

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

Second Sunday of Lent - 17th March 2019



A day when we remember the roots of the Christian faith in Ireland. There is no doubt that to be a Christian in Ireland today is difficult. Often it is easier to hide our faith, to avoid ridicule, arguments and debates which can wear us down. However, today we should take example and energy from St Patrick. His story was not a walk in the park either. Today we celebrate our Christian identity and the Gospel message that a courageous Patrick brought us, a message that was preserved and passed on; a message that is very relevant to today's world and which continues to nourish and sustain us. When we are struggling with being a Christian in modern Ireland, feeling excluded in a world that wants to forget God, we can take courage from the parable of the mustard seed—It grew in places where it was not wanted.

'I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's shield to protect me.' (St Patrick's Breastplate)

Evening Mass during Lent—
in **Our Lady Mother of the Church**,
Beechpark Lawn, Castleknock at **7.30**
p.m., Monday to Friday

Eucharistic Adoration:
Tues. & Fri. after the 10am Mass

No Meditation or Divine Mercy
this bank holiday Monday



Supporting our Young People

*Teen Hope is a parish
based faith outreach
to teenagers. Young*

people often feel stressed and anxious. Would you agree? Teen Hope is a space where teens can just be themselves – a pressure free zone where, through fun and engaging activities, you can build friendships and encounter an experience of welcome, belonging and discipleship. Each gathering includes hospitality, music & refreshments, team building games, main activity & prayer. We'd like to start this outreach in our parish but **WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

Training will be provided by the Youth Faith Outreach Team of the Dublin Diocese. If you are interested please come to our Information Evening in the Pastoral Centre on **Tuesday 26th March @ 7.30pm**—find out more of what's involved in becoming a leader.

All church services are available on line via www.blanchardstownparish.ie

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

March 31st: The Lexington Christian Academy Chamber Choir from Kentucky will sing the 7pm

New Eucharistic Ministers

Following our very successful afternoon of prayer and reflection, we are now recruiting new Ministers of the Eucharist.

The vacancies are in the following ministries:-

Weekend Masses,

Elm Green Nursing Home (Sunday afternoon - one Sunday a month)

To bring Holy Communion to house-bound parishioners (weekdays)

Do you want to fast this lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

- * Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- * Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- * Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- * Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- * Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- * Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- * Fast from pressures and be prayerful
- * Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- * Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- * Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- * Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



Please Welcome our recently baptised

Hollie, Nathan, Sam, Max & Anthea

READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

7pm: Derek Whelan 9am:

Michael Hanratty

10.30: Kathleen Brennan

12 noon: John McNulty

7pm: Eamon burke



Séipéal na Sacraiminte Beannaithe Siúlán Bhaitisiléir,
Baile Átha Cliath 2 **Luan go hAoine 1.15 p.m.**

Intentions	17 March	24th March
Sat. 7pm	Betty Beirne James & Mary Carolan	Kathleen Duffy Conor McGrane
Sun 9am	-	Maria McCarthy
10.30am	Maureen Healy MM	Annie Sheridan
12 noon	Thomas Rooney, Patricia Quinn	Shay O'Meara, Vivien Delaney MM
7pm	Frank, Kathleen & Muriel Goodwin	-

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