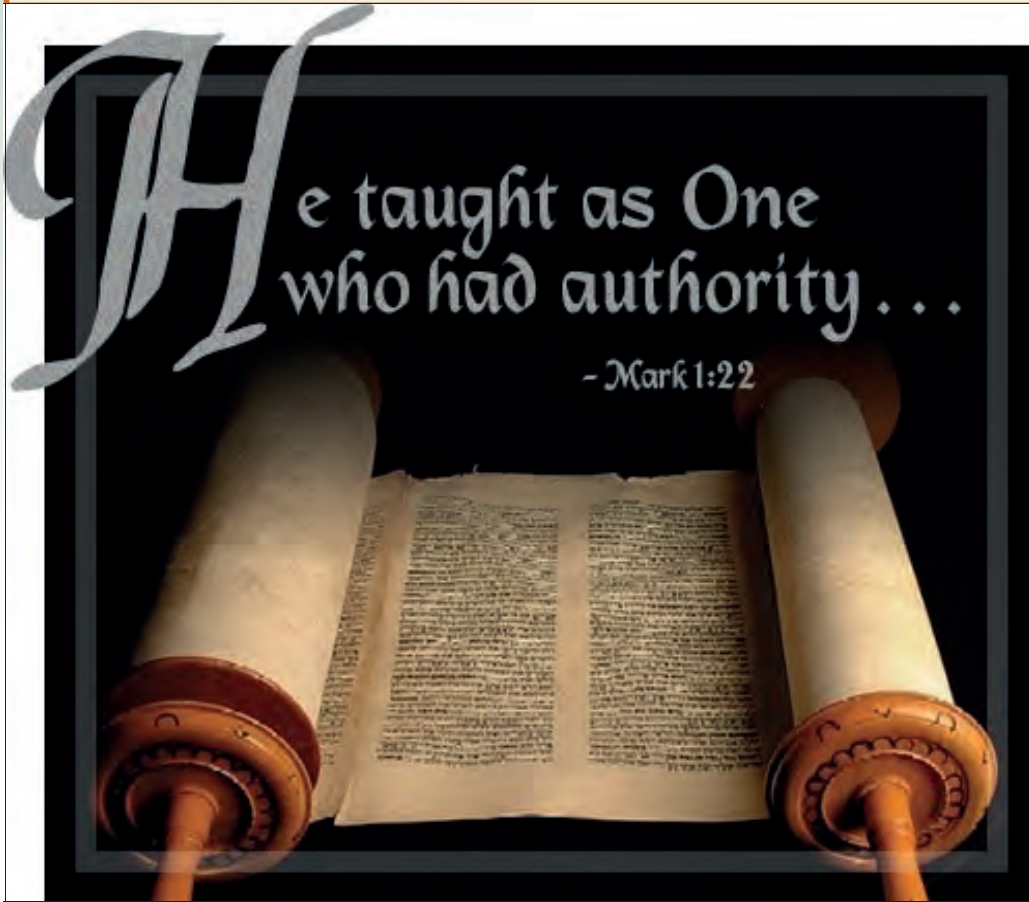


St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, Parish Newsletter.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time 28th Jan 2018



Thought for the day

How often do we meet people whose words and deeds match? Sometimes at least, but it may be rare enough. In the old expression, when all is said and done, more is said than done. Jesus is a teacher with authority — not the authority of position or force but power from within. This is suggested by the Greek word for authority *exousia*, from within (my) being. Even today, there are religious leaders who speak from within, whose word is genuine, whose deeds match what they say. These are the one we listen to; these are the ones we would love to be like.



SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Mark 1:21-28

1. In this first chapter Mark familiarises his readers with the type of things Jesus did to proclaim the kingdom, the reign of God. Our passage today touches on two of these, the first being that 'he taught as one having authority'. It makes a difference when you listen to someone who is clearly speaking from experience and personal knowledge. Remember people who impressed you in this way.
2. Jesus combined teaching with healing, and he drove the evil spirit out of the man. The power of God that worked this wonder through Jesus is also at work in and through us today. When have you been freed from some bad habit?
3. The evil spirit convulsed the man before it left him. The path to liberation can be a painful struggle. If you have found it so, who was the Jesus person that helped you through the struggle to freedom?
4. It is not only individuals but groups that can be struggling with an evil spirit – jealousy, rivalry, malicious gossiping, abuse of power, etc. Sometimes a Jesus person comes into the group and drives out that evil spirit. Have you experienced this? Perhaps you yourself have been this person on some occasion?

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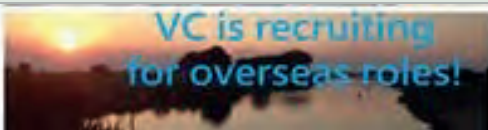
Monday morning Meditation

continues with Máirín,
our Parish Pastoral Worker
after the 10 am Mass and Rosary

Retrouvaille - A Lifeline for Married Couples

Do you want to improve the communication with your spouse? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next programme from 2nd - 4th February 2018.

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

B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Few people are able to cope alone with the pain of loss. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge - not weakness. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. Coping effectively with bereavement is a skill we can all learn. A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you.

Next Coping Programme will commence on Wednesday 7th February 2018 for 7 Wednesday evenings, at 7.15pm in White Friars Community Centre, Aungier St. ,Dublin 2 (No need to book) For further information phone 086 0877379 or email bedublin@gmail.com. www.beginningexperience.ie

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

Blanchardstown Prayer Group Special Mass on Tuesday 30th January. The intention this month is for Sr. Nora McCarthy D.C. late of St. Joseph's Nursing Home Clonsilla. Sr. Nora was well known in this area for her work on behalf of the special ladies in St. Joseph's. She gathered a group of lay people to visit and share with the residents of St. Joseph's. This was of immense help to the special ladies who looked forward to the SPRED sessions.

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MASS OF ALL NATIONS—SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY 2018

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Make a St. Brigid's Cross—You are most welcome to call into the Pastoral Centre on Sunday 4th after the 10.30am and 12 noon Mass, to a workshop about making a St. Brigid's Cross. We will also have tea and coffee from our Hospitality Group who are always delighted to see you there.



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

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

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

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 give it a try.



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READERS FOR FEB 4th

7pm: 9am: Margaret Keane
10.30am: Richard Carroll
12 noon: Tony Devlin 7pm: Eamonn Burke

Mass Intentions

Jan 28th

Feb 4th

Sat. 7pm	Patrick & Liam Briody	Joanie Hill Kit Critchley MM
Sun 9am	Bernie Fleming	Una & Jack O'Callaghan
10.30am	Mossie McIlhenny Mary Hunter	Frank Kelly
12 noon	Liam Bergin	Mary Nugent & William Meere Michael Williamson Snr.
7pm	Michael McDonald	Kathleen & James O'Rourke



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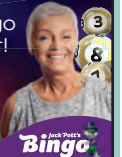
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