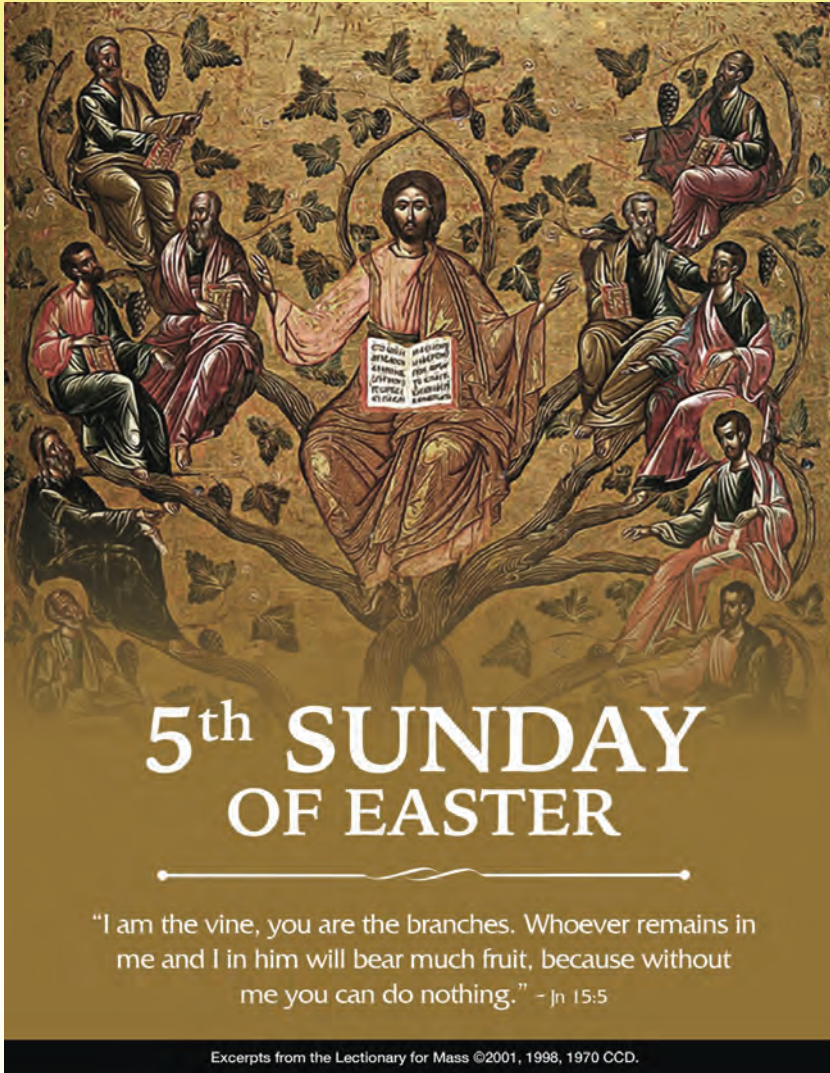


St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, Parish Newsletter.

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 29th April 2018



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - Jn 15:5

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." Real love, especially unconditional love, cannot exist apart from action. We are called to bear much fruit and become Jesus' disciples. We live in a world that is suffering so badly. By our actions and the way we organize our lives, we can model the Gospel values that many no longer see as important. We can be healers who put mercy into action. We can choose to unconditionally respect human life and challenge those who do not. We can live nonviolent lives, resist the lust for power, and avoid greed in all its forms. It is difficult to live the Gospel message of love. We will often be met with rejection. We need to allow God to prune away everything that makes it difficult to love. Then we have to take the risk and call others to a higher standard, no matter the price .

THE DEEP END: The Good Shepherd

As with all good vine growers, God cares for his crop, nurturing it, pruning it, giving it all it needs so that it can grow and reach its full potential. We are no doubt the branches. What does it mean to be a branch?

Branches must be connected to the vine or they bear no fruit. Even those branches that do bear fruit need pruning so that they can grow and bear even more fruit. As we are all too well aware, productivity seems to be the measure of success in the world today, in our education system, in the workplace, in economics; we are measured by what we produce. Is Jesus really adding to the pressure by telling us that he wants to see results or else!?

Perhaps we can read this passage in terms of connectivity. Think of your most intimate friendships and relationships. You don't measure their weight in terms of productivity, do you? But you do want to stay connected right? It is this closeness, this intimacy that Jesus calls us to: 'abide in me'. Are you connected or disconnected? If the connection is strong, then fruit-bearing comes naturally and people will see the gospel in our lives and in the way we respond to the world. If we are connected, all manner of things are possible for us.

Jane Mellett

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

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MUSINGS:

Why Pope Francis is happy ...

Question from a young boy during an interview between Pope Francis and young people in 2014: Everyone in this world is trying to be happy. But we have wondered are you happy? If so, why?

Response from Pope Francis: Absolutely, absolutely, I am happy. And I am happy because ... I don't know why ... Perhaps because I have a job, I'm not unemployed, I have a job, a job as a shepherd! I am happy because I found my path in life and travelling that path makes me happy. And it is also a peaceful happiness, because at that age it is not the same happiness as a young person feels, there's a difference. A certain inner peace, a happiness that also comes with age. And also with a path that has always had problems; even now there are problems, but that happiness doesn't go away with the problems, no: it sees the problems, suffers them and goes on; it does something to resolve them and goes on. But in the depths of the heart there is that peace and that happiness. It is a grace of God, for me, really. It is a grace.

Upcoming Events for Young Adults

Life to the Full (Jn 10: 10) Book Club Join other 20 & 30 year olds 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 the C.S. Lewis book "The Great Divorce". From 7.00-8.30pm every Thursday in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay, Dublin 7. Contact st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie and www.facebook.com/lifetothefullbookclub

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. Next residential weekend will be held **25th - 27th May 2018**, in **Dominican Retreat House, Tallaght, Dublin 24** For further information please contact 086 0877379 or email bedublin@gmail.com www.beginningexperience.ie

Would you like to join a free course in Digital Skills in Blanchardstown?

The not-for-profit organisation, Third Age is starting new classes shortly geared to people aged 45 and over, those with a disability or currently unemployed. Classes may be of particular interest to a local retirement group. **The location is Laurel Lodge Community Centre**—The free training course is a 10-hour programme over five weeks, two hours per week, up to 10 participants per course. It covers introduction to the Internet, Internet security and safety, email, search engines and websites, accessing online government services, conducting everyday transactions, online banking, online voice and video calls and use of apps. **If you would like to register your interest, phone Third Age on 046-9557766, email nationaloffice@thirdageireland.ie, or log on to www.thirdageireland.ie**

Holy Hour St Patrick's

Parish, Corduff will hold a Holy Hour at 8pm on the following dates:
Tues. 8th May. This is to pray for the protection of family life.

**Castleknock Community
Annual College Plant Sale—**
takes place 12th and 13th May.



Many Thanks to all who sent in
Easter Dues

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**ANNUAL HEALING
MASS**
3.00PM
20TH MAY 2018

**PADRE PIO
PILGRIMAGE TO
HOLY CROSS**
9.00AM
27TH MAY 2018
(bus from Justins)

**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.

**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 Have you considered volunteering? An opportunity not to be missed!

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.

REMEMBER TO TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH YOU AS YOU LEAVE THE CHURCH AND KEEP AN EYE ON THE SPONSORS ON THE BACK.



Parish Pilgrimage to Glendalough

Sat. 9th June 2018
(including a trip to the Carmelite
Sisters in Delgany) - Cost €40

*Names will be taken after all Masses on
Sunday 13th May, or you can leave
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Pathways: Exploring Faith and Ministry Programme

Booking is now open for Pathways, which begins this year in Holy Cross College on Thursday 27th September 2018 7pm—9.30pm. Pathways is a two-year, one night a week course for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year. There are no exams and no written work – the only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. You can just come along and enjoy! The cost is €400 for the coming year which may be paid in instalments. Some sponsorship may be available for those of limited means. Places are limited so early application is advisable. For more information please visit www.evangelisation.ie or contact Eileen Houlahan, CHF, PhD, Director, Pathways Programme, Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road, Dublin, DO3 P2E7. Phone: 01 8087594 | email:pathways@dublindiocese.ie

Dublin 15 Toastmasters Public Speaking Club's next meeting in St Mochta's Parish Centre, Porterstown. Jokes, Poetry, Speeches and Topics are just some of the items on the Agenda and admission is free to visitors. Next meeting is Wednesday the 2nd May. We meet 7.45pm for 8pm start. Contact Tony on 086 822 1274 for more information or just come along on the night. Admission is free and you will be made very welcome.

SET DANCING

Set Dancing classes are held every Tuesday at 8.15pm in the Castleknock Parish Centre. We extend a warm welcome to all.

READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

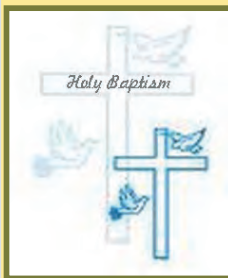
7pm: Alice O'Connell

9am: Gwen Cruise

10.30am: Helen Devanney-Power

12 noon: Brian Santry

7pm: Ignatius Byrne



**Welcome to
Keith, Ava,
Cillian & Oran
Who were recently baptised**

Mass Intentions

April 29th

May 6th

Sat. 7pm

Kathleen Bank & Teresa
Connolly

Sun 9am

Kathleen Duffy MM

10.30am

Kay McNally

12 noon

Daniel Brennan

Andy Meehan

Nancy Purtill

7pm

Jim Finnerty



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