / 12 noon: Brian Santry
 7pm: Kieran Kirrane

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