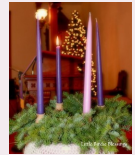


St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

4th Sunday of Advent—22nd December 2019



Christmas Reflection

Where to Search for the Lord

James F. Colaianni, *Sunday Sermon Masterpiece Collection*, Vol. II, p. 694

"The Christmas story reminds us once again it was not man's idea that the Son of God should be born in a stable. And so the first thing we learn from Jesus' birth is that the Lord will not always be found where we expect to find Him. We tend to look for Him in the nice, the clean, the warm. We expect Him to be in churches and in the Bible and in hymns of praise and in Christmas cards which have Scripture verses on them...And if these are the only places we search for the Lord, then we're not looking in the stable. This reality is expressed with dramatic force in these lines from Michael Quoist's book called *Prayers*:

I am not made of plaster, nor of stone, nor of bronze. I am living flesh throbbing, suffering. I am among men [and women] and they have not recognized Me. I am poorly paid, I am unemployed, I live in a slum. I am sick, I sleep under bridges, I am in prison. I am oppressed, I am patronized. I sweat men's blood on all battlefields. I cry out in the night and die in the solitude of battle. And yet I said to them: 'Whatever you do to My brothers [or sisters], however humble, you do to Me.' That's clear! The terrible thing is that they know it, but don't take it seriously."



A Sunday evening **Christmas Carols Concert** will take place on **January 5th 2020, at 7.00pm in St. Audoen's Church, 14 High Street, Dublin 8.** The event will feature a selection of the most beautiful traditional Polish, English and Irish Carols as well as some St. Hildegard's compositions. The concert will be preceded by Mass at 6.00pm. Free admission, with coffee and biscuits served during the interval.

Notice for Families!

St Brigid's Church, Blanchardstown

Following on from our Parish Assembly, the vigil mass with our Nativity Play on Christmas Eve will be held at **6 pm** to facilitate families with young children.



St. Brigid's Pastoral Centre, Royal Canal Park

At **5 pm** on Christmas Eve we will put the Baby Jesus in the Crib

All are welcome to join us for these ceremonies

Christmas Arrangements 2019

CHRISTMAS WEEK CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 24th December: 10.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Tuesday 24th December: 10.00 a.m.

(Christmas Eve):

6.00 p.m. VIGIL MASS

9.30 p.m. Carol Service

10.00 p.m. NIGHT MASS

Wednesday 25th December: 9.00, 10.30 & 12 noon
(Christmas Day): **No evening Mass**

Thurs. 26th St. Stephen's Day - Sat. 28th Dec: 11.00 a.m.

Sat. 28th Dec: Vigil Mass for Sunday: 7.00 p.m.

Sunday 29th Dec: Masses as usual

Mon. 30th Dec. - Wed. 1st Jan.: 11.00 a.m.

Thurs. 2nd Jan 2020: usual 10.00 am Mass resumes

Rosary and Holy Hour for life and faith

1st January after 11.00am Mass

Ring in the New Year with Jesus! You are invited to the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and the Holy Eucharist in St Philip the Apostle Church, Mountview at 11.45pm on Tuesday, 31st December to receive more blessings for 2020 than you have ever imagined! It will also be the Celebration of Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. **All are invited!**



*The Parish Team wish all our parishioners
every Joy and Blessing of the Christmas Season*





ÓICHE NOLLAG 2019

AIFREANN NA GINE
Dé Máirt 24 Nollaig

Masses in Irish on
Christmas Eve
Tuesday 24 December

7.30 p.m.

ARD AIDHIN

AIREAGAL AN AISÉIRÍ
Bóthar na Cille Móire,
Baile Átha Cliath 5

ARTANE

Oratory of the
Resurrection,
Kilmore Road, D5

9.00 p.m.

BELFIELD

AN SÉIPÉAL OLLSCOILE
An Coláiste Ollscoile,
Baile Átha Cliath 4

BELFIELD

University Chapel,
UCD, Dublin 4

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Éireannach Patrick Pollen
(1928- 2010),
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Children's corner

AN ANGEL APPEARS!

Joseph dreams

Can you join the
dots to see the
angel that
appeared to
Joseph in his
dream?



Wordsearch

Can you find these words?

JOSEPH
FATHER
KIND
CARE

MARY
DREAM
ANGEL
GOD

A	N	G	E	L	F
K	I	N	D	U	A
J	M	A	R	Y	T
J	O	S	E	P	H
E	S	C	A	R	E
G	O	D	M	S	R

There will be five letters
left. Put them together in
the right order to make a
very special name.

God's message

The angel gave Joseph
a very important
message from God.

Can you
decode the
words to find
out what it is?



A Prayer to say

Dear Lord, thank you for sending an angel to Joseph when he was worried and didn't know what to do. Your angel told him to be not afraid and to trust in you. I promise to love and trust in you always too. Amen

Please Welcome
our recently baptised

Senan, Harrison

& Carson



We remember our
recently deceased

Des Connolly

*To live in hearts left behind
is not to die*

Intentions	21st/22nd Dec.	28th/29th Dec.
Sat. 7pm	-	Kit Critchley Caitríona Farrell
Sun. 9am	-	-
10.30am	John & Ina McElhenny	-
12 noon	Alice Margie Sheridan Norah & Donal Doolan Philip Dore	John & Bridie Kelly
7pm	Stephen McGrath	

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Your supporting light through depression

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Aware is the national organisation providing support, education and information services for those impacted by depression, bipolar disorder and other mood related conditions

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Sun 9am: Kathleen Brennan
10.30am: John McNulty
12noon: Ignatius Byrne
7pm: J. K. Owumereh