

St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, Parish Newsletter.

29th Sunday in Ordinary time—Oct 22nd, 2017



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**CALLED TO
SERVE WITH
SELFLESS LOVE**



Prayer

Lord, we need your wisdom to tell what belongs to God and what belongs to Caesar. Send your Holy Spirit into the heart of all believers that we may be true to ourselves and tolerant towards people with whom we disagree.

THE DEEP END: The Third Side of the Coin

Most of us have been raised to believe that there are two sides to every issue. So often we hear the term 'there are

two sides to every story' or 'two sides of a coin' but there is, in fact, a third. A story always has your version, their version, and the truth. When it comes to a coin, there is the head side, the tail side, and the edge of the coin! One side of the coin may represent a particular point of view; the other its opposite. However, if we just stand the coin on its edge, we can see both sides more clearly and, more often than not, a third way.

What a loaded question the Pharisees' disciples and the Herodians asked Jesus. If Jesus said the taxes shouldn't be paid, he would have pleased the Pharisees but then they could report him and have him arrested as a rebel. If he said they should be paid, he would have gained the support of the Herodians but almost certainly lost all support from his followers.

But Jesus did not come into the world to discuss Roman taxation, temporal revolutions or political action. Neither did he come to only see two sides of a coin! He neither endorses Caesar as divine sovereign (as the inscription on the coin indicates) nor does he discourage the paying of taxes. He simply reminds his questioners that these are worldly affairs in a worldly kingdom but there is another kingdom yet to come with a much higher

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - Donations are collected to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. World Missions Ireland is the official charity for overseas missions. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked so please give what you can.

REMEMBER TO TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH YOU AS YOU LEAVE THE CHURCH AND KEEP AN EYE ON THE SPONSORS ON THE BACK.

Congratulations to all Participants in our Special Mass for 'Significant Wedding Anniversaries' which took place last Sunday. We were delighted to see so many visitors from other parishes, as well as those from St. Brigid's who joined us in this celebration.

Many thanks to all involved in the preparation and organising of this unique celebration, and to our wonderful Hospitality Group who provided (as always) a warm welcome and a an amazing spread in the Pastoral Centre



Overseas Volunteers Required!

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The Miscarriage Association of Ireland: will hold its Annual Service of Remembrance on Sunday 12 November at 3.00pm in St Teresa's Church, Donore Avenue, off South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All parents, siblings, grandparents & anyone else affected by the loss of a baby are very welcome to attend, regardless of whether the loss was recent or long ago.

Legion of Mary: You are invited to a day for young people "Let Light Shine Out of Darkness", a Legion of Mary Project, in Ballyvaloo Retreat Centre from 9.30am to 5pm on Saturday 28th October. The Legion of Mary Wexford is facilitating this event of inspiring talks, fun, music, prayer and fellowship for all. Donation only – Lunch provided. Please email: lom.wexford@gmail.com / 083 8854345. All welcome.



November Mass of Remembrance

Our annual Mass of remembrance for those who died during the year will take place on Thursday 9th November at 7.30pm. If you have a family member or friend, who was buried outside the parish and you would like to include them in the Mass, please leave the name in the Sacristy or Office.



Please spread the word to family, friends and those housebound and also young families with smart devices All church services are now available on the internet via www.blanchardstownparish.ie

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland : Our next **Marriage Encounter Weekend** will be from **17 to 19-Nov-2017** (8:00 pm Friday to 4:30 pm Sunday) at The Lake Hotel, Killarney www.lakehotelkillarney.ie/. Details of our weekends and lots more are provided on our website www.marriageencounter.ie or phone (087) 784 0408 or (01) 832 4429.

SET DANCING

Set Dancing classes are held every Tuesday at 8.15pm in the Castleknock Parish Centre. We look forward to seeing old friends and new, and extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to give Set Dancing a try.

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VOLUNTEER RECEPTIONIST WANTED once or twice a month on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at the Accord Centre in Blanchardstown from 7pm to 10pm.

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ANCHOR: Invitation to all youth leaders to come and experience our programme for young leaders in the Church (16-24 years). We will explore and discuss the roles of leadership, discipleship and relationships. Friday 27 October in Srulleen Parish, Clondalkin from 6.30-8.30pm. Saturday 28th in Glendalough from 10—4pm and on Sunday 29th St. Mark's, Springfield, Tallaght from 10.30am with Mass at noon. For more information contact with

Christina (Clondalkin) 085 7162152 or

email: christina.malone@dublindicoese.ie OR

Natalie (Tallaght) 087 6101062 or

email: catechist.parish@gmail.com

November is traditionally a month for remembrance. This Irish Hospice Foundation event aims to provide information about grief and the range of supports available to bereaved people.

Members of the public are invited to attend this free public event: **Thursday, 2nd November 2017 5.30pm - 8.00pm Alexander Hotel, 41-47 Fenian St. (off Merrion Square), Dublin 2.**

The evening will open at 5.30pm with a formal introduction. There will also be an opportunity to chat to voluntary bereavement support services about the supports they provide. During the evening Laura Kennedy will address the gathering and speak on the theme 'Living with Loss'.

This public event is free to attend. Bookings - not necessary.

Mass Intentions

Oct 22nd

Oct. 29th

Sat. 7pm	Barry Clarke	Joseph McGregor
Sun 9am	Jim Barber	Mairead Concannon
10.30am	Kathleen & Bernard Hall	Caroline Clarke
12 noon	John Stanley	Margaret & Patrick McGregor
7pm	Tony Keating and daughters Jane & Clare	John Lawless

READERS FOR OCT. 29th

7pm: Máire Martin 9am: Ignatius Byrne
10.30am: Mary Brady / 12 noon: Carla Salvaleon
7pm: Michael O'Connor

Contact details: Fr. Mangan: 01 8213660 / Fr Casey: 01 8213716

Jim Adams (Deacon) 086 2232411 / Máirín Keegan (Pastoral Worker) 01 8115414

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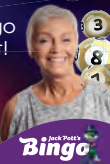
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