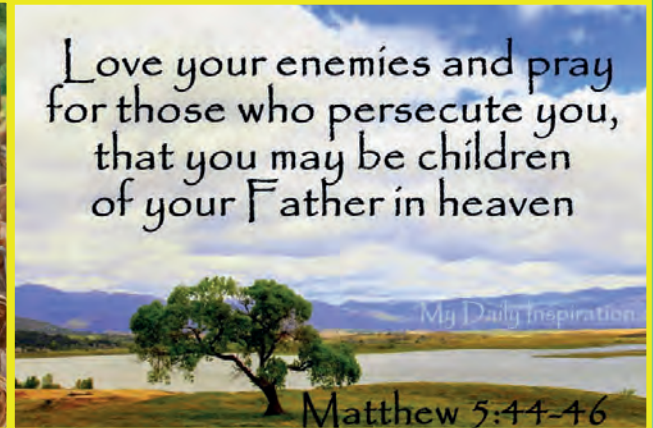


# St. Brigid's Blanchardstown.

Parish Newsletter, February 19th, 2017. 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time.



Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven



Matthew 5:44-46

## **CHARITY MORNING THIS MORNING:**

### **Invitation to the Charity Cake Sale & Photo Exhibition**

We would like to invite you to the Charity Cake Sale and short Photo Exhibition dedicated to the Anniversary of Massacre at Maidan in the Pastoral Centre. This event is organized by the Ukrainian Diaspora with the support of the Association of Ukrainians in the Republic of Ireland (CHY18402), in order to raise funds for the volunteer doctors, and to provide humanitarian aid to victims and people suffering from the conflict in the eastern Ukraine.

The function is on today; Sunday 19th February 2017, from 9:00 – 13:00, at St. Brigid's Pastoral Centre

This event has a highly significant impact in the moral and financial aspects for Ukrainian people. The Photo Exhibition will show you the current situation in the war zone and tell you more about the struggle of civilian population there. Because this event falls on the day when the mass massacre took place, by taking lives of hundreds of people and leaving dozens wounded, you will be able to learn about these events that occurred three years ago.

Please support and make your presence count for a great deed. We look forward to meet you at the event.

**POP INTO THE PASTROAL CENTRE**



Talk by Maria Keaveney. Blanchardstown Church extension. Tuesday Feb 21. 8pm. "Evangelisation and the call to conversion in a time of increasing secularism." All welcome. Please spread the word.



The annual collection for ACCORD will take place this weekend, 18th/19th February. ACCORD works with young people and couples preparing for Marriage while also providing courses for school children about love and sexuality. As always your generosity to these vital services across the Diocese is gratefully appreciated.

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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 continues in the Pastoral centre. As always, it begins after the 10am Mass and Rosary and you are all most wel-**



#### **YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU**

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

Parishioners will now be aware that canvass of our parish in relation to the **FAMILY OFFERING (BANK STANDING ORDER/ENVELOPE BOX)** will recommence in March.

The canvass will continue for some months and as mentioned at all the masses last week the Committee would welcome new canvassers and collectors to join the team.

If you would like to get involved and help out with the canvass, please get in touch with the Parish Secretary, Christine, in the Parish Office (018115412) and give her your contact details. A member of the Fundraising Committee will then get in touch with you in order to familiarise you with procedures which are fairly straight forward.

Prospective canvassers may wish to know that they will be accompanied at all times by one of our experienced canvassers.

**Remember this is the principal source of parochial funding for our parish and all funds generated by it go exclusively to the maintenance, development and pastoral work of OUR parish, St Brigid's.**

The canvass teams look forward to a continued warm and friendly welcome at the doors.

Thanks



#### **Eddie Stone**

**Prayer and healing Ministry with Mass and Confession.**

**Here in St. Brigid's main Church on Friday 24th February at 7pm. Everyone most welcome.**



#### **St. Brigid's Child Safeguarding policy**

The Archdiocese of Dublin recognises and upholds the dignity and rights of all children, is committed to ensuring their safety and well being and will work in partnership with parents/guardians to do this. The Archdiocese recognises each child as a gift from God, and values and encourages the participation of children in all activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development. All diocesan personnel (including clergy, religious, staff and volunteers) have a responsibility to safeguard children through promoting their welfare, health and development in a safe and caring environment that supports their best interests and prevents abuse. Your Parish Safeguarding Representatives are contactable through the parish office.

If you have a concern about child abuse, please contact either Diocesan Child Safeguarding & Protection Service (CSPS) / Designated Liaison Person Mr. Andrew Fagan, Director, Child Safeguarding and Protection Service, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe College, Dublin 3. Tel. 01-8360314. (Mon-Fri: 09:00-17:00) Deputy Designated Liaison Person Ms. Julie McCullough, Child Protection Officer, Child Safeguarding and Protection Service, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe College, Dublin 3. Tel. 01-8360314. (Mon-Fri: 09:00-17:00) OR Tusla Office: OR YOUR Local Garda Station..



#### **Lenten Movie Nights**

**Why not commit some time this Lent to this new initiative: This Lent we are having a number of Movie Nights. The movies will have Scriptural, Spiritual and Pastoral overtones that we will examine through conversation and debate. The first of the Movie Nights will take place on Tuesday February 28th at 7pm in the Pastoral centre and it will be "Babette's Feast" facilitated by Liam Dunne. Put it in your diary and see you there.**

**REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL**

Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow." Today Jesus continues the powerful teaching of his Sermon on the Mount. Typical of this famous sermon, here he urges us to see things in a new way, specifically regarding situations and people who bother us. First, he tells us not to seek revenge. Instead, we are to demonstrate incredible generosity. Then, he instructs us to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

These instructions don't come naturally to most of us. We are much more inclined to want to get even with those who cause us to suffer, and to wish ill for those who have hurt us. But Jesus proposes another way.

In truth, what good does it do to seek revenge or foster hate? It only continues the cycle of evil. Jesus encourages behavior that will stop the cycle short. He gives us a model that--although it may not change the heart of our "enemies"--will nonetheless change OUR hearts for the better. When pressed into service for one mile, if we voluntarily go two, then WE are the ones whose attitude and experience is certain to change. Instead of spending the length of that one mile cursing and complaining, we spend the length of two enjoying a surprising kind of freedom: "I chose to do this," instead of "I am being forced to do this."

When we practice the generosity of giving more than we are asked, and the charity of praying for those who persecute us, we will find ourselves in a position to transcend the trouble. It sets us free to not be mastered by the evil around us. Thus, we are able to help end the cycle of evil and

**Free training course in using the internet – are you interested?**

You may be interested in learning how to access and use the internet but have nobody to teach you. Now, the voluntary organisation, Third Age, has been funded by the Government to offer free classes to people like you. The Digital Skills scheme is part of the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment 'Getting Citizens Online' programme.

The free training course is a 10-hour programme over five weeks, two hours per week. It covers introduction to the Internet, Internet security and safety, email, search engines and websites, online government services, conducting everyday transactions, online voice and video calls and use of apps. The course is designed to inspire confidence in its intended audience of non-liners, and to create opportunities for successful self-learning.

Classes will be starting during the week beginning Monday, March 6 in Senior Help Line's Amiens Street offices – Senior Help Line is a programme of Third Age. If you are interested, or would like to know more, please contact Ann on 087-9031265 Monday-Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm

**Mass Intentions**

**Feb 19th**

**Feb 26th**

Sat. 7pm	Maureen Ryan	Deceased members of the Hanratty family
Sun 9am	John &Maureen Keane	Patrick & Ann Mullins
10.30am	Mary Hehir	Kevin Nugent
12 noon	John Gilligan	Colette Eglington
7pm	Margaret Kelly	Patrick Doolan



**Make-A-Wish Ireland Annual Wish Day – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Make-A-Wish® Ireland has one simple aim – we grant the wishes of children aged between 3 and 17 years living with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy and create extraordinary memories for them and their families.

Volunteer are needed for WISH DAY, our annual fundraising day, on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

There are a number of ways you could get involved and support us:

- \* select a location nearby and volunteer to sell our badges there for the day
- \* hold a coffee morning or bake sale in aid of Make-A-Wish
- \* hold a Jersey Day or a similar themed day in aid of Make-A-Wish

Money raised on the day goes to continuing to grant wishes to our brave wish children.

If you can commit to the full day or even a few hours selling our badges, please visit [www.makeawish.ie](http://www.makeawish.ie) to register online at one of our collection points. Alternatively contact Emma Horgan [emma@makeawish.ie](mailto:emma@makeawish.ie) or call 01 2052012 for more details

On behalf of everyone at Make-A-Wish; our wish children and their families; thank you for your support, we really do appreciate it.

**Lenten Talk 2017:** Join Blakestown Parish walking through Lent with various Biblical Characters around the Passion Narrative for six Wednesdays in Church of St. Mary of the Servants beginning 8<sup>th</sup> March – 12<sup>th</sup> April from 7.00-7.45pm each evening. Facilitated by Fr. Timothy Lehane, SVD. Cup of tea after every session. All welcome.

**Spiritual Direction Training:** Manresa has offered training in the theory and practice of spiritual direction since the 1970's. Applications are currently being processed for the 2017 enrolment in the Diploma in Spirituality (Spiritual Direction) course, currently validated by Maynooth. Find out more about this opportunity for personal and ministerial enhancement - More information and application forms are available on: <http://www.manresa.ie/content/spiritual-direction-training>, or email [reception@manresa.ie](mailto:reception@manresa.ie)

**We welcome, through the Sacrament of Baptism, to the Faith Community,  
Jaimee Belle, Millie Olivia, Freya,  
Hayden, Phoenix Jaskson, Michelle  
Baptised on Feb. 18th.**

**READERS FOR FEB 26th**

7pm Kathryn Coakley / 9am Kevin Cullen / 10.30am Mary O'Brien / 12 noon: Maire Martin/ 7pm: Ignatius Byrne

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