

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

4th Sunday in Lent—22nd March 2020

Wishing all Mothers a



*May you feel the Gentle Touch of
God's Blessings
on your heart*

Parish Pastoral Priorities

Three weeks ago we shared the Proposed Pastoral Priorities; the feedback has been very positive. Our next step is **Signup Sunday** on 21/22 March.

Postponed until further notice

What can you do during this time.?

Keep yourself as safe as you can—both for your own health and wellbeing and the health and wellbeing of others. **Avoid large gatherings**, but stay in contact with others, especially those living alone.

Spring is here so avail of the improved weather, go for a walk, visit a park or some gardens, maybe spend some time in your own garden.

You can still celebrate **Mother's Day**—a card, phone call, text or Whatsapp is always welcome, perhaps a nice home cooked meal.

Corona Virus – Parish information

The church will be open for Daily Mass and Weekend Masses (mindful of the strict norms regarding indoor gatherings)

Daily Mass and Weekend Masses are transmitted via webcam on www.blanchardstownparish.ie

All assemblies, gatherings, meetings in the parish centre are postponed until further notice. We will keep you updated on future developments.

Please note every effort has been made to source hand sanitiser for the parish - without success.

Characteristics of the Christian way of facing the Covid-19 crisis:

The first is the move from "I" to "we". This is a frightening situation that we face together. The **common good** — the good of us all — must be given first place; within the common good, we will find our own good. That is a very Christian, even a very Catholic virtue.

The second is an attitude of **concern and compassion**. Even if we must be isolated in our own homes or workplaces, modern communications allow us to stay in touch in a way impossible before. This is a great benefit. But, we need to choose to stay in contact, perhaps with a greater frequency so that people don't feel abandoned.

The third is a respect for **truth**. In recent years, the truth has suffered in public discourse, giving rise to a horrible expression, the post-truth era. In these days, we need to pay attention to science and medicine and less attention to opinion-makers and rumours. A society without truth cannot last. Today, right now, we need truth more than ever.

Lastly, as Christians, we can **pray**. We can pray in particular for scientists, medical personnel and politicians. These are wonderful people with a huge job of work before them. As we pray for ourselves and our families and friends, we pray too for all who look after the common good.

Dr. Kieran J. O'Mahony OSA

Prayer

May we who are merely inconvenienced,
remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors, remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home
remember those who must chose preserving their health or making
their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their
schools close,

remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips,
remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the
economic market,

remember those with no margin at all.

May we who have settled in for a quarantine at home,
remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us chose Love,

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around
each other,

Let us find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours.

Amen.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm—call 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

Need a school place for September:

A new DDLETB secondary community college in the Blanchardstown West area is opening this September. The Ériu Community College will be placed in temporary accommodation on the Hansfield Educate Together secondary school site for this September. The school is currently enrolling for September and application form is available on www.ddletb.ie and at the following link <http://www.ddletb.ie/application-admissions-policy-for-blanchardstown-community-college/> or alternatively call the Principal on 087-7992770.

READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Sat. 7pm: Gwen Cruise
 Sun 9am: Eamon Burke
 10.30am: Maria Fernandez
 12noon: Helen Devaney-Power
 7pm: Michael Hanratty
 (only if you feel comfortable)

Please Welcome our recently baptised



We remember our recently deceased



Kevin Kelly

To live in hearts left behind is not to die

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In the current circumstances we ask you to please take this newsletter home with you.

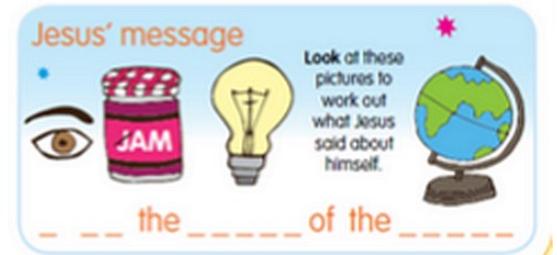
Do not leave in the church for others.

Children's Corner



Jesus

sees a man who is blind. Jesus tells the disciples that he is doing God's work and that he is the light of the world. Then Jesus mixes dust with his spit and smears it on the man's eyes. He sends the man to wash in the pool of Siloam and straightaway the man can see!



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, help us to be like you and to notice when someone needs help. Help us to see the world and other people like you do, through the eyes of love. Amen.

Family Offering Envelope Collection

We appreciate your continued support of the Parish Family Offering Collection. Under the present circumstances, the Parish has decided to suspend the process of collecting envelopes from homes to mitigate the risk of COVID19 transmission. The parish team asks that your envelope contributions be retained by you until the current crisis is over or you may deliver your envelopes to the Parish Office.

Stations of the Cross Fridays
cancelled

Intentions	21st/22nd March	28th/29th March
Sat. 7pm	Kathleen & Joseph Duffy	Eileen McGee
Sun. 9am		
10.30am	Annie Sheridan Margaret Kehir	Marie & Molly O'Brien
12 noon	Carmel Rogers	Bendan Kane Diarmuid O'Keffe Matt Farrell Patricia Dixon
7pm	-	