

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

Week for Christian Unity—20th January 2019



**Children's weekly rosary group** resumes this Tuesday at 3 pm. (followed by refreshments and play) Children of all ages welcome with their guardians.  
For more information contact Marie - 0877696909

**Monday Morning Meditation**  
after the 10am Mass and Rosary

## THE DEEP END: 'The First of His Signs'

This is a familiar story, rich in symbolism. It is the first 'sign' recorded in John's Gospel. John used these signs to encourage belief in his readers but they are also an invitation for us to understand something more of how God operates in our lives.

Jesus transforms the water which would be used for the Jewish purification rite. He takes something used to give life to people, and transforms it into something which brings joy, celebration and new life to the party. There are many messages we can take from this account: the ability of God to transform our lives, to transform that which is dead and stale. The abundance of wine (app. 700 litres!) is a significant reminder of the abundance of God's love for us, beyond our comprehension.

We could also focus on the role of Mary in this Gospel – she is the one who notices, she is attentive to the needs of those around her and brings this concern to Jesus. We might pray today that we too may be able to notice, to see, to intervene when we are faced with situations that need attention. This may be a situation of injustice or it may be a situation where something in our own lives or in our church has become dead and stale and is in desperate need of new wine. Jane Mellett

### **DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP**

Mondays @ 7pm

**Eucharistic Adoration:**  
Tuesday & Friday  
after the 10am Mass

### **Seachtain na hAontachta Críostaí** **Christian Unity Week**

**Seirbhís Urnaí agus Ceoil—Ardeampall Chríost**  
A service of Prayer and Music in Irish—Christchurch  
Cathedral

**Téama: Bíodh an choir go beacht mar sprioc agat**  
Theme: Justice, and only justice you shall pursue  
**Aoine/Friday 25 Eanáir/January 8 p.m.**

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**Retrouvaille** – a Lifeline for Married Couples: Do you want to improve the communication with your spouse? Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next programme: 8–10 February 2019. For details contact Tony & Anne 4953536, Mike & Anne 4500922, text or call 086 4135440, or email [info@retrouvaille.ie](mailto:info@retrouvaille.ie) or visit [www.retrouvaille.ie](http://www.retrouvaille.ie)



With the 2019 Adult Hurling and Football seasons due to begin in late February, all our Adult teams are

now starting back training! As always, all our teams welcome new (Dubs or non-Dubs!!) and returning hurlers and footballers!! Want to get involved in an amazing club with great people and facilities? Just email; [pro.stbrigids.dublin@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.stbrigids.dublin@gaa.ie) for more info and to get started!



**HOLY LAND Pilgrimage**  
13<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019  
Castleknock, Laurel Lodge,  
Porterstown

*“Walk in the footsteps of Christ”*

**Price: €1,825.00 per person sharing includes:**

**Return flights Dublin to Tel Aviv direct**  
**8 nights’ accommodation in 4-star hotels**  
**Dinner, bed and breakfast basis throughout**  
**Airport taxes · English-Speaking Guide**  
**Spiritual Director - Fr. Kieran Coghlan**

Highlights include: Jerusalem, Via Dolorosa, Cana, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Mount of Olives, Sea of Galilee, and the Dead Sea.

**Information Meeting: Monday 4th February at 8p.m. in Our Lady’s Parish Centre, Beechpark Lawn, Castleknock**



**Please Welcome our recently baptised Michael, Oliver & Paidí**

**READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

7pm: Richard Carroll  
9am: Gwen Cruise  
10.30: J. K. Owumereh  
12 noon: Derek Whelan  
7pm: Michael Hanratty

Intentions	20th January	27th January
Sat. 7pm	Gary Martin	Thomas & Kathleen O’Toole
Sun 9am	Margie Sheridan MM	-
10.30am	John Duffy	Mossie McElhinney
12 noon	Rita Dunne, Vincent Patterson Bernie & Jimmy Fleming Frank Power & Jeremiah O’Brien	Liam Bergin
7pm	Barry Finnerty	Patrick & Liam Briody

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