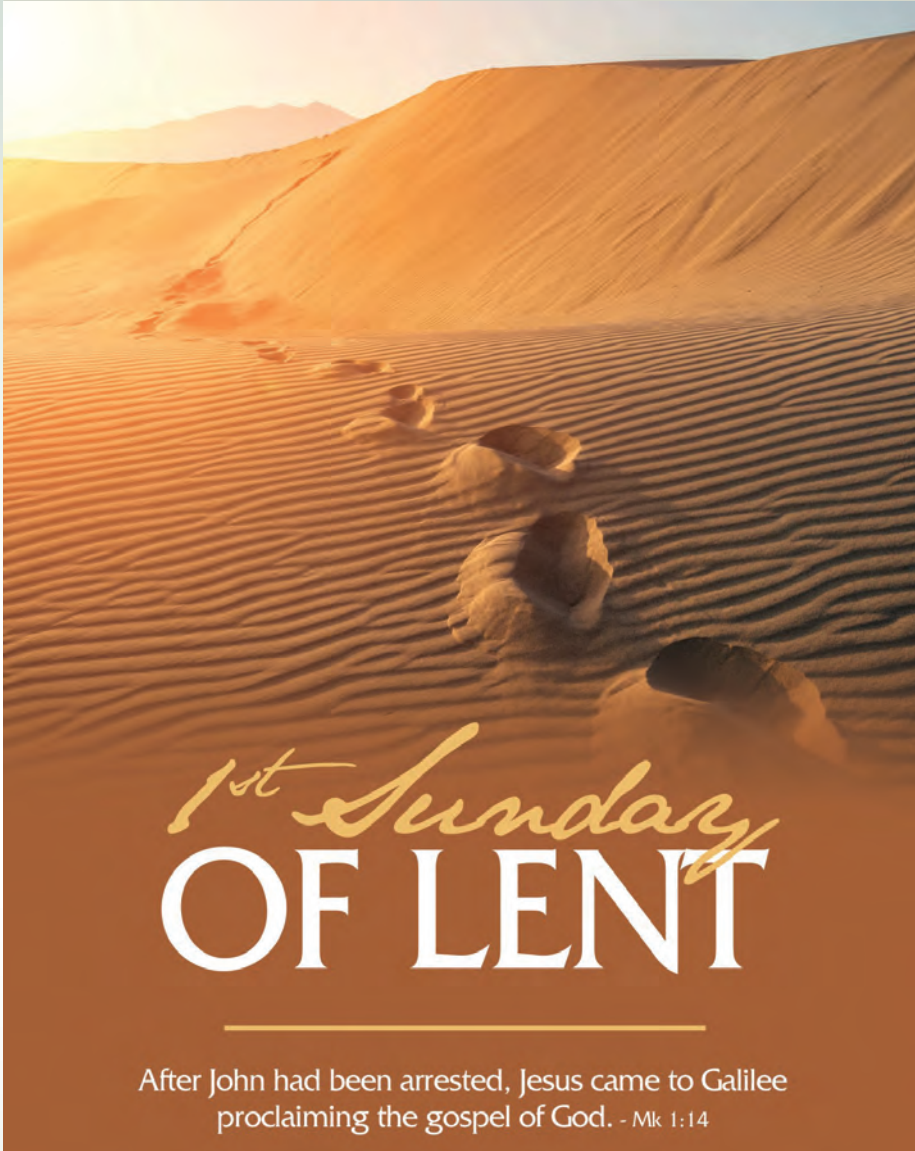


St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, Parish Newsletter.

First Sunday of Lent—18th Feb 2018



1st Sunday OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee
proclaiming the gospel of God. - Mk 1:14

**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.

THE DEEP END: Operation Transformation

The first Sunday of Lent – I love Lent, it's a great season where we can get in 'transformation' mode. Regardless of whether or not someone is still 'practicing' their faith, people still seem to get on board with Lent. We usually give something up, but remember it's not simply about weight loss or getting fit. By doing these things we are trying to make room for something deeper. It's a spring cleaning sort of time. What needs clearing out in my life so that I can make more room for God? Or often do we need to make more room for what God has planned for us? We can get stuck, especially when we are comfortable and don't really want too much to change. But without change we can't grow and things fast become stale in our lives. God is always urging us on because God knows just what possibilities there are for each of us. So Lent might be a time where in giving up something or taking on something, we make space for something new. The gospel today is short and sweet – Jesus is sent into the desert and we too are invited into a desert time. Deserts are interesting places which can allow us to reflect, give ourselves space and we should not be afraid because as the gospel tells us clearly today, it is a Spirit led desert. God is with us in this desert. So enjoy Lent, embrace it. How we make use of this time determines what will be.

Jane Mellett

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Repent and believe in the gospel!
This is the message that is found
on Jesus' lips after forty days in
the desert.



As the forty days of Lent come before us, we are asked to create a desert experience in our lives so that we can learn anew the ways of God. Our daily cares and concerns can distract us from truth and cause us to become absorbed with the world and secular priorities. Lent is an opportunity to free ourselves from illusion and focus us on what really matters. In doing so, we open up new possibilities for our relationship with God, others, our world, and ourselves.

Bring it to the Cross

- Stations of the cross each Friday in Lent at 9.45 before the 10.00 Mass
- We invite you to place your worries into our box at the foot of the cross.
- You may like to spend some time with Jesus on His journey by reading the reflections at each station.

"During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord:

Make our hearts like yours."

Pope Francis

**Monday morning
Meditation**

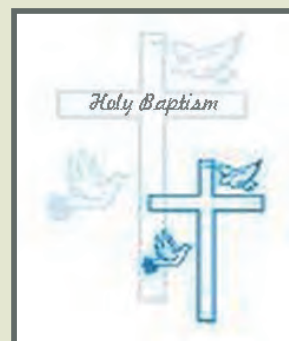
**Resumes this
Monday
19th February**

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

Are you interested in finding out more about World Meeting of Families (WMOF)?

If so, please come to an information evening on Wednesday 21st of February from 7.30 to 8.30.

We'd love to see you and let you know how you can get involved at parish or national level.



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i nGaeilge
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Opera Gala

This gala night is in aid of Special Olympics World Summer Games and Home-Start Blanchardstown.
Saturday, February the 24th at 8pm.
St Brigid's Church of Ireland, Castleknock Village.
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Home-Start
Home-Start is a local charity based in Mullindart, that helps families help themselves.

Special Olympics World Summer Games 2019 Abu Dhabi

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CANVASS OF HOUSES

The canvassers appreciate the very positive response to the canvass and particularly the warm welcome they are receiving at the doors. The canvass in the immediate vicinity of our parish church is almost complete.

NEXT PHASE OF OUR PROGRAMME—
Ashtown/ Pelletstown/Rathbourne

Plans are at an advanced stage to develop a church presence in the area of Pelletstown, Rathbourne, and Ashtown. A Pastoral Centre is being developed and will be ready and opened to parishioners in this area in coming months. This centre will be a drop-in centre. Fr Cyril, Deacon Jim Adams and Mairin Keegan, our pastoral worker, will represent the parish.

Bi-Centenary St. Dominic's College, Cabra are celebrating 200 years of dedicated service of the Dominican Order and request that anybody that may have any memorabilia e.g. past uniforms, school photographs (copies) etc. would email them to the school at 200@stdominics.ie or contact (01) 8385282.



St. Francis Hospice Remembrance Service takes place this Tuesday in St. Brigid's at 7.30 pm

SET DANCING classes are held every Tuesday at 8.15pm in the Castleknock Parish Centre. We do set dancing and include some line dancing. We extend a warm welcome to all. Why not come along and try it

St Brigid's GAA Race night takes place in Russell Park on Feb. 23rd, 2018. Make sure to save the date, a great night guaranteed.



READERS FOR NEXT WEEK-END

7pm: Eamonn Burke 9am: Saritha Moras
10.30am: Michael Hanratty
12 noon: Mary O'Brien
7pm: Alice O'Connell

Mass Intentions	Feb 18th	Feb. 25th
Sat. 7pm	Maureen Ryan	Gerry Martin
Sun 9am	Colette Eglinton	Mary Hehir
10.30am	Patrick Kelly	Tom & A.G. Kearns
12 noon	John Gilligan	Joseph Brennan
7pm	Felix (Noel) Kavanagh	Barry Finnerty



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