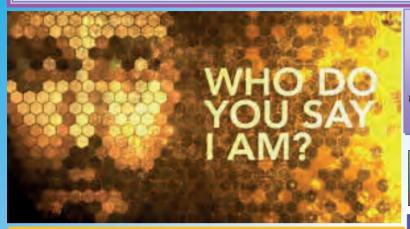
St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, Parish Newsletter, Sunday August 27th 2017.



Who do you say I am?

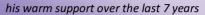
Peter gets it right in today's Gospel and Jesus calls him 'blessed'. That is, he is a person who brings a great gift and who brings that gift to others. Already in the community that Matthew is writing for, the community of Jesus' followers are gathering as 'church'. Peter is seen as Jesus' successor and future leader for that community.

Jesus is a very different Messiah to the one the Jews expected. It is understandable that he would order the disciples to keep quiet. The people of his time wanted a leader who would lead them in a military revolt against the Romans, who would be a great king. Jesus' mission involves a very different focus, reaching out to the outcast, those on the margins, a radical love. His actions will speak for who he is. It is for each of us to make up our own minds as to who Jesus is. Peter is quite clear and sincere in his declaration, however, as we will see later, Peter did not understand fully what the journey of Jesus would entail. Peter commits himself but it is a reminder that we must always leave room for growth in the understanding of our commitments.

A question to focus on today might be: 'Who do YOU say that Jesus is?' What is Jesus for you, today, in your life at this precise moment?

A VERY SPECIAL OCCASION

FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER after the 7pm Mass
Please join us for a 'last cuppa' as we gather to
wish Kevin well in his new post. It is an opportunity to thank him for his inspiring ministry and





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As in previous years the blessing of the graves service in **St. Mary's Clonsilla** will, once again, be held outdoors. **This year's blessing** will be held on Sunday 10th September at 3 pm

Mass Intention	ons Aug 27th	Sept 3rd
Sat. 7pm	Mabel & Jimmy Farnan	Eddie Kearney
Sun 9am	Ronan Fahy	Jimmy & Annie Carr
10.30am	James & Ann Duffy	Elizabeth & Emma Walsh
12 noon	Jerome Santry	Irene Halpin MM
7pm	John (Sonny) Flynn	Tommy & Maura O'Shaughnessy

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We welcome those recently
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Alex Hughbert, Jack Parker,
Sophie Ann, Kate Carrie,
Ava Kate, Seán Dermod,
Alannah Grace and Cara Ann

READERS - 3RD SEPT.
7pm: Brian Santry
9am: Ignatius Byrne
10.30am: Kevin Cullen
12 noon: Gwen Cruise
7pm: J.K.Owumereh

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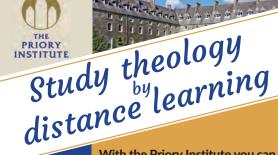
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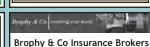
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