

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28th October 2018



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **Garda Band Concert**

Tuesday 30th October

### **Feast of All Saints**

Thursday 1st November

### **Mass of Remembrance 2018**

Thursday 8th November

**St Brigid's Christian Bookclub meet at 10.45 am on the 2nd Wednesday every month in the Pastoral Centre, here in Blanchardstown. New members welcome. Phone 086 0427989 for further details.**

**No Morning Meditation this Monday due to the Bank Holiday**

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

## READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

7pm: Marian McCaughley

9am: John Reid

10.30am: Richard Carroll

12 noon: Gwen Cruise

7pm Alice O'Connell

## **THE DEEP END: Who is blind? (Triona Doherty)**

Who is blind in today's gospel? The obvious answer, of course, is the blind man! Bartimaeus is blind and desperate. He has not been blind all his life, so he knows about the wonderful gift of sight he is missing. His faith is strong, and his courage is stronger still. Though he is physically blind, he sees plenty.

Who sees Bartimaeus? Certainly not the followers of Jesus. They do not think of Bartimaeus as someone worthy of meeting Jesus. To the extent that they think about him at all, he is an irritation, a poor beggar to look down on. They are utterly blind to his needs. Minutes previously they had been content to pass him by and silence his cries for help, but their master has given an order and they must obey. How they must have squirmed, calling him over.

The blind man sees Jesus, and Jesus sees the blind man. Everyone else is blind to both of them. Everyone else fades into the background.

Perhaps it is time for an eyesight test. Do we see Jesus for who he really is? Do we pay attention to those around us, or are we blind to their needs? Do we hear the cry of the poor, or are we complicit in silencing them?

St. Brigid's, Castleknock

## **Ecumenical Blessing of Graves**

Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm All welcome

Collection for The St. Francis Hospice, D15 & Churchyard maintenance

Disabled/elderly parking **only** at the church. All others please park in Castleknock NS opposite.

All church services are available on line via [www.blanchardstownparish.ie](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie)



**St Brigid's Catholic  
Pastoral Centre**

**Unit 2E Meridian Court,  
Royal Canal Park,  
Ashtown, D15**

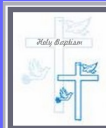
**The new Pastoral  
Centre for the Royal  
Canal Park, Rathborne and  
Ashtown areas of the parish opens  
next month**

**Open evenings:  
6th, 13th & 20th November  
7—8pm**



† November is the month when we remember our deceased relatives and friends. Lists for the Altar List of the Dead are now available. Our annual **Mass of Remembrance** takes place on Thurs. 8th Nov. @ 7.30pm. If you would like to have the name of someone who died during the year included on the night, please notify the sacristy.

Intentions	28th Oct	4th Nov
Sat. 7pm	Jack Lawless	Patrick Herlihy
Sun 9am	Nancy & Denny Flanagan	Ciaran Cullen
10.30am	-	Paddy & Sheila Scully
12 noon	Joe & Mary Santry Angela Hyland Ray McCooley Annie Bourke Nico Sio Villaneuva & Marcigno Santos	William & Elizabeth O'Brien
7pm	May & Christy Somers	Gerard & Richard Farmer



**Please Welcome  
our recently  
baptised**

**Saoirse Una, Jordan Daithi,  
Lucy Jeanette & Aidan**



The **Garda Band** has kindly agreed to play a concert in the Church extension on

Tuesday the 30th of October starting at 8pm. The funds raised will assist with the substantial costs of renovating the car parks. Do come along for a most enjoyable night. Suggested donation—€10 at the door.

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