

# St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, Parish Newsletter.

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary time—Oct 8th, 2017



### Prayer

Lord of the vineyard, you call us to live the Gospel and to produce its fruits. Send your Spirit into our hearts, that we know the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Gal 5:22–23)

SEEING YOUR LIFE  
THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

### Matthew 21:33-43

1. The target audience of this allegorical parable are the Jewish chief priests and elders portrayed here as rejecting Jesus and his teaching, and as a consequence losing out on what God was offering them. It is a story of opportunity for life presented and rejected, and they lose out in the process. How important have you found it to recognise and accept opportunities for growth, development and new life when these were presented to you?
2. The parable is also a cautionary tale about the destructive effects of greed – doing violence to the rights of others and eventually destroying the greedy themselves. What attitude towards possessions has helped you to be at peace in yourself and at peace with others?
3. The vineyard of the Lord is an image for God's people. As we look at the vineyard we have been given we can ask ourselves 'are we good tenants?' Recall times when you have been a good tenant, and reached out caringly for those around you.
4. 'It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it was wonderful to see'. Sometimes a person not highly regarded plays a key role in a project, and it is wonderful to see. Can you recall examples of this?

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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

Brother Jean Marie of the Taizé community in France will be present for a chanted Taizé Evening Prayer around the Cross in St Paul's Church, Arran Quay, Dublin 7 on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm



**LIVING LINKS SUICIDE  
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

1<sup>st</sup> 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. 18<sup>th</sup> 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.



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](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie)

*Thank you!*

Many thanks to all who supported the Hospice 'Coffee Morning' run by Ann Maybury in September. €1,120 was forwarded to the Hospice thanks to your **generous contributions.**



**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](mailto: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**

## Spiritual Companionship.

The Parish is offering Spiritual Accompaniment as a means to explore where God is leading us. It's an opportunity to be yourself, to be listened to without judgment, to discover your true mission in life and to become whom God wants you to be. More information is available from Fr Mangan.

**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/](http://www.lakehotelkillarney.ie/). Details of our weekends and lots more are provided on our website [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or phone (087) 784 0408 or (01) 832 4429.

### MISSION MONTH of OCTOBER - EVENTS

**Friday, 13th October: National Day of Prayer for Children**, A country wide event, with the main celebration coming from Carlow Cathedral. Chief Celebrant: Bishop Denis Nulty. This is the 10th year of the National Day of Prayer. To complement the World Meeting of Families 2018, the theme this year is 'Let's be Family'.

**Saturday, 14th October: Miles for Mission**, Phoenix Park Dublin. Registration is available online at [www.popupraces.ie](http://www.popupraces.ie) but entrants can register on the day from 9.00am at the Papal Cross. World Missions Ireland, in conjunction with the World Meeting of Families, is hosting this annual walk/run. Given the huge numbers of Irish missionaries overseas, we are hoping that this event will be an occasion for families to come together on mission and to help raise funds for missionaries working with very needy families around the world. The 2km family walk begins at 10am, while the 5K and 10K events will commence at 10:30am.

**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.**



Society of St Vincent de Paul

**The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul - monthly outdoor collection takes place this Sunday after all the Masses**

Welcome to Thea Olivia,  
James, Carter Brian, Aaron,  
Eimear, Harry & Bonnie  
Who celebrated Baptism

### *Divine Mercy Prayer Group*

7pm Monday nights in the Fr. Dungan Room, Pastoral Centre All are welcome

### Mass Intentions

#### Oct. 8th

#### Oct 15th

|          |                         |                         |
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| Sat. 7pm | Sarah O'Dwyer           | Noleen Keogh            |
| Sun 9am  | -                       | Patrick & Bridget Keane |
| 10.30am  | Gerard & Bridget Martin | Mary Taylor             |
| 12 noon  | Jimmy Farrell           | The Sinclair Family     |
| 7pm      | Annie Doolan            | Seamus Bonner           |



## Were You Married in



**1992, 1977, 1967, 1957 or 1947?**

You are invited to join the Parish Community of

St. Brigid's Blanchardstown

*At a Mass of Thanksgiving*

*on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 10.30am*

*as we celebrate with those who are marking*

*Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond and Platinum*

*Wedding Anniversaries.*

Refreshments will be offered afterwards in the Parish Centre

Please let the Parish Secretary Christine know that you wish

to be there – Tel. 01- 8115412

#### READERS FOR OCT. 15th

7pm: J.K.Owumereh / 9am: Mary Brady  
10.30am: Brian Santry / 12 noon: Richard Dillon  
7pm: Mary O'Brien



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