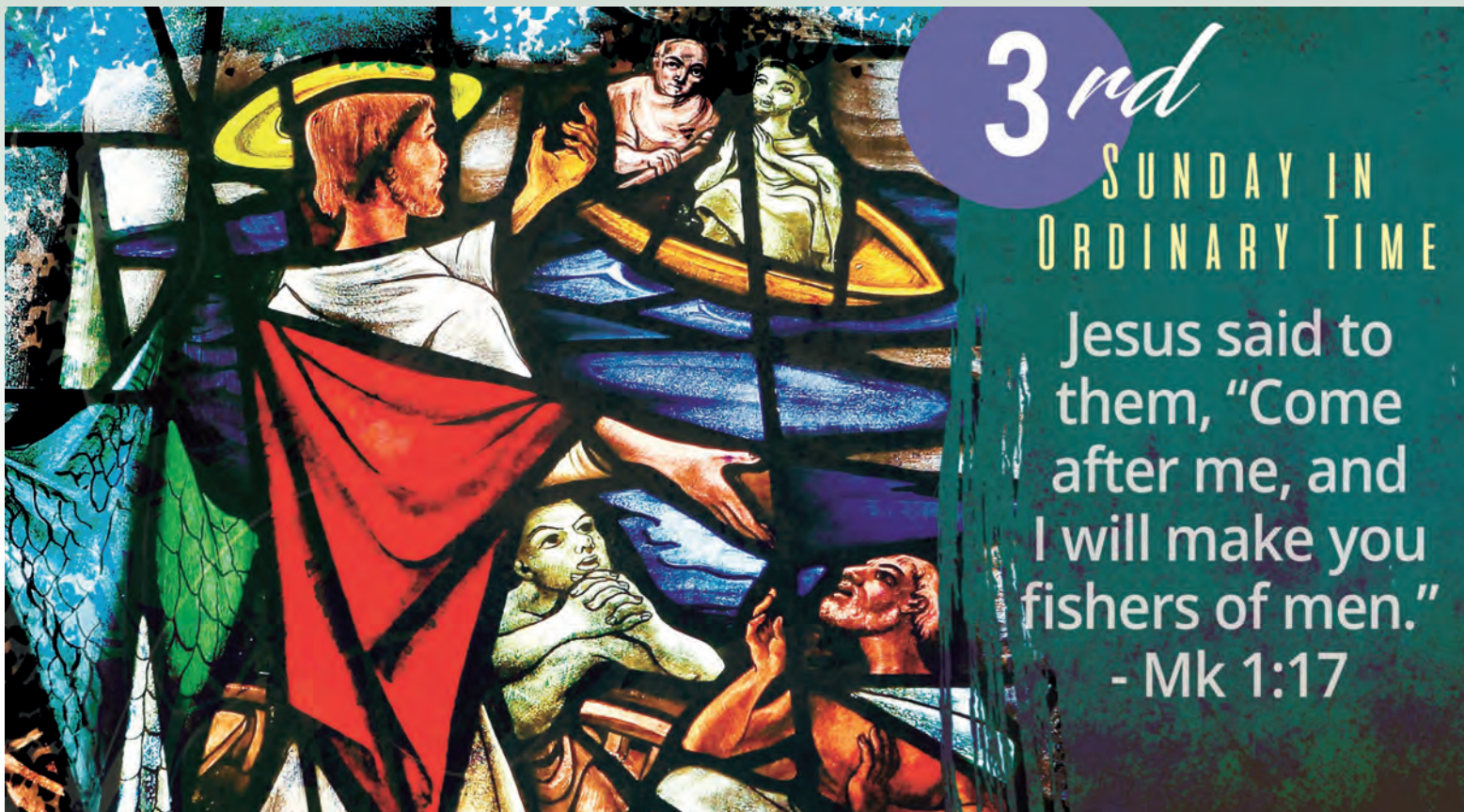


St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, Parish Newsletter.

Third Sunday in Ordinary time 21st Jan 2018



THE DEEP END: The call

'Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?'

The hymn 'The Summons,' by John L. Bell, consists of a list of questions from Jesus as he calls each one of us to be disciples. Each one begins with the words 'Will you...?' The final verse is our response as disciples: 'Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.'

Today we reflect on Jesus' call to the very first disciples. There is a simplicity to the scenes where Jesus gathers his first disciples. He issues the invitation to follow him, and the fishermen respond with a resounding yes, leaving their nets, boats, and even their families behind, no questions asked. In the opening chapters of Mark's gospel everything happens 'at once' or immediately. There is a sense of urgency; the time has come, the kingdom of God is near, and Jesus needs helpers to work alongside him.

Jesus asks the same of us, his modern-day disciples: 'Follow me'. We are summoned too. We are challenged to leave aside our worldly concerns, see the world in a new way, and to begin a new adventure with Jesus.

Triona Doherty

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Monday morning Meditation

continues with Máirín,
our Parish Pastoral Worker
after the 10 am Mass and Rosary

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

Meeting for Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of the Word who attend weekday Mass

Following on from our conversations last year with
the Eucharistic Ministers and the Ministers of the
Word there will be a follow up meeting for
those who attend the weekday Masses.

This meeting will be on Tuesday 23rd of January
after the 10.00 Mass in the pastoral centre.

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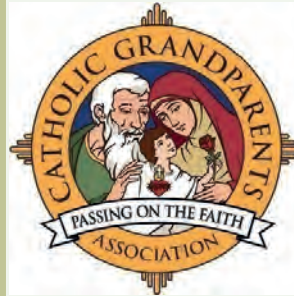
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Movement Therapy for People with Parkinson's Disease.

Movement Therapy Classes with Mr. Pat O'Dea, through
exercise, dance and enjoyment Wednesdays at 4.30 pm St.
Brigid's Community Centre, Blanchardstown.

Due to the Church Calendar ,
there will be no Baptisms on
the 3rd Saturday or the 5th Saturday of March
(St. Patrick's Day and Holy Saturday).
They will take place instead on the 4th
Saturday - 24th March at 12 noon.



The Catholic Grandparents
Association invite you to a talk
on Tuesday 23rd January at
8.30pm in Our Lady's Parish
Centre, Castleknock (Mass at
7.30 in Our Lady Mother of the
Church, Castleknock). The sub-
ject of the talk is 'Where do you go on Sunday?'
(subtext: Will Our Grandchildren be Catholic?) Re-
freshments will be provided.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

7pm Monday nights in the Fr. Dungan Room, Pastoral Centre

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Blanchardstown Prayer Group Special Mass on Tuesday 30th January. The intention this month is for Sr. Nora McCarthy D.C. late of St. Joseph's Nursing Home Clonsilla. Sr. Nora was well known in this area for her work on behalf of the special ladies in St. Joseph's. She gathered a group of lay people to visit and share with the residents of St. Joseph's. This was of immense help to the special ladies who looked forward to the SPRED sessions.



Registration for the WMOF event August 2018

Registration for the Pastoral Congress (which includes guaranteed tickets for the Festival of Families and the Final Mass) is open online on our website at www.worldmeeting2018.ie

Welcome to
Alice Frances, Lily,
Hannah Charlotte, Sam Neil
and Finn Patrick
Who were recently baptised



READERS FOR JAN 21st

7pm: Derek Whelan 9am: Michael Hanratty
10.30am: Kevin Cullen
12 noon: John McNulty 7pm: Ignatius byrne



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SET DANCING

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Mass Intentions	Jan 21st	Jan 28th
Sat. 7pm	John Duffy Siobhan Moran	Patrick & Liam Briody
Sun 9am	Seamus Muldowney	Bernie Fleming
10.30am	Johnny Molloy Mabel Murray	Mossie McIlhenny Mary Hunter
12 noon	Rita Dunne 1st A Pat O'Dwyer	Liam Bergin
7pm	Gerry Cahill Ron Purtell	Michael McDonald

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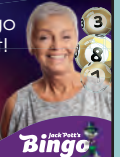
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