


St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, Parish Newsletter.

25th Sunday in Ordinary time—Sept. 24th, 2017



PARABLE OF THE WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD

*The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went
out...to hire men to work in his vineyard.*

MATTHEW 20:1-16

THE DEEP END: I am a grumbler

Many of Jesus' parables are difficult. We are invited to place ourselves in the story. Which character do we identify with? To which group would we belong? Sometimes we find ourselves sympathising with the character who turns out to be in the wrong. God's ways are not our ways!

The parable of the labourers in the vineyard is one of those tricky ones. We are drawn into the story, and we feel some sympathy for the crowd who end up grumbling at the landowner. These early birds who were hired at daybreak have done the most work. They have toiled all day in the heat, doing far more labour than those who were hired only at the last minute – yet they all receive the same pay. It's hardly fair, is it?

But the landowner makes his point: 'Why be envious because I am generous?' Of course, Jesus anticipates the discomfort of his audience. He uses parables to gently pull the rug from under their feet, to challenge their assumptions, and offer them a new way of thinking that is focused not on themselves, but on the wider community.

Place yourself in the story. If you identify with the grumblers, ask yourself why. Why should we be concerned about what others are getting? Who are we to judge what others deserve? Surely we, too, should want God's love and blessings to be extended to everyone!

Just a reminder that our book club has started up in the Fr Dungan Room in the Pastoral Centre attached to St Brigid's Church, Blanchardstown. Contact the office for details.

Thanksgiving Prayer

(based on Matthew 20:1-16)

God,
you are
bighearted
with no limitation.
You overgive and overpay,
handing us not only the rewards
due us,
but heaping on us the fortunes
of everlasting life and love.

We thank you that heaven is not
just like our earth,
that grace does not abide by our
rules

We are grateful that
our little ways
open out
when
we
listen to you.

Lavish your spirit of kindness
upon us.

Help us give and never
count the
cost.

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thanks

for your support of the special
collection for **CROSSCARE Com-
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which took place in the church
last week-end. The amount col-
lected was €4,800. Thank you
for your generosity. ∞

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



Monday morning Meditation led by Sr. Teresa has resumed. It takes place after the 10am Mass and Rosary in the Fr. Dungan room. All

A sincere *“Cead Mile Failte”* to our new Parish Pastoral Worker, Mairin Keegan. Mairin begins her ministry with us tomorrow, Sept. 18th, and we looking forward to meeting her and working closely with her over the coming years.

RETREAT FOR OUR READERS



The Readers annual reflection day will take place on Sunday October 8th in the Pastoral Centre. The speaker for the day will be Caroline Strattan.

If anyone would like to join the group of Readers for Sunday Masses, please give your name and phone number to our Parish Secretary or Sacristan. New readers will then be invited to join in the retreat day. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Spiritual Companionship.

The Parish is offering Spiritual Accompaniment as a means to explore where God is leading us. It's an opportunity to be yourself, to be listened to without judgment, to discover your true mission in life and to become whom God wants you to be. More information is available from Fr Mangan.



The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul are looking for people to join and become home visitation

volunteers. About 2.5-3 hours a week is the commitment needed. Full training given. All volunteers visit in pairs. For more information phone Joe Dolan 0877164073.

Door to door fundraising for Parish-planned canvass of houses

Parishioners will be aware of the ongoing canvass of the parish in 2017 in relation to the FAMILY OFFERING (BANK STANDING ORDER/ENVELOPE BOX).

The volunteers are now canvassing in the Waterville area and hope to finalise the canvass in that area within the next few weeks.

Once again the canvassers are very pleased and appreciative of the very positive response to the canvass and particularly the warm welcome they are receiving at the doors.

Many Thanks

St. Brigids GAA are having a Gala evening in The Hogan Suite in Croke Park.. It's on the 14th Oct . Please support for further information contact the club PRO.

St Francis Hospice Blanchardstown

Volunteer Hairdresser Required for Hospice Day Care Fridays 10.30 – 1pm. Volunteer training in place. For information contact Barbara Kilbride on 01 8294000 or email volunteers@sfh.ie

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje. Few places left at reduced price of €475 from 15th to 22nd October with Fr Joe McLoughlan.

Please contact.. Marian Regan 087 2958363 or Anne O' Connell 087 7818935.



WMOF 2018. You can keep up to date with all the latest information at www.worldmeeting2018.ie/. Information on the website about the volunteer programme .



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

Mass for opening of the Academic Year: Archbishop Martin will celebrate Mass for the opening of the Academic Year Monday, 25th September at 7.30pm in Church of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom, DCU/St. Patrick's Campus - *"Catholic Education is one of the most important challenges for the Church" Pope Francis. Refreshments afterwards. All welcome.*

Administrator: Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Fairview, are looking to fill the post of Administrator to Our Lady's Hall. Details available at www.dublindiocese.ie/jobvacancies/

Festfest 11: Are you looking for a place where you can meet other young people to explore faith and life in a fun and exciting way? Faithfest has- music, prayer, workshops and chat 'n' chill! For teenagers from parishes who wish to meet other teens from other parishes in Dublin. Come along to Holy Cross College, Diocesan Centre, Dublin 3 on

A YEAR at SAINT PATRICK'S Friday 29 September 2017 at 6.15pm ADMISSION FREE

On behalf of the Dean of Saint Patrick's, I'd like to invite you and the members of your congregations to come and join us at the Cathedral for a concert marking the launch of the Cathedral Choir's latest CD A year at Saint Patrick's.

The concert itself is free and will last approximately 40/45 minutes, and hopefully if you like what you hear you'll be tempted to purchase a copy of the new CD after the concert!

What better way to delay the Dublin rush hour than by sitting in the magnificent surroundings of the Cathedral listening to the Cathedral Choir!

Devine Mercy Prayer Group

7pm Monday nights in the Fr. Dungan Room, Pastoral Centre
All are welcome



Were You Married in



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At a Mass of Thanksgiving

on Sunday 15th October 2017 at 10.30am

as we celebrate with those who are marking

Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond and Platinum

Wedding Anniversaries.

Refreshments will be offered afterwards in the Parish Centre

Please let the Parish Secretary Christine know that you wish to be there – Tel. 01- 8115412

Mass Intentions

Sept. 24th

Oct. 1st

Sat. 7pm	Carmel Mc Cormack	Eugene Clifford
Sun 9am	John Horan	Samuel Ffrench
10.30am	Carine Brady	Owen & Donal Garrigan
12 noon	Tony Dunne	Patrick Duffy
7pm	Charlie & Noeline Brady	Olivia Craig

READERS FOR SEPT 1st

7pm: Eamonn Burke / 9am: Brian Santry
10.30am: Margaret Keane / 12 noon: Kathleen Brennan
7pm: Gwen Cruise

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