

St. Brigid's  
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Newsletter  
June 18th,  
2017, Corpus  
Christi.

I am invited to the table of the Lord, to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ. In this Communion my relationship with Jesus is deepened and nourished. As I take Christ to my heart I am to become what I receive and change the world.



Jesus gives his whole self to us and invites us to a deep union with him. We often imagine God up in the clouds in heaven looking down at us, maybe distant, maybe disconnected. The Eucharist shows us that God is involved in the messiness of human life, present to us in Jesus' body and blood. Bread is nourishing, bread is for life, bread is food for the journey. Jesus is all of these things for us. His blood is a reminder of his death, of the brokenness of this world, of the struggles of people's lives. Christ invites people to connect their own sufferings with his.

Jesus, present with us in all of life, invites us into a deep union with himself. Flesh and blood means the whole person; 'the living bread' invites us to an even deeper intimacy. It can be a difficult passage to understand, but perhaps today you might reflect on times you felt sustained by God, strengthened by God through joyful times and sorrowful times. You might also reflect on who has been Jesus for you? Where have you seen Christ in this world, in flesh and blood?



The Dublin Diocesan African Chaplaincy is celebrating it's 10 year Anniversary over the coming months. To celebrate this Spirit filled occasion the Chaplaincy will have a special Liturgy on Sunday, June 25th at 1.30pm and afterwards to St. Brigid's GAA hall for refreshments and merriment. Everyone is most welcome to this milestone celebration.



**Door to door fundraising for Parish-planned canvass of houses**

The very successful canvass of our Parish is continuing over the coming weeks. The areas being canvassed are: Coolmine Blvd, Woods & Lawn / Orchard Green, Close & Court / Clonsilla Close & Park / St. Brigid's Park and St. Patrick's Park / Hazel Lawn. As always, the canvass teams, who are Parish Volunteers, look forward to meeting the many Parishioners at the doors and are confident that the generous and welcoming spirit will continue in this phase of the canvass.

As always, many thanks for time and generosity with this very positive initiative.



Very important to spread the word to family and friends and those housebound and also young families with smart devices that we are now live on the internet. Log on to the parish website at [www.blanchardstownparish.ie](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie) for live viewing of all our liturgies, prayers and services.

**Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of June from 19:30 to 21:00 in B.A.S.E Brackenstown Road, Swords, Co. Dublin. 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.**

**Hallelujah – An Evening of Inspirational Music, featuring the Palestrina Choir. This show comes to the National Concert Hall on Saturday 24 June. The show will feature some of the finest spiritual music ever written including: Ave Maria, Pie Jesu, You Raise Me Up, Amazing Grace and more. With large screen, narration, historical images and archive footage, this uplifting evening will be one of the choral highlights of 2017. Discounted offer of €30 per ticket – to book phone Pat Egan on 01 679 7700 or Email: [pat@pateganmgmt.ie](mailto:pat@pateganmgmt.ie)**



Volunteer Application Process is now open for the WMOF 2018. You can apply to volunteer at [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer). There are flyers around the church with further details. In excess of 1,500 people have already expressed an interest in volunteering. Now we are ready to start registering you through the application process. Everyone who has expressed an interest in volunteering will need to fill in their volunteer application form. If you have not expressed your interest in volunteering, you can apply directly on the link below. We are really excited and can't wait to get started! We have also uploaded information on our volunteer programme to our website. Have a read and please keep spreading the word and apply to volunteer: [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer).

Applicants to volunteer must be residents of the island of Ireland at the time of application and be over 18 years of age, as of 1st January 2018 (or as part of a group), among other terms and conditions. Volunteers can also help in the lead up to the event in the main offices of WMOF2018 and in various preparatory events taking place around Ireland.

**Marian Pilgrimage, Pilgrimage to Medjugorje. Takes place on October 4th 2017 and the cost is 599 euro. It is fully inclusive for 9 nights. Contact Phil 0872238911**

**VACANCY FOR SAFEGUARDING OFFICER** The Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin, Child Safeguarding and Protection Service provides support and oversight in respect of the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults who have involvement with the Diocese via its parishes, schools and agencies. We are currently seeking to recruit a Safeguarding Officer on a 3 year fixed term - full time basis. The successful candidate will be required to work two Saturdays per month and some week day evenings. For more information & contact details go to: [www.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.dublindiocese.ie) / current job vacancies

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





**Icon Writing Week 19th-24th June, 2017** in Church of Our Lady of Fatima Parish Centre, South Circular Road, Dublin 12. Luis Alvarez, a renowned Iconographer will lead the week. He will open windows to the Sacred through talks on scripture, icons and symbolism. Previous experience in painting is not necessary and you will leave with and inspiring Icon "the work of your hands". Deposit required to secure place as numbers limited. Contact: Sr. Peter 0833471036 Email: [pauapeter70@gmail.com](mailto:pauapeter70@gmail.com)

**KNOW YOUR FAITH**

Come to  
**PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH AND MINISTRY**  
An Adult Faith Development Programme

The programme begins this year in Clonliffe College on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017 (7.00p.m. – 9.30 p.m.). Booking is now open. Places are limited so early application is advisable

*Pathways* is a two-year one night a week course for adults of all ages wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. You can just come along and enjoy! The cost is €400 for the coming year which may be paid in instalments. Some sponsorship may be available for those of limited means.

For more information please visit your webpage: [www.evangelisation.ie](http://www.evangelisation.ie) or contact: Eileen Houlahan, CHF, PhD, Director, *Pathways* Programme, Clonliffe College, Clonliffe Road, Dublin, DO3 P2E7. Phone : 01 8379253 Ext 294 Email:[pathways@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:pathways@dublindiocese.ie)

**Cemetery Sunday, St. Philomena's Parish, Palmerstown:** The Annual Cemetery Mass & Blessing of the graves takes place at Palmerstown Cemetery on Sunday, 18 June at 3.00pm.

**Cemetery Mass and Blessing of the Graves, Mulhuddart Parish:** The Annual Cemetery Mass and Blessing of the Graves will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June, at 3.00pm in Mulhuddart parish. All welcome.

**Grave Blessing:** Cemetery Mass & Blessing of graves for Templeogue cemetery will take place on Sunday 25th June at 11.30am in St Jude's Church Willington followed by blessing of graves up in Templeogue Cemetery directly after Mass. All welcome.

**Cemetery Sunday, Deansgrange Parish:** The Annual Cemetery Sunday is on Sunday 2nd July at 3.00pm with Mass & blessing of the graves.

**SET DANCING**

Castleknock Set Dancing classes are now finished for the summer break. Thank you to all of our set dancers, old and new, for a very enjoyable year of set dancing, and we look forward to seeing you all back again after the summer.

We celebrate with those  
recently Baptised:  
**Kai Brian, Liam, Adrian, Sara Louisa,  
James Richard**

**Mass Intentions**

**June 18th**

**June 25th**

Sat. 7pm

John Keane

Frank Baird

Sun 9am

Florence Hogan

David & Margaret &  
Robert Stephens

10.30am

Marie Kirrane

Robert Stephens

12 noon

Bridie Carolan / Charles  
Innocent Onwumereh.

Pat Mc Elroy

7pm

Patrick & Anne Mullins

Delma Horan

**READERS FOR JUNE 25th**

7pm: Kieran Kirrane / 9am: Tony Devlin / 10.30am: Alice O'Connell / 12 noon: Marian Mc Caughley 7pm: Michael Hanratty

**Fr. Mangan: (01)821 3660 / Fr Casey: (01)821 3716 Fr. Guckian: (01)8262799 Kevin (Pastoral Worker) 086/6023450 / Jim Adams (Deacon) 086 2232411 / Office: (01)811 5412 / Sacristy: (01) 823 8354**

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