

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

Feast of Christ the King—24th November 2019



Christ the King

This is the final Sunday of Year C and as we draw to a close our reading of Luke's Gospel we hear the account of Jesus' crucifixion. It is the Feast of Christ the King and this Gospel certainly gives us an opportunity to lay aside a lot of cultural baggage we may have about kings, leaders and kingdoms. Jesus' kingdom is unlike the one that Pilate, or many other earthly leaders know. It is a kingdom built on love, service, justice, reconciliation and peace.

We hear much about the climate crisis in our world today, the loss of bio-diversity, the breakdown of our ecosystems and the lack of political will to embrace the solutions that are available. This is due to greed and the powerful influence of so called leaders. Once again many will gather in Chile next month for the 25th UN Conference on Climate Change. We must pray for them, that they will be courageous and put the future of our environment above financial gain and lead for the best interests of our world and for the generations to come.

Today's Gospel gives a powerful image of Jesus as servant King, shining like a beacon of light for society in today's world.

A big thank you to those who gave to the "just one thing" Kirsten and Siobhan were extremely grateful for the huge contribution from Blanchardstown.

An **Evening of Reflection**, led by Máirín, will take place on Wed. 27th of Dec. at 7.30 in the Fr. Dungan room—The theme will be Laudato Si "Finding hope for the birth of a new way in Jesus Christ"

Monday Morning meditation
10.45am in the Fr. Dungan Room
(why not avail of some quiet time over the busy season)

ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT

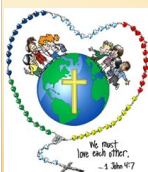
Reflect on the great 'O Antiphons' used in Evening Prayer and Mass during the second part of Advent. Watch an online talk each day from December 16

Register Now!

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Divine Mercy Prayer Group Tuesdays @ 7pm in the church



Rosary Prayer Group for Children & Parents

Join us in the Church for rosary with Adoration of Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday at 3.00

followed by refreshments, chat and play in the pastoral centre.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday and Fridays
Commences after the 10am Mass & Rosary. Continues until church closing (app. 8pm)

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Dates for your Diary November

24/25th: **Advent Wreath Demonstration** (after the Sat. 7pm & Sun 10am Mass)

27th: **Laudato Si**—evening of reflection

28: **Lighting of Christmas Tree**—Blanch. Village

December

1st: **Advent Wreath demonstration**—Pelletstown

4th: **Evening of Advent reflection**—Pelletstown

5th: **O Night Divine**—Carol Concert in Church

12th: **Coolmine Therapeutic Centre** concert in Draiocht with Brass Band & Choirs

News from Pelletstown

- 1) We had our first Mass there last Sunday with a Mass of Remembrance and it was a quiet and reflective liturgy followed by chat & a cup of tea.
- 2) We had a visit from 17 young trainee Parish Pastoral Workers from Germany who were very impressed with our new centre. After a chat about the work and ministry we finished with food from Romayo's which was greatly appreciated! We would like to thank them for their contribution



READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Sat. 7pm: Kevin Cullen

Sun 9am: John McNally

10.30am: Eamon Burke

12noon: Brian Santry

7pm: Carla Salvaleon

Blanchardstown Music Ministry
presents...

O Night Divine!

COME AND ENJOY A FEAST OF BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS MUSIC
& SING SOME CAROLS TO START THE FESTIVE SEASON
& IT'S ALL IN A GOOD CAUSE!

Blanchardstown Brass
Band

Mary Mac Gabhann Soprano
Eoin Tierney Organ

Blanchardstown Parish Choirs

Thursday December 5th
2019

Blanchardstown Parish
Church - 8.00 p.m.

Donations on door to
St. Francis Hospice - thank you



ST FRANCIS HOSPICE DUBLIN HOME VISIT
team are looking for volunteers. The role is to visit patients in their own homes, to sit and have a chat or bring them out into the community. The time commitment is 2 hours once a week. If you are interested, please call Joyce on 01 8294000 (9.30am -1.30pm) or email volunteers@sfh.ie

**Please Welcome our
recently baptised**

Rocco, Lilli Mai,

Willow & Róisín



Intentions	23/24th November	30th Nov/1st Dec
Sat. 7pm	Patrick Carr	Tom, Marie, Michael, Kevin & Paull Russell
Sun. 9am	Patrick Conroy	John & Josephine Brooks
10.30am	Pat O'Malley Eithne McAllister	Terence O'Brien
12 noon	Harry Quinlan	John Dredge Pauline Sheils
7pm	-	Frank Powell