

# St. Brigid's Blanchardstown. Parish Newsletter,

# January 22nd, 2017



## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRIS-TIAN UNITY 2017, JANUARY 18TH

God of all, we pray as one, that we may be one, just as the Lord Jesus prayed we may be one in Him. Your son Jesus compels us to be reconciled to one another. May our spirits be joined to your Holy Spirit, that we may witness to the visible unity of your Church. May we all recognize that we are truly one with you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and grow together in peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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"Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us" (2 Corinthians 5:14-20)



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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.



The St. Vincent De Paul clothes appeal is taking place on the weekend of January 29th. The

bags that are used to collect the clothes will be available this weekend, the 22nd, in the church for you to take home and to return next weekend, the 29th. Many thanks for your generosity.



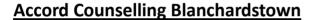
Interested in becoming an Altar server to serve at the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses, then don't hesitate to contact Kevin or leave your name and details with Dan in the Sacristy. Kevin:

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Hey Kids! wanna sing? Then Blanchardstown Music Ministry is the place for you! Our New Junior Choir has begun rehearsing in the Pastoral Centre. New members welcome. For information please email blanchiuniorchoir@amail.com

**QQI Level 5 Courses:** Family Carers Ireland are proving the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Support Award in your area based on demand in February 2017. One-day workshops also available on Stress Management, Emergency First Aid and Challenging Behaviour in Kildare. For more info contact 057 9322920 / Email: <a href="mailto:mbracken@familycarers.ie">mbracken@familycarers.ie</a> / Web: <a href="www.familycarers.ie">www.familycarers.ie</a>



Are looking for volunteer evening receptionists for Wednesday evenings, twice a month from 7pm to 10pm. If interested please ring Barbara or Josephine on 01 8201044 between 9am and 2pm. Thank you



The remaining 2017 calendars are still available from the Sacristy or the Pastoral centre and

some outlets across the Parish, be sure to get yours before they are all gone,

selling fast!

It is only 7 euro.

Proceeds will go towards a new partition divide for the extension.

### **B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE**

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Few people are able to cope alone with the pain of loss. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge – not weakness. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. Coping effectively with bereavement is a skill we can all learn. A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you.

Next Coping Programme will commence on <u>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017</u> for 7 Wednesday evenings, at 7.15pm in White Friars Community Centre, Aungier St. ,Dublin 2 For further information phone 086 0877379 or email <u>bedublin@gmail.com</u>. <u>www.beginningexperience.ie</u>

Door to door fundraising for Parish-planned canvass of houses

Parishioners will be aware of the ongoing canvass of the parish in 2016 in relation to the FAMILY OFFERING (BANK STANDING ORDER/ENVELOPE BOX).

As mentioned before we were very pleased with the very positive response to the canvass and particularly the warm welcome the canvassers received at the doors.

The Finance Committee plan to recommence the canvass in March 2017 and in that regard we will be on the lookout for new canvassers and collectors over the coming weeks.

If you would like to volunteer and help out in your parish, please get in touch with the Parish Secretary, Christine, in the Parish Office (018115412) and give her your contact details. A member of the Fundraising Committee will then get in touch with you and invite you along to a short meeting in order to familiarise you with procedures which are very straight forward.

Prospective canvassers may wish to know that all our canvass teams' work in pairs and that they will canvass with an existing experienced canvasser.

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him." Peter, Andrew, James, and John's lives would never be the same. They were going about their usual business--fishing on the Sea of Galilee--when Jesus approached them and said, "Come after me." And that's just what they did. "At once they left their nets and followed him." Such a quick response to such a radical request! What compelled these men to leave their livelihood to follow the Lord? His promise to them was that he would make them "fishers of men." Perhaps they thought that promise sounded fabulous. But it seems more likely that it was Christ himself who drew the men. There must have been something utterly attractive about him, and completely trustworthy. Otherwise, it seems unbelievable that these men would have been so quick to respond to his call.

This compelling man is the same Christ who calls us. We hear his voice in a different way, of course, through the Church and through the Bible, through his Spirit in our hearts, but it is nonetheless the same Jesus of Nazareth who asks us to follow him. Have we allowed ourselves to be drawn by his voice? Are we open to a real encounter with the Lord who changes lives?

If our relationship with Jesus does not transform us, if it does not change us into different, better people moment by moment and day by day, then chances are that we are not truly encountering him. He is too powerful to be inconsequential. It might take some courage and commitment to come into authentic contact with the Lord, but when we do, our lives will never be the same.

Laudate Festival 2017 Come to the Laudate Festival and join in an evening of music and reflection in Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road - Tuesday 31 January at 7.00 p.m. or in the Church of St. Laurence O'Toole, Kilmacud - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7.00 p.m. This is a pilot project of the Education Secretariat and the Liturgy Resource Centre, which brings together children from 21 Primary Schools of the Archdiocese to sing a shared repertoire of liturgical music and to mark Catholic Schools Week 2017. The Massed Choirs will be directed by Caroline Cutliffe in OLV, and Orla Barry in Kilmacud. All are invited to join in the singing and the prayer with these young people – entry is free.

Mass Intentions	Jan 22nd	Jan 29th
Sat. 7pm Sun 9am	Gerard Cahill John & Ellen Hyland	Patrick Briody  Martin & Clare Corry
10.30am	Christine Clarke	Liam Bergin
12 noon	John & Paddy Duffy	Bernie Fleming
7pm	William Franey	Tom & Kathleen O'Toole

**Bereavement workshop:** Come along to hear Brid Carroll present a 1-day workshop on Overview of Loss and Bereavement in The Irish Hospice Foundation, Bereavement Education & Resource Centre, Morrison Chambers, 4th Floor, 32 Nassau Street, Dublin 2, on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> January from 9.15am - 4.15pm - Fee - €100 (includes light lunch/tea and coffee). This workshop explores the journey of grief and loss for individuals who have experienced loss in various ways not just through death. It will illustrate ways that can enhance coping for the bereaved individual and help them process their grief. (This workshop is for those working with the bereaved within your parish e.g., clergy, bereavement support groups, committees and funeral support teams) To book your place please contact Irish Murray by email: iris.murray@hospicefoundation.ie



Interested in Toast-Masters? Experience in Public Speaking? Well come along to a visitor night on Monday Jan. 23rd.

Dunboyne Castle Hotel. Admission is free to visitors.

Further details at www.phoenix-taratoastmasters.com. All welcome!

We welcome, through the Sacrament of Baptism, to the Paith Community, Kayla Grace, Oliver Richard, Conall Michael, Erin Bridget, and Matthew Patrick. Baptised on January 21st.

#### **READERS FOR JAN 29th 2017**

7pm Richard Carroll / 9am Mary O'Brien / 10.30am John McNulty / 12 noon: Eamon Burke/ 7pm: Brian Santry

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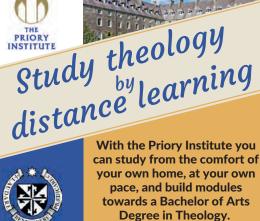
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