

# St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, Parish Newsletter.

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary time—Nov 19th, 2017



### THE DEEP END: Dive in!

Ruth Fitzmaurice was 32 years old when her husband Simon was diagnosed with motor neurone disease in 2008. He was given four years to live; two years later his lung function collapsed and he chose to be mechanically ventilated. He communicates using an 'eye gaze' computer, and their home is a whirlwind of 24-hour nursing care – as well as buckets of joy and love. The family of five has grown to seven since the diagnosis, Simon directed his first feature film, and Ruth has found solace in a daily sea swim with friends near their County Wicklow home while also writing a book, *I Found My Tribe*, about her experiences.

It is more than some individuals or families have to cope with in a lifetime, but the story Ruth tells is not a sad one. She and her family have taken a challenging situation and turned it into a positive story of love, friendship and hope.

Ruth and Simon came to mind when I read the gospel story for today. We are all dealt different cards in life, and some are tougher than others. We are like the servants in the parable who are given different amounts of money to look after. What's important is not the life we are given, but what we do with it. Jesus was cautioning against playing it safe. The Fitzmaurice family are doing a lot more than just 'getting on with it'. Instead of turning inwards or living in fear, they meet their challenges head on. 'Dive in' is Ruth's message, no matter what life throws your way.

Tríona Doherty

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A gift given in love is given to be enjoyed, treasured, and used. Through fear, one servant failed to recognise the loving trust being shown to him and buried the talent.

John Byrne osa

### World Missions Ireland

on behalf of

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH  
wish to express their thanks and appreciation for  
your generous support on Mission Sunday  
The sum of €2,500 was collected.

**MANY THANKS**

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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.**

## FAMILY TREE HEALING MASS

Celebrant: Fr. John Walsh, Limerick

St. Brigid's Church, Blanchardstown

24th November 2017— Mass at 7.30pm

followed by individual healing and Benediction

Devotions to include Confession, Divine Mercy  
Caplet, Blessing of Water, salt, oil and candles.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day from  
10.30am All Welcome

### Annual Remembrance Prayer Service:

A special prayer service for anyone who has lost a baby  
or child will take place in St. Philip Church, Mountview  
on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm.



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Movement Therapy Classes with Mr. Par O'Dea,  
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Centre, Blanchardstown (beside the church).

All are welcome to come along and bring a friend or  
relative.



Monday morning Meditation  
led by Sr. Teresa continues. It  
takes place after the 10am  
Mass and Rosary in the Fr.  
Dungan room. All welcome



### **ACCOMMODATION FOR FAMILIES Could you host a family?**

The World Meeting of Families  
2018 organisers are actively  
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READERS FOR Nov 26th

7pm: Mary O'Brien 9am: Tony Devlin

10.30am: Eamonn Burke

12 noon: Saritha Moras /7pm: Anne Andrews



Welcome to  
Kayden, Daniel,  
Nickolas George,  
Niamh, Charlee & Sol

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.

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**Mass Intentions**

**Nov 19th**

**Nov 26th**

Sat. 7pm	Jackie & Imelda Smith	Pauline Sheils
Sun 9am	Patrick Carr	Tom & Marie Russell and sons
10.30am	Harry Quinlan	Paddy Conroy
12 noon	William & Elizabeth O'Brien	Canice Foley
7pm	John Whitty	Kathleen O'Halloran

**Prayer**

Alone with none but thee, my God,  
 I journey on my way:  
 what need I fear when thou art near,  
 O King of night and day?  
 more safe am I within thy hand  
 than if a host should round me stand.  
 My destined time is known to thee,  
 and death will keep his hour;  
 did warriors strong around me throng,  
 they could not stay his power:  
 No walls of stone can man defend  
 when thou thy messenger dost send.



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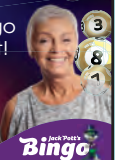
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