

St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, Parish Newsletter.

Fifth Sunday of Lent—18th March 2018



THE DEEP END: We should like to see Jesus

Those poor Greeks. Did you notice that they never actually get to meet Jesus? At the start of today's gospel some Greeks who are followers of Jesus come to Jerusalem. They are travellers, outsiders, and would like to meet Jesus in person. But when Philip and Andrew relay the request, Jesus begins to talk about how his 'hour' is coming. It is the last we hear of the Greeks, who disappear from the story altogether.

But they are important nonetheless. Firstly, they indicate that word about Jesus is spreading, that in the words of the Pharisees, 'the world has gone after him'. More importantly, they prompt Jesus to reveal that, when his hour comes, he will draw 'all people' to himself. In the space of a few short verses, we go from a brief mention of a group of foreigners seeking Jesus, to Jesus making it crystal clear that his saving mission is for all people, of all nations, both Jews and Gentiles – including those Greeks! There is no suggestion from Jesus that some groups are 'in' and others 'out'. All are included. All are invited. All are welcome.

I remember once hearing someone describe their home as a domestic church, a place of 'indiscriminate welcome'. As we continue our journey through Lent, and soon into Holy Week, let us listen carefully to these words of Jesus. He came for all. He wishes to draw all people to himself. Are our churches, parishes, communities and homes open to all, outsiders included? Are they places of welcome and inclusion, where all who enter experience God's love?

Triona Doherty

No morning Meditation

Monday—19th

Will resume on Monday 26th
after the 10am Mass

**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.



**FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH
19TH MARCH**

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LENTEN REFLECTION

We will sometimes speak about the kingdom of God as something that will come in the future. However, that Kingdom is in our midst right now. The Church is called to become a greater reflection of the kingdom to the world. Each of us is called to act like the sons and daughters of a king should act. We wait for the Second Coming; we are not waiting for the power of God to come into our world. That power was Jesus and that kingdom is now.

Tracy Earl Welliver

**ADVOCATE SUNSHINE FUND
COLLECTION – PALM SUNDAY
24th & 25th March 2018**

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

A Table Quiz will be held in St Brigids GAA Club, Russell Park, Navan Road, Dublin 15 on Friday 23rd March at 8:30 pm. €40 per table of four. Interval music and song performed by OLMC (Our Lady Mother of the Church) Folk Group, Castlknock. Prizes, Raffle and Craic. All proceeds go to DEIS Madagascar CLG (RCN 20100513). Enjoy a great night out while supporting a worthwhile cause.

Bring it to the Cross

- Stations of the cross each Friday in Lent at 9.30 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

2018 Archdiocese of Dublin Annual Knock Pilgrimage will take place on Sat. 21st April 2018, with the main celebration of the Eucharist in the Basilica at 3pm. This year's theme: 'We are Pilgrims – Knock invites us to healing and Peace.' More information: www.dublindiocese.ie/2018-diocesan-pilgrimage-to-knock

OUR RED BOXES

Many thanks for your generosity with our Red Boxes. The total count so far this year comes to just over €1,000. This money goes towards projects associated with the upkeep and maintenance of our Church building



Anam Cara North Dublin, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 21st March from 7.30pm-9:00pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. Anam Cara North Dublin offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether this was recent or not.

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Draíocht drama group

PROUDLY PRESENTS

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PREPARING FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES



Parish Conversations

In each session of this six-session parish conversation, the participants will be invited to take part in a process which is designed to be interactive and participative. They will be helped to reflect on and articulate their experience of family life and their response to Pope Francis' reflections in The Joy of Love. The programme takes, as its starting point, people's experience of love and their hopes and fears with regard to marriage and family. This is a very simple process and everyone is welcome. The more voices the better!

*You are very welcome to attend any or all sessions
Dates of future sessions will be announced after Easter*

The new Dublin 15 Toastmasters Group is having their fourth meeting in St Mochta's Parish Parochial Centre, Porterstown, ~ Dublin 15 on Wednesday the 21st March 2018 at 8.00pm.

There will be members giving a first speech, a third speech and on some topics.

There is special training session on How to Construct and give a Speech. Admission is free to adults. Phone Tony on 086 8221274 to just come along on the night.

New Envelope Boxes.

The new Family Offering envelope boxes for the coming year have been distributed to parishioners recently. If you did not receive your box please contact the parish office or sacristy.

READERS FOR PALM SUNDAY

7pm: John McNulty & Derek Whelan

9am: Eamonn Burke & Sheila Gouldson

10.30am: Gwen Cruise & Maeve O'Donoghue

12 noon: Kathleen Brennan & Kevin Cullen

7pm: Michael Hanratty & Margaret Keane

Registration for the WMOF event August 2018

Registration for the Pastoral Congress (which includes guaranteed tickets for the Festival of Families & the Final Mass) is open online on our website at www.worldmeeting2018.ie Have you considered volunteering? An opportunity not to be missed!



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Lourdes at Easter

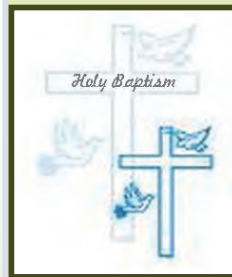
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Welcome to
George, Cillian and

Senan

Who were recently baptised

Mass Intentions

March 18th

March 25th

Sat. 7pm

James & Mary
Carolán

Conor McGrane

Sun 9am

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Susan Monaghan MM

10.30am

Chris & Sean Brady

Maria McCarthy 10th A

12 noon

Phyllis & Jim Slevin

Shay O'Meara

Tom Toole MM

7pm

Oliver Sheridan
Simon & Molly Kennedy

Francis Owens MM



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