

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

2nd Sunday of Easter—19th April 2020 (Divine Mercy Sunday)

DOUBT NO LONGER BUT
believe
JOHN 20:28

A reflection
for these times

'Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the intermediate stages. We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new. And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability — and that it may take a very long time.'

(Pierre Teilhard de Chardin S.J.)

...a short prayer to Our Lady

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms,

help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

(Archbishop José H. Gomez)

*May this Eastertime bring
new beginnings, hope and joy*

Readings for 2nd Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Psalm: 118 (117)

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9; **Gospel**

Acclamation: Alleluia (2)

Jesus said "You believe because you see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe"

Coronavirus Measures

Monday to Saturday Mass

10.00am without a congregation

On Saturdays, Vigil Mass

7.00pm without a congregation

On Sundays, Mass will be celebrated

at 10.30am without a congregation

Sunday Masses and Daily Mass are

transmitted via webcam on

www.blanchardstownparish.ie

During this time, we will keep one another in prayer and watch out for our neighbours.

A word from Fr. Cyril....

We live in challenging times, but, thanks to the wonder of technology, can keep in touch. This was most evident during Holy Week when our parish celebrated the great mystery—the life death and resurrection of Jesus.

Many thanks to the core group who assisted at the ceremonies during these days, but above all, thanks to all our parishioners, and many from further afield, who joined us via the webcam. It was heartening to know, through your emails, phone calls and texts, that our community was united in prayer throughout this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick and housebound, and to those caring for them. I am struck by the spirit of solidarity that is evident everywhere in our country at this time. May this generosity continue to shine brightly in our lives.

Our broadcasts will continue daily at 10am and at the weekend Saturday Vigil at 7pm and Sunday Mass at 10.30

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Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I Believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.
(St. Alphonsus de Liguori)



During this pandemic Crosscare have set up a centralised emergency food bank in Blanchardstown for the purpose of emergency Food Parcels to be delivered to those who are self-isolating, cocooning and people who are at risk of food poverty.

If you know anybody that needs help please contact our foodbank team on 01-8219892.

Information note on Fingal's Community Response Forum

The Fingal Covid-19 Community Response Forum has been established for the past week to tackle the COVID-19 emergency and is being co-ordinated by Fingal County Council.

The Community Response Helpline is operated by Fingal County Council's Customer Care Unit seven days a week 8am to 8pm.

We encourage people who need assistance in having groceries, prescriptions or hot meals delivered, those who are simply looking for someone to talk to during this crisis, or, if you know someone who needs help, or would like to offer help to get in touch by contacting the Community Line.

Telephone: **01-890-5000**

Freephone: **1-890-459-059**

Email: covidsupport@fingal.ie

Further information regarding the

Forum can be found at www.fingal.ie.

Comhairle Contae
Fhine Gall
Fingal County
Council



COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Accord – important new support line

ACCORD Dublin has setup a helpline to provide support for people struggling with relationship issues during this time of self-isolation. The contact number is **01 9059555**. The line is open 10 am - 1 pm every Monday to Friday. More details from their new website www.accorddublin.ie

Intentions	18th/19th April
Sat. 7pm	Jean O'Farrell, Peggy O'Rourke
10.30am	Terry Keaney, Jack Quirke John Kane, Andy Meehan, Baby Beth McElroy Catherine Conroy (101st birthday)

Children's Corner

Believe in me!
Believe in me!
Jesus appears to his friends

Jesus appeared in the same room as the disciples, even though the door was locked.

Join the dots so that you can see Jesus too.

Receive the Holy Spirit

Jesus shared the Holy Spirit with his disciples when he appeared to them.

How many symbols of the Holy Spirit like this can you find hidden on this page?

Jesus greets his friends

Decode the words to find out what Jesus said to his friends when he saw them:

a= 🍌 h= 🐦 t= ⭐
b= 🍃 i= ❤️ u= 😊
c= ☁ e= 👁 w= ⭐
d= 😊 p= 🍌 y= ❤️

Thomas believes
Thomas did not believe Jesus had risen from the dead until he actually saw Jesus for himself.

Spot the five differences between Thomas before and after he saw Jesus.

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Thomas, one of Jesus' disciples, refuses to believe that Jesus is alive until

he sees him with his own eyes. Jesus tells Thomas that those who believe that he has risen from the dead without seeing him are blessed.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, I cannot see you, but I know that you died and rose from the dead for me. I believe you are always at my side and that you will love me forever. Amen.



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We appreciate your continued support of the Parish and the Diocese in these difficult times.

If you wish, you can donate to the *Sunday Mass 1st & 2nd Collections* online on the Diocesan Website directly on www.dublindiocese.ie.

Your *Family Offering Envelope* contributions may be retained by you until the current crisis is over.

We remember our recently deceased



**Mary Walsh
Dermot Gannon**

*To live in hearts left behind
is not to die*