

St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, Parish Newsletter.

Second Sunday of Lent—25th Feb 2018



THE DEEP END: Transfiguration
Can you recall a time when you had an 'aha moment'? One of those moments when something suddenly makes perfect sense to you. It may have been a long time coming, a combination of various pieces of a jigsaw fitting together or it may be an insight you received from prayer or spiritual practice. These are really special moments. We are never quite the same afterwards, something changes, even a small thing, but something in us changes. These 'aha' moments even move us outside of ourselves or beyond ourselves in some way. They are moments of transfiguration. This is what is happening to the disciples in today's gospel: a very deep and significant 'aha moment'.

Peter is desperate to stay on the mountain in that blissful moment with Jesus, so much so that he offers to build tents. One can understand Peter's request, after such an occurrence of course he would want to stay there. What moments of encounter in your own life do you recall? An encounter where you simply did not want it to end? It may be something very deep and meaningful which gave you a glimpse of God or a moment of complete contentment?

As with all blissful moments, the disciples must come down from the mountaintop. Jesus' way involves walking a very different path, a path that will not be so easy. Jesus' way is different to what Peter may have had in mind. No doubt these moments of transfiguration strengthen us all for walking the more difficult paths.

Jane Mellett

**Eucharistic Adoration will continue
on Tuesdays and Friday after the 10am Mass**

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Mondays 7pm in the Fr. Dungan Room, in the Pastoral Centre

You are invited to join us in Prayer
FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE AND FAMILY
during Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday and Friday
2.00—2.30 p.m.

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How are your Lenten resolutions? By the time week two rolls around, plenty of well-meaning people have skipped, neglected, or outright forgotten their Lenten resolutions at least once. It can be easy to start excusing our Lenten commitments altogether.



Last week we saw Jesus driven into the desert. This Sunday, we see Jesus leading his disciples to an equally barren place: he "led them up a high mountain apart by themselves." But what happens there? "And he was transfigured before them and his clothes became dazzling white." Today's Gospel reminds us of our goal. We don't enter into the desert for the sake of suffering, but for the sake of transformation.

So let's persevere this Lent! Today's Gospel invites us to trust that, if we persevere in following Jesus, he'll lead us to something beautiful and glorious as well.

Meningitis Research Foundation, is holding a Bucket Collection in Blanchardstown Shopping Centre on Friday, 2nd March 2018.

They would be thrilled if you would be willing to support our cause and consider volunteering for us on the day. All money raised from this collection will go towards our lifesaving work to combat meningitis and septicaemia by funding research, supporting those affected and raising awareness of the disease amongst the public and health professionals. Collection Days are dependent upon volunteers, so if you have any time to spare on the day, please contact Ola on olaw@meningitis.org or 01 819 6931

For further information about our work please visit: www.meningitis.org

Bring it to the Cross

- Stations of the cross each Friday in Lent at 9.30 before the 10.00 Mass
- We invite you to place your worries into our box at the foot of the cross.
- You may like to spend some time with Jesus on His journey by reading the reflections at each station.

"During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord:

Make our hearts like yours."

Pope Francis

Due to the Church Calendar, there will be no Baptisms on the 3rd or the 5th Saturdays of March (St. Patrick's Day and Holy Saturday). They will take place instead on the 4th Saturday 24th March at 12 noon.

**Monday morning
Meditation
In the Pastoral Centre
10.40 am**



Make-A-Wish Ireland Annual Wish Day VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Make-A-Wish Ireland has one simple aim – we grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions, to bring hope, strength and happiness. Volunteer are needed for WISH DAY, our annual fundraising day, on Friday 9th March 2018. There are a number of ways you could get involved and support us:

- ✦ Select a location nearby and volunteer to sell our bands there for the day
- ✦ Hold a coffee morning or bake sale in aid of Make-A-Wish
- ✦ hold a Jersey Day or a similar themed day in aid of Make-A-Wish

By volunteering on Wish Day, you play an essential part in creating

positive memories for children battling life-threatening illnesses. If you can commit to the full day or even a few hours selling our bands, please visit www.makeawish.ie to register online at one of our collection points. Alternatively contact Emma Horgan emma@makeawish.ie or call 01 2052011 for more details. On behalf of everyone at Make-A-Wish; our wish children and their families, thank you for your support, we really do appreciate it.

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

Preparation for World Meeting of Families—Dates for your Diary

Parish Conversations:

Tuesday 6th, 13th, and 20th March
8.00pm—9.30pm

All welcome—more details to follow.

Registration for the WMOF event August 2018

Registration for the Pastoral Congress (which includes guaranteed tickets for the Festival of Families & the Final Mass) is open online on our website at www.worldmeeting2018.ie

Have you considered volunteering?
An opportunity not to be missed!

Bi-Centenary St. Dominic's College, Cabra are celebrating 200 years of dedicated service of the Dominican Order and request that anybody that may have any memorabilia e.g. past uniforms, school photographs (copies) etc. would email them to the school at 200@stdominics.ie or contact (01) 8385282.



We welcome our families preparing for 1st Holy Communion to our special Masses this weekend and we continue to pray for them at this particular time.

We also pray for the pupils of Scoil Bhríde Boys' & Girls' and St. Francis Xavier Senior Schools who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation during the week. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them.



UPDATE : DOOR TO DOOR FUNDRAISING FOR PARISH--- CANVASS OF HOUSES

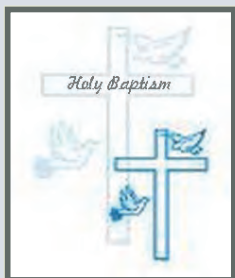
The canvassers appreciate the very positive response to the canvass and particularly the warm welcome they are receiving at the doors. The canvass in the immediate vicinity of our parish church is almost complete.

NEXT PHASE OF OUR PROGRAMME—

Ashtown/ Pelletstown/Rathbourne

Plans are at an advanced stage to develop a church presence in the area of Pelletstown, Rathbourne, and Ashtown. A Pastoral Centre is being developed and will be ready and opened to parishioners in this area in coming months. This centre will be a drop-in centre. Fr Cyril, Deacon Jim Adams and Mairin Keegan, our pastoral worker, will represent the parish.

Manty thanks for your generosity to the collection for Accord last week-end. The sum of €2,320 was collected



Welcome to
Pixie,
Cara
and Elise

Who were recently baptised

SET DANCING classes are held every Tuesday at 8.15pm in the Castleknock Parish Centre. We do set dancing and include some line dancing. We extend a warm welcome to all. Why not come along and try it

READERS FOR NEXT WEEK-END

7pm: Sheilla Gouldson 9am: Derek Whelan
10.30am: Margaret Keane
12 noon: Michael O'Connor
7pm: Alice O'Connell

Mass Intentions

Feb. 25th

Mar 4th

Sat. 7pm

Garry Martin

Deceased members of the Hanratty family

Sun 9am

Mary Hehir

Mai & Marie Brown

10.30am

Tom & A.G. Kearns

Patrick Doolan

12 noon

Joseph Brennan

Joe Brennan

Anna O'Reilly

7pm

Barry Finnerty

Thomas & Kathleen O'Toole



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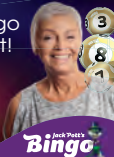
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