

# St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, Parish Newsletter. Easter Sunday—1st April 2018



Christ is risen indeed! We have arrived at the ultimate feast on the Church's calendar, the cause of our joy and our hope. Life has defeated death. Sorrow and suffering do not have the last say. In the resurrection of Jesus we see many reasons to rejoice. Not only has Jesus conquered the spectre of visible death, but he restores to us graced life. On Holy Saturday, Jesus descended to the dead and delivered the just souls into heavenly paradise. What are our own Saturday tombs? Jesus has the power to open them all. That is our invitation, this day most of all. May resurrection joy fill your heart, your family, your workplace, and your community.



## Easter Reflection

Easter is a day above all days. It surpasses the mystery and marvel of Christmas and all the glory of the Incarnation. It asserts that man's extremity is God's opportunity. It affirms that what stops us does not stop God and that miracle is as much a part of the end and of the beginning. Above all, Easter provides answers to the deepest questions of the human spirit. Easter symbolise an event that offers the answers to questions that have puzzled the probing minds of philosophers and theologians over the generations. You raise basic questions about the universe and about life and about all the mysteries attached to it and the Christian faith comes back confirming in words that echo across the generations that Easter has the answer. *Martin Luther King*

## Easter Grace before a Meal

Lord, as we gather together as family and friends we invite you once again into our lives. May the hope of this resurrection colour our days. May the promise of your spirit working in us light up our lives. May the love you revealed to us shape our giving. May the truth in your words guide our journey, And may the joy of your kingdom fill our homes. As we gather together underneath the banner of your life We thank you for all the wonderful food that we can now enjoy. And celebrate your glorious resurrection. Thank you Lord. Amen.

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Be filled with hope:  
Jesus Christ is  
always victorious.

—ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA



Bank Holiday Monday  
Mass at 11am

No Monday Morning Meditation

**Eucharistic Adoration will continue on  
Tuesdays and Friday  
after the 10am Mass**

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.

### SET DANCING

Set Dancing classes are now on  
Easter break and will return on  
Tuesday 24th April 2018 at 8.15pm  
in the Castleknock Parish Centre.  
Happy Easter to everyone.

### Upcoming Events for Young Adults

#### **Life to the Full (Jn 10: 10) Book**

**Club** Join other 20 & 30 year olds to meditate, share and discuss life, faith, purpose and how to live life to the full. We read a chosen spiritual book over a few weeks and come to reflect and discuss our thoughts - we are currently reading the C.S. Lewis book "The Great Divorce". From 7.00-8.30pm every Thursday in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay, Dublin 7. Contact [st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie) and [www.facebook.com/lifetothefullbookclub](http://www.facebook.com/lifetothefullbookclub)

**The Encounter** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay at 8pm. It is a young adults (20's & 30's) event with live acoustic music, reflective prayer in adoration, with guest speakers on life, faith and purpose. We are delighted to announce that John Pridmore is our guest speaker and Riaghan O'Callaghan is our musician for the night. Contact [st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie) and [www.facebook.com/theencounterdublincity](http://www.facebook.com/theencounterdublincity)

#### On the lighter side—**Watching the Apples**

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table sat a large stack of apples. A teacher had made a note and posted it on the apple tray: "Take only one. God is watching!"



Moving further down the lunch line, at the end of the table, sat a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. There a child had written a note: "Take as much as you want. God is watching the apples."



#### **MARRIED COUPLES**

**An opportunity to enrich your marriage on a very special weekend break away! Presented by Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland the next such residential weekend takes place at *The Cork International Hotel*, Cork from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018. For enquiries and / or to book, visit [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or call (087) 784 0408.**

#### **2018 Archdiocese of Dublin Annual Knock**

**Pilgrimage** will take place on Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.dublindiocese.ie/2018-diocesan-pilgrimage-to-knock)

#### **Service of Remembrance**

A Service of Remembrance for the Coombe Hospital will be held on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 3.00pm in Our Lady of Dolours Church, Dolphin's Barn, Dublin 8.

#### **A Life Lived in God**

Monastic Vocations Weekend at the Monastery of St Alphonsus, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018

[www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com)

Contact: Sr Lucy - [lucy.conway@redemptorists.ie](mailto:lucy.conway@redemptorists.ie)

#### **ADVOCATE SUNSHINE FUND COLLECTION**

**Many thanks** for your generous donations to last week's collection. The sum of €1,595 was collected.

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## PREPARING FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

### AN INVITATION



Our Parish Conversations about family in preparation for the World Meeting of Families will continue on

Wednesdays 11th, 18th and 25th April at 8pm. We have had some very interesting discussions so far. You are invited to come to one or all of these meetings, whatever you can make. Everyone is welcome. The more voices the better!

### 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](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

Have you considered volunteering? An opportunity not to be missed!

### Volunteers Needed - Bag Pack for NCBI

The National Council for the Blind of Ireland (NCBI) is looking for volunteers for its fund-raising bag pack in Tesco Blanchardstown on Saturday 14th April. If you can volunteer for a couple of hours please contact Collette McEntee on 01 882 1970

### Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday celebrations will take place in Our Lady Mother of the Church, Castleknock on tSunday **April 8th, starting at 3pm**. The day includes confession, adoration, readings from the diary of St Faustina and ends with Mass at 6pm. All are very welcome!

### READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

8pm: Ignatius Byrne  
9am: Alice O'Connell  
10.30am: Michael O'Connor  
12 noon: Helen Devaney-Power  
7pm: Brian Santry

### Would you like to join a free course in Digital Skills in Blanchardstown?

The not-for-profit organisation, Third Age is starting new classes in the next few weeks geared to people aged 45 and over, those with a disability or currently unemployed. Classes may be of particular interest to a local retirement group. **Place, dates and location will be confirmed shortly**

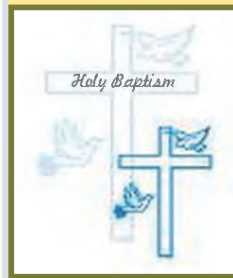
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If you would like to register your interest, phone Third Age on 046-9557766, email [nationaloffice@thirdageireland.ie](mailto:nationaloffice@thirdageireland.ie), or log on to [www.thirdageireland.ie](http://www.thirdageireland.ie)

### ACCORD Dublin - Recruiting!

ACCORD Dublin, Catholic Marriage Care Service, is currently recruiting volunteers as Marriage and Relationship Counsellors and Marriage Preparation Facilitators to prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. Training will be provided for both roles through the Pontifical University in Maynooth.

Potential Marriage Preparation Facilitators: contact Frances Stephenson on 01 4784400. For information on Counselling Roles: please contact Jennifer Griffin on 01 4784400.



Welcome to  
**Emily Mary, Aidan Leo, Ben Niall,  
Jayden Jacob, Noah David,  
Molly Julia and Olivia Marie**  
Who were recently baptised

### Mass Intentions

### April 1st (Easter)

### April 8th

Sat. 7pm

We remember

Pat Lawler

Sun 9am

all our

Richard Creagh

10.30am

deceased

Clare Molloy

12 noon

relatives

Bridget Dunne  
Molly & Anne Marie  
O'Brien  
Matt Farrell

7pm

and friends



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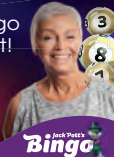
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