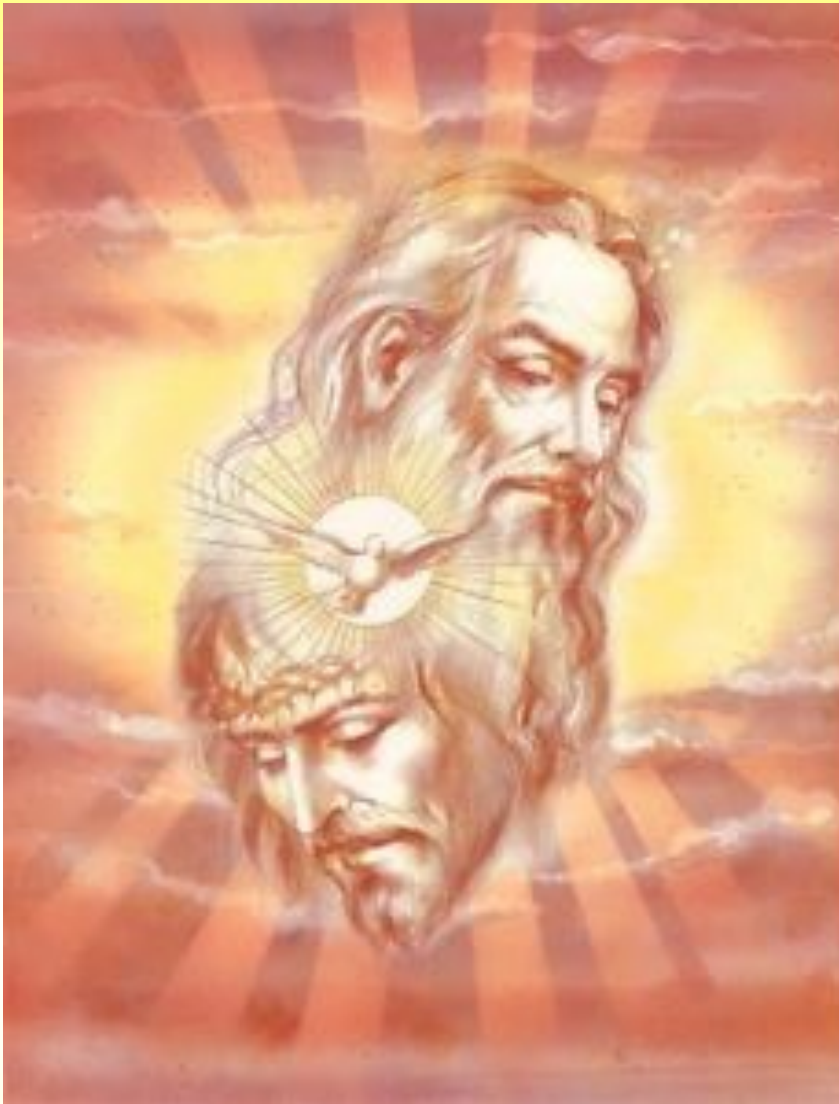


# St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, Parish Newsletter.

## Feast of the Most Holy Trinity – 27th May 2018



### **Reflection**

It is a striking fact that in the ancient world those civilisations that were great in terms of conquest, building, literature and philosophy have left us little or nothing of their religious beliefs. On the other hand, a people who were considered of no particular significance from a small stretch of land in the eastern Mediterranean have passed on to us their enduring concept of God. This is not a god of pagan superstition nor even of the philosophers. This is Yahweh, the God of Israel, who became known to the people through the experience of their own history and who subsequently revealed himself in Jesus of Nazareth. Today we are not celebrating a mystery we are never destined to understand; rather we are contemplating the God in whose image we are made and whose name is Love.

### **Father, Son and Spirit**

When we think of the word Spirit can we think of something lively? A sort of a flow of living water; a cycle race rather than a traffic-jam. The flow of life in us rather than the ways we block life. It is the spirit of God whom we call Father, Son or Christ and Spirit. We live in that sort of love. The church is called to be that sort of community.

The trinity can make God totally distant. But that is not Jesus. He is the one who gets right into life, bringing God into humanity as one of us. Jesus talked so much about farming, weddings, death, illness, joys, trust, creation, nature, breakfasts, gardens, dinners; he is the God of the table more than the God of the temple. His spirit flows in all of creation, love, suffering and joy; He finds us in all things.



We need that big view of God. He makes everything sacred. Even the name Father, Son and Spirit. Our call is to flow with him, to go with the flow of God's Spirit. We are the flow of God in the world.

We become what we receive – the love of the Trinity in the world. We become like Christ himself as we receive this bread of life, called to be his witnesses. By what we say and do, in all we are.

*Give thanks to the Lord for his presence in the Eucharist. Father, Son and Spirit, enfold me in love, the love of your eternal life.*

*Donal Neary S.J.*

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## Events for young people

### Life to the Full (Jn 10: 10) Book-Club

Thursdays in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay 7-8.30pm. Join other young adults (20's & 30's) to meditate, share and discuss life, faith, purpose and how to live life to the full. We read a chosen spiritual book over a few weeks and come to reflect and discuss our thoughts. We are currently reading *Pope Francis: Untying the Knots* by Paul Vallely. Contact

[st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie) and [www.facebook.com/lifetothefullbookclub](http://www.facebook.com/lifetothefullbookclub)

**The Encounter** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay at 8pm. For young adults (20's & 30's) this event will have live acoustic music and reflective prayer in adoration, with guest speakers on life, faith and purpose. We are delighted to announce that Hannah Evans is our guest speaker and Cormac Buckley is our musician for the night. Contact [st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie) and [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/)

### Monday Morning Meditation

After the 10am Mass and Rosary

### Divine Mercy Prayer Group

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

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Tuesdays and Fridays  
after the 10am Mass

Irish Wheelchair Association are holding their National Bag Pack in your local Tesco store on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Can you volunteer just 2 hours? Register to volunteer at [www.iwa.ie/tesco](http://www.iwa.ie/tesco) or call 046 9072539. Thank you.



Congratulations to the Boys and Girl's of Scoil Oilibhéir National School who received their 1st Holy Communion this Saturday.



### Parish Pilgrimage to Glendalough

Sat. 9th June 2018  
incorporating a trip to the Carmelite Sisters in Delgany  
Cost €40 (includes dinner)  
*A few tickets still available from the parish office*

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.

### GDPR

As you will have heard a new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), was introduced on 25 May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish, that manages and processes people's personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### PARISH FAMILY DAY SUNDAY JUNE 17TH

### PADRE PIO PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY CROSS

9.00AM

27TH MAY 2018

*(bus from Justins)*

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### World Youth Day Panama January 2019

Pope Francis has announced that the next World Youth Day will take place in Panama next January 22-27.

*Does your loved one have dementia? Researchers at Newcastle University would like to invite you to take part in a survey about your well-being. To find out more visit: [tinyurl.com/Carer-uncertainty](http://tinyurl.com/Carer-uncertainty) ... Thank you*

### Invitation!

**"Walking Together as Families Today":  
Gathering in Preparation for the World Meeting of Families.**

St Patrick's College, Maynooth, 19-20 June 2018.

Speakers, workshops, conversations, prayer, and much more, on variety of topics relating to family life. Registration: €15 (incl. lunch & teas/coffees).

Tickets available on [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie) (under "Walking Together as Families Today"). Further info: contact Aoife at [specialevents@spcm.ie](mailto:specialevents@spcm.ie)

*Be part of it!*

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## St Brigid's—Family of Families

We are inviting families to give us a small family photo (not more than 4" X 6") and we will make a large montage with these photos with the title Saint Brigid's Family of Families, to represent our parish family for World Meeting of Families. Any photo that represents your family is welcome, old photos, new photos, wedding photos . . .

### How to give us your photo

- There will be a box on a table near the altar at all Masses and you can put your photo in the box.
- You can give it to Christine or Máirín or Dan in the Pastoral Centre.
- You can post it into the letterbox outside the Pastoral Centre in an envelope.
- The photos will not be returned as we may have to cut them up to fit our montage.

### READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

7pm: Máire Martin  
 9am: Maeve O'Donoghue  
 10.30am: Carla Salvaleon  
 12 noon: Brian Santry  
 7pm: Eamonn Burke



**Saint Brigid's  
Blanchardstown**

# Parish Family Day

**SUNDAY JUNE 17TH**

**You are invited to our Parish Family Day  
opening with 12.00 Mass**

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### Mass Intentions

### May 27th

### June 3rd

Sat. 7pm

Freddie Kerr

Margaret Keogh

Sun 9am

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Liam Stewart & Thomas Millar

10.30am

Maureen Horan (Month's Mind)  
& Delma Horan

James & Harry Muldoon

12 noon

Michael Hilliard

Mary O'Sullivan

7pm

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Eddie & Frances Gleeson



Welcome  
**Isabel & Liam**  
 to our parish community



Please spread the word to family, friends (both at home and abroad), those housebound and also young families with smart devices - all church services are available on the internet via [www.blanchardstownparish.ie](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie)

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