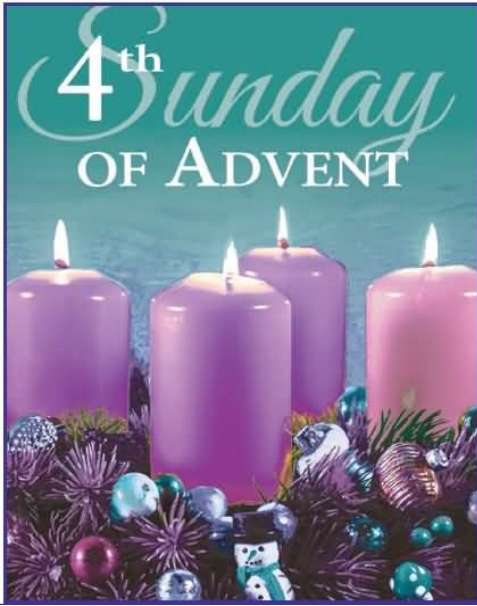


St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

4th Sunday of Advent—23rd December 2018



**Monday Morning Meditation
resumes on 7th January**

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP
resumes on 14th January.



**Please Welcome our
recently baptised
Sinead & Ryan**



**The St. Vincent de Paul
wish to express their
thanks and appreciation**

**for your generous donations to their
annual Christmas collection. The sum
of €13,632.32 has been raised so far.**

THE DEEP END: Reaching out

Have you ever wondered why Mary travelled to visit Elizabeth? At first it is the excitement that comes through. Caught up in her wonderment at being pregnant and the news that her cousin is also expecting, Mary hurries off as quickly as she can. Perhaps the journey gives her time to reflect on everything that is happening. The precious moment when Elizabeth greets her is a lovely glimpse of the close friendship between the two women.

Pope Francis has described the visit as a lesson in service and joy, as well as demonstrating great courage. 'Being of service and reaching out to others both require going out from themselves: going out to serve and meet others, to embrace another person. Through Mary's service towards others, through that encounter, our Lord's promise is renewed and makes it happen now, just as it did then.'

With just two days to go until Christmas it is a busy time. But it is also a time that offers many opportunities to reach out, whether it is to build bridges with family members, offer our time to someone who is lonely, or support a friend or neighbour who finds this time of year difficult.

Triona Doherty

**MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE
PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2019:**
further information in the new year

May the Spirit of Christ Bless You This Christmas

Parish of St. Brigid, Blanchardstown
Christmas Arrangements 2018

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday 23rd December 1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.

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

(Christmas Eve)

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday 24th December: 10.00 a.m.

(Christmas Eve) 7.00 p.m. **VIGIL MASS**

9.30 p.m. Carol Services

10.00 p.m. **NIGHT MASS**

Tuesday 25th December: 9.00, 10.30 a.m., 12

(Christmas Day) **No evening Mass**

Wed. 26th – Fri. 28th Dec: 11.00 a.m. onl

Sat. 29th Dec: morning Mass 11.00a.m.

Vigil Mass for Sunday 7.00 p.m.

Sunday 30th Jan: Masses as usual

Mon. 31st Dec. & Tues. 1st Jan. 11.00 a.m. only

AIFREANN NA GINE **OÍCHE NOLLAG**

Masses in Irish on Christmas Eve 2018

Dé Luain 24 Nollaig

7.30 p.m. ARD AIDHIN AIREAGAL AN AI-

SÉIRÍ Bóthar na Cille Móire,

Baile Átha Cliath 5

(**ARTANE** Oratory of the Resurrection, Kilmore Road, Dublin 5)

9.00 p.m. BELFIELD

AN SÉIPÉAL OLLSCOIL

An Coláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath 4

Many thanks for your generous support of our annual Carol Service on 6th December. After minimal expenses, the sum raised was €710, which will be divided equally between the two charities— ALONE and PK BOCCIA

Christmas GOAL Charity Mile

Join fellow-parishioners and friends for a run/walk/jog in aid of GOAL'S humanitarian and development work in developing countries on **Christmas Day at the Pope's Cross, Phoenix Park**, any time from **10.30 to 12 Noon**.

READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY (30TH)

7pm: Maeve O'Donoghue

9am: Alice O'Connell

10.30: Marian McCaughley

12 noon: Margaret Keane

7pm: Kevin Cullen

Intentions	23rd December	30th December
Sat. 7pm	Desmond Manning	Kit Critchley Michael O'Riordan
Sun 9am	Cornelius & Anne Diver	Thanksgiving
10.30am	Pádraic Naughton	Patrick & Ellen O'Donoghue
12 noon	John & Dina McElhinney Norah & Donal Doolan, Jack Dunne	Joe Dowling Margaret Ffrench
7pm	Stephen McGrath	-

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