

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## 3rd Sunday of Easter—26th April 2020

*Their eyes were opened*

*Luke 24:31*



### Readings for 3rd Sunday of Easter

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14, 22-33

**Psalm:** 16 (15)

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1:17-21

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia (2)

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.  
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia.

**Gospel:** Luke 24: 13-35

### A Dublin Hospital Chaplain shares her experience of the front line

This new strange way of life in the hospital is something that every healthcare professional is learning to adjust to. To see our patients having to go through this unthinkable ordeal is heart-breaking. Patients have not seen their family in weeks and feel isolated and lonely. Families are at home waiting to hear from the hospital and feel helpless. Staff are dealing with extremely stressful situations that change every day.

As a chaplain in such an unusual time, it is my role to try and support patients and staff in the hospital and to make space for them to share their fears. It is extremely harrowing to see what patients and families are going through with this pandemic. Typically families would be with their loved ones morning, noon and night but that cannot be the case now.

A young man with a young family was dying yesterday. His wife and brother came in to say their last goodbyes to him. I facilitated the visit with them, they had 15 minutes to see him and say goodbye as they would never see him again. They were surrounded by people with masks, goggles, hair nets, and no faces to see. This alone put so much fear with them and they too were instructed to wear the full PPE. It is utterly heart-breaking. The reality of the current situation feels inhumane and not what we as carers are used to. Staff and volunteers in the hospital have crocheted pairs of love hearts that fit in the palm of the hand – a set. When I met with the wife and brother of this patient, I gave them one love heart to put into his hand, knowing that he would have something of theirs and I gave them the matching heart, to always have to show their son and to know that he was not alone.

Patients are our priority and an initiative that the hospital set up is that every ward has access iPads that patients if well enough can facetime their families. If patients are too unwell the Chaplain calls the family after visiting and lets the family know how their loved one is doing. It gives the chaplain an opportunity to connect in with the family and see how they are doing as well.

*Shauna Sweeny, Chaplain, Tallaght Hospital (For other shared experiences see [www.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.dublindiocese.ie))*

**St. Roch**, marked from birth with a red cross on his breast, is said to have effected many miraculous cures by prayer and the sign of the cross and the touch of his hand. He is the Patron Saint of people suffering from infectious diseases.



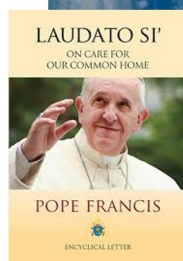
### Prayer to St. Roch

O Blessed Saint Roch,  
Patron of the sick,  
Have pity on those  
Who lie upon a bed of  
suffering.

Your power was so great  
When you were in this world,  
That by the sign of the Cross,  
Many were healed of their  
diseases.

Now that you are in heaven,  
Your power is not less.  
Offer, then, to God  
Our sighs and tears

And obtain for us that health we seek  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



St. Brigid's Parish  
Reading Laudato Si' Together  
Online



Starting Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup>  
at 20:00, for 6 weeks

This program of reading and reflection on Pope Francis' encyclical will be conducted on-line using interactive video technology

To register, send an email to Tony at [chezdevlin@gmail.com](mailto:chezdevlin@gmail.com) or Máirín at [Mairin.Keegan@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:Mairin.Keegan@dublindiocese.ie) for instructions on how to join. Support will be available for using the video system and a copy of the full text of Laudato Si' will be provided



PARISH OF ST. BRIGID, BLANCHARDSTOWN

### Webcam Masses

[www.blanchardstownparish.ie](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie)

Monday to Saturday Mass 10.00am

Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.00pm

Sunday Mass at 10.30am

Tuesday 4-5pm (during church closure)

**HOLY HOUR—PRAYER, SILENCE & MUSIC**

(with Blessed Sacrament exposed)

**NEW**

During this time, we will keep one another in prayer and watch out for our neighbours.

### The Fingal Covid-19 Community Response

Helpline operated by Fingal County Council's Customer Care Unit 7 days a week 8am to 8pm. We encourage people who need assistance in having groceries, prescriptions or hot meals delivered, those who are simply looking for someone to talk to during this crisis, or, if you know someone who needs help, or would like to offer help to get in touch :

Phone: **01-890-5000** Freephone: **1-890-459-059**

Email: [covidsupport@fingal.ie](mailto:covidsupport@fingal.ie)

For more information check our website: [www.fingal.ie](http://www.fingal.ie)

### Alone COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

**Accord – important new support line** for people struggling with relationship issues during this time of self-isolation. Phone **01 9059555** 10 am - 1 pm every Monday to Friday. More info: [www.accorddublin.ie](http://www.accorddublin.ie)

**Crosscare** have set up a centralised emergency food bank in Blanchardstown for the purpose of emergency Food Parcels to be delivered to those who are self-isolating, cocooning and people who are at risk of food poverty. If you know anybody that needs help please contact our foodbank team on 01-8219892.

Intentions	25th/26th April
Sat. 7pm	Noel Wright Jim Finnerty
10.30am	Mary & Czes Kubiak Kitty & Tom Hegarty & Ashley Rosaleen Cashman

## Children's Corner

### JESUS WALKS WITH US!

Jesus joins the disciples

The two disciples were travelling to Emmaus. Complete the dot to dot and see Jesus appear, walking along with them.



#### Sharing a meal

The two disciples recognised Jesus when they shared a meal with him.

Draw anything else you think they might like to eat.

- How many cups are on the table?
- How many loaves of bread are there?
- If they share equally, how many loaves will each person have?



#### Help us go for a walk

It is always good to walk and talk with someone we love.

Which boots will they need?



Ryan and Mia are going for a walk with Grandad.

Ryan

Mia

Grandad

### A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, sometimes we can feel so angry, confused and alone. Please remind me that you are walking with me always, even if I do not see you by my side. Amen.

### A Virtual Pilgrimage to Knock with the Archdiocese of Dublin - Programme Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>

2.30pm: Rosary

3.00pm: Pilgrimage mass celebrated by the Rector of Knock Shrine, Father Richard Gibbons

3.45pm: Benediction

4.00pm: Virtual visit to the Apparition Chapel

4.15pm: Opportunity to [place a petition](#), [light a candle](#) or [have a mass said](#) online.

You can join the pilgrimage from this link:

<https://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live.html>

We appreciate your continued support of the Parish and the Diocese in these difficult times.

**If you wish**, you can donate to the *Sunday Mass 1st & 2nd Collections* online on the Diocesan Website directly on [www.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.dublindiocese.ie).

Your *Family Offering Envelope* contributions may be retained by you until the current crisis is over.

### We remember our recently deceased



**Angela Connell**  
**Fr. Paddy Culhane**  
**Betty Ganter**  
**Herbie Hughes**

*To live in hearts left behind  
is not to die*