

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time—28th June 2020



Readings for 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

Psalm: 88: 2-3, 16-19 R/ v2

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10: 37-42

Webcam Masses

Monday to Saturday Mass 10.00am

Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.00pm

***Sunday Mass** at 10.30am

**also broadcast on Phoenix FM— 92.5Mhz*

HOLY HOUR

a wonderful, peaceful experience

—a restful quiet time.

Join us on Tuesdays 4pm

www.blanchardstownparish.ie/our-parish/webcam



Covid-19 Helpline Numbers

Fingal Community Response 7 days a week 8am to 8pm. Freephone: **1-890-459-059** Ph: **01-890-5000**

Email: covidsupport@fingal.ie info:

www.fingal.ie

Alone COVID-19 Support Line for Older People 7 days a week, 8am - 8pm. Call **0818 222 024**.

Accord – support line for people struggling with relationships issues : 10 am-1 pm Mon-Fri Ph **01 9059555** . More info: www.accorddublin.ie

Crosscare Blanchardstown delivering emergency Food Parcels **01-8219892**

AgeAction

Supporting Older People

Check their website for information on supports at this time www.ageaction.ie

Coronaa corollary

"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen." (Matt 6 : 6)

Unseen - but there for all that...

Stay in, stay safe. Wash your hands. etc.,

the all-too-familiar diktats of the Pandemic.

Now here's a thing... Social distancing does not cut ice with Jesus Christ! Not at all... He is having none of it!

On the contrary, He invites us

- *Come to Me* -

to search for Him, seek Him out, find Him... go to him... touch Him - even the hem of His garment...

Sure you only have to turn to Him to find He is already turned to you!

Arms extended... embracing... ever welcoming.

Then cling to Him! Yes, cling to Him!

And this you can do very, very well - not in a packed hall or crowded church -

but in the quiet of your own space - your house, home, room...

Stay safe, find Jesus.

And in so doing you may well encounter

the Risen Christ - better, richer, more lasting -

Why? Because - And this is the thing -

the company of Jesus - his friendship - nourished daily by a deep, deepening awareness of his presence in the privacy of one's own space—that is what was - is - and always will be - of the utmost importance.

Words?... A few... maybe... some times.

But more to the point: an awareness of Presence....

the warm realization that there is Another close by... beside you... at your side... sharing your space...

And the meaning of the Risen Jesus will surely come home to you, anew...

But it is only in quiet, in stillness, that the Spirit will stir in your soul...

the Sacred Heart... speak to your heart.

We have His own very Word for it:

But you... when you pray... go into your room...

close the door... and pray to your Father

who is unseen...

Stay in, stay safe... with Jesus.

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Going Forward

We are happy to open our church for public Mass from Monday 29th June while adhering to current Public Health guidelines.

THE FOLLOWING IS OUR SHORT TERM PLAN UNTIL WE GO BACK TO NORMAL.

- Monday to Friday – Mass will be at **10am**— the church will open at 9.30am and close at 3pm for sanitisation
- Saturday – Vigil Mass—**7pm** (No morning Mass)
- Sunday – Mass at **10.30, 12 & 7pm** (No 9am Mass)

Church will be closed & sanitised after each Mass
The church and the extension will have reduced capacity – under current health guidelines only 50 people may gather in the church for Mass (this may change). Seating will be clearly marked.

SOME ADVICE FOR RETURNING TO MASS:

- The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is suspended—you might consider attending on a week-day instead.
- Our experience of Mass will be different for many months yet —We anticipate those who are vulnerable or unwell, especially those with any symptoms indicating Covid 19 infection, will continue to participate at home, as now, via webcam, TV, radio etc.)
- Do your best not to block the doors entering and leaving. Please respect physical distancing both inside and outside the church.
- Sanitize your hands on entry—masks are recommended.
- Please cooperate with volunteer stewards.
- Please follow directions for receiving Holy Communion
- Please leave patiently and promptly after Mass.
- Please be aware of physical distance when lighting candles. It might be preferable to light them on private visits to the Church. Remember—hand sanitiser can be flammable, so ensure your hands are completely dry.

Thank you for your prayers and support throughout these past few months; with your generous spirit of patience and cooperation we can move forward with renewed hope and return to the richness of celebrating Eucharist and the sacraments .

If you have already volunteered to help, but have not been contacted, please remind us and we will get in touch. All help is welcome.

Children's Corner

In the Gospel Today Jesus asks his disciples who they think he is. Simon says that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus is pleased and says that Simon will now be called Peter. Simon Peter is the rock on which God will build the Church.

A Prayer to Say Dear Jesus, thank you for choosing Simon Peter to build your Church. Simon Peter wasn't perfect, but you trusted him to share your love. Thank you for trusting me to share your love too. Help me to trust you. Amen.

BUILD MY CHURCH

Living stones
Jesus chose Simon Peter to build his Church. We are all the Church, we are the living stones that make up the Church. We build the Church when we share God's love. Draw yourself in one brick and your friends and family in the others!

Messiah?

Simon said that Jesus was the **Christ**, the Greek word for the **Messiah**, but what does that mean? **Break the code to find out the meaning.**

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g =		t =	

TROCAIRE Lenten Boxes—we received outstanding support from parishes, communities and volunteers and we thank you so much for your generosity and support. Your donations have made a great difference at a time when it was most needed by some of the world's most vulnerable communities. We are humbled by your kindness and care.

We remember our recently deceased

Margaret Duffy

To live in hearts left behind is not to die

Intentions	27th/28th
Sat. 7pm	
10.30am	Brigid Forde Olivia Beirne