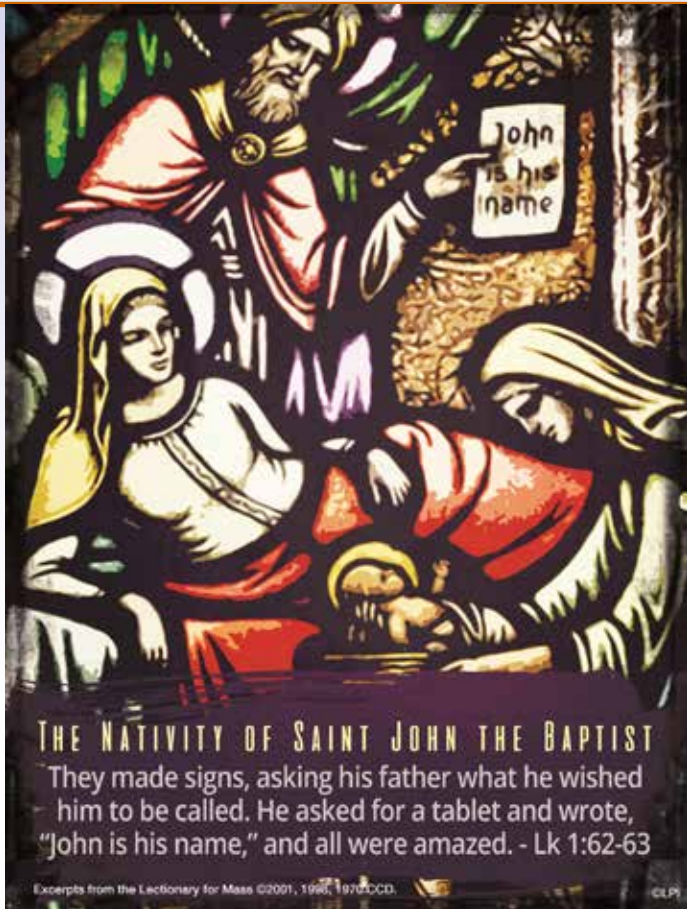


St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, Parish Newsletter.

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist— 24th June 2018



MUSINGS

Far from being timid, morose, acerbic or melancholy, or putting on a dreary face, the saints are joyful and full of good humour. Though completely realistic, they radiate a positive and hopeful spirit. The Christian life is 'joy in the Holy Spirit' (Rom 14:17), for 'the necessary result of the love of charity is joy; since every lover rejoices at being united to the beloved ... the effect of charity is joy'. Having received the beautiful gift of God's word, we embrace it 'in much affliction, with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit' (1 Th 1:6). If we allow the Lord to draw us out of our shell and change our lives, then we can do as Saint Paul tells us: 'Rejoice in the Lord always; I say it again, rejoice!' (Phil 4:4).

Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesdays and Fridays
after the 10am Mass

THE DEEP END: Nativity of John the Baptist

Today we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist and listen to Luke's account of his nativity. John's story is one of sacrifice and humility. His parents know there will be something very special about this child. The circumstances surrounding his birth already have people amazed. Jewish historians account that John was a preacher around the time of Pontius Pilate who went around calling people to renewal! He spent a lot of time in the wilderness, eating wild things and wearing sackcloth. He must have been a very interesting and attractive figure as we are told in the gospels that people flocked to the River Jordan to be baptised by him; a sign of their repentance or renewal of relationship with God. John gathered so many followers around him that he was considered a threat to Herod Antipas who feared he might begin a rebellion. John was a preacher, a prophet, a signpost pointing people in the right direction: towards Jesus of Nazareth.

We can pray today for all those people who acted as signposts in our lives and brought us closer to God in some way, those who guided us and pointed us in the right direction when we needed it. We too are also called to be signposts for others.

Jane Mellett

'Lord, we thank you for people who guided us, but did not try to possess us: parents, teachers, spiritual guides, friends. For a time we stood with them. Very simply, like John the Baptist, they said to us, "Look, there is the one you should follow," and hearing this we followed that person.'

Michel de Verteuil



The children's weekly prayer group will continue in St. Brigid's Church Blanchardstown every Tuesday at 2.45pm. All children from tots to teens are welcome with their guardians. We will pray the Rosary in front of the Blessed Sacrament and then go into the pastoral centre for refreshments and play. Looking forward to seeing you there. For more information contact Marie - 0877696909

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

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

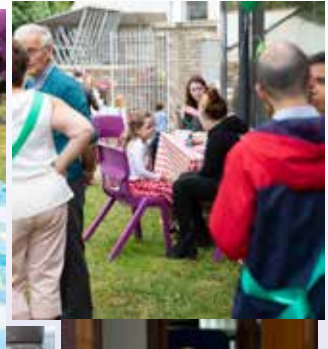
Parish Office: 01 8115412 / Sacristy: 01 8238354 mail: office@blanchardstownparish.ie




**Saint Brigid's
Blanchardstown**

Parish Family Day



A HUGE 
 TO EVERYONE WHO ORGANISED, OR HELPED IN ANY WAY TO MAKE THIS A REALLY WONDERFUL FAMILY DAY—WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT ANY OF YOU.



St Brigid's—Family of Families

We are inviting families to give us a small family photo (not more than 4" X 6") and we will make a large montage with these photos with the title, Saint Brigid's, Family of Families to represent our parish family for World Meeting of Families. Any photo that represents your family is welcome, old photos, new photos, wedding photos . . .

How to give us your photo

- There will be a box on a table near the altar at all Masses and you can put your photo in the box.
- You can give it to Christine or Máirín or Dan in the Pastoral Centre.
- You can post it into the letterbox outside the Pastoral Centre in an envelope.
- The photos will not be returned as we may have to cut them up to fit our montage.



Please Welcome
Stevie Kevin, Maeve,
Mark Kevin, Cohen,
Julian, Zoe &
Andrew Peter Gerard
Who were recently baptised

Monday Morning Meditation

After the 10am Mass and Rosary

This is the last session before the summer break.
 Will resume in September

Irish Wheelchair Association are holding their National Bag Pack in your local Tesco store on Friday 6th & Saturday 7th July. Can you volunteer just 2 hours? Register to volunteer at www.iwa.ie/tesco or call 046 9072539. Thank you.

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes
 A collection will take place after all Masses this week-end to assist in bringing invalids to Lourdes

www.worldmeeting2018.ie

Single Day Tickets for the Final Mass are free and will be available from this website on 25th June 2018.

DIVINE MERCY

Meet Monday Nights @ 7pm in the Father Dungan Room in the Pastoral Centre

Ewe Thina: We Walk God's Way
 Join other young adults (20's & 30's) for reflective hikes around the Dublin area.

Monthly event. The next hike will be Sunday 1st July at 12 noon around Gledalough. Let us know if you need a lift by contacting us at st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie and www.facebook.com/

Masters in Theology—DCU
 If you are interested in completing a Masters in Theology, please visit www.dcu.ie/DC694

READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 01/07

7pm: — 9am: Carla Salvaleon 10.30am: Marian McCaughley
 12 noon: J.K.Owumereh 7pm: Gwen Cruise

Mass Intentions	June 24th	1st July
Sat. 7pm	Ann Doolin	Ann Rogers McGrath Alacoque Ryan MM
Sun 9am	-	Bernard McGarrell
10.30am	Robert Stephens	Olivia Beirne
12 noon	Pat McElroy, Adrian Dalton	Mary Dredge Eileen O'Brien MM
7pm	Carmel Gernon	John Balfe

FAITH FOR Life

Deepening the connection between Faith and Life

The course is run over four weekends:

- 6 & 7 October 2018
- 17 & 18 November 2018
- 12 & 13 January 2019
- 23 & 24 February 2019

For further information see leaflets around the church

Please spread the word to family, friends (both at home and abroad), those housebound and also young families with smart devices - all church services are available on the internet via www.blanchardstownparish.ie



CUNNINGHAMS

FUNERAL DIRECTORS



www.cunninghamsfunerals.com Tel: 8202266 24 Hours.

“Serving Blanchardstown for over 100 years”

MARIAN PILGRIMAGES FULLY ESCORTED GROUP PILGRIMAGES

THE HOLY LAND

— Following in the Footsteps of Jesus —
Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Galilee, Nazareth

8 nights - €1,395pps

October 6th, 10th, 18th & 26th 2018

9 nights - €1,550pps

November 11th 2018

FULLY ESCORTED PACKAGED PILGRIMAGE - SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS - SERVICES OF MARIAN PILGRIMAGES REP. ON THE GROUND - LOCAL ENGLISH SPEAKING GUIDE - SEA OF GALILEE BOAT TRIP - WIRELESS AUDIO SYSTEM TAXES & TIPS

(01) 878 8159 | WWW.MARIAN.IE 

Feighery Wylie
Solicitors

3 THE RISE, MAIN ST. BLANCHARDSTOWN
TEL. No. 01 8218812
Contact Maria / Ciaran

Orchard Close, Coolmine



Greenways

Landscaping & Maintenance Service

- Gardens Cleaned & Cleared
- Hedges & Grass Cut
- Trees Pruned & Felled
- Lawns Laid or Seeded
- Trees - Shrubs - Flowers
- Timber Decking - Patios

Phone:
087 65 60 754

Experts in eyes and ears

Book an eye or hearing test at specsavers.ie

Blanchardstown Centre
01 822 6040



©2017 Specsavers. All rights reserved.

Advertisers:

Advertising Locally is more important than ever!

Encourage customers to help keep Blanchardstown a vibrant, thriving community by doing YOUR business locally

If you would like to advertise please contact our office on

1850 79 00 00

Add Some
COLOR
to Your Ad



For more information contact
1850 79 00 00

ADVERTISE
YOUR BUSINESS
HERE

Your Community is Looking!

Call: 1850 79 00 00



PARISHESonline

Largest online directory of Catholic Churches

NEVER MISS A BULLETIN!

Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin emailed to you at www.parishesonline.com

BAXTER

Trusted By You Since 1978

Estate House, Main St, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15
Free Probate and Fairdeal Valuations (t&c's)

Tel: 01 821 3733

Email: info@baxter.ie

THIS SPACE IS
AVAILABLE

SHERIDAN'S PHARMACY

Roselawn Rd, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15

Phone: (01) 640 5740

BACK TO SCHOOL ESSENTIALS



OPENING HOURS

Sunday	10a.m. – 3p.m.
Monday	9a.m. – 9p.m.
Tuesday	9a.m. – 9p.m.
Wednesday	9a.m. – 9p.m.
Thursday	9a.m. – 9p.m.
Friday	9a.m. – 9p.m.
Saturday	9a.m. – 6p.m.

We are Lending!

... and **97%** of Loans are Approved!!!



BLANCHARDSTOWN GLASS
WINDOWS AND DOORS

CALL: 01 - 821 62 22



Complete Glazing Service,
Mirrors, Glass table tops, PVC Windows and Doors

THIS SPACE IS
AVAILABLE

www.smithspharmacy.ie

SMITH'S PHARMACY

Tel: 01 812 8194

SERVICES: Free Blister Packing | Medicine Usage Reviews

| Smoking Cessation | Blood Pressure Monitoring

| Repeat Prescriptions | Weight Management | Passport Photos

All prescriptions dispensed including: GMS, Private, Drug Payment Scheme, Long Term Illness, Hospital Emergency, Dental

Smith's Pharmacy, Unit 2 Mill House, Blanchardstown Dublin 15 - Opening Hours: Mon-Fri: 9am-6pm / Sat: 10am-6pm

