

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

5th Sunday in Lent—29th March 2020

Corona Virus – Parish information

Coronavirus Measures

From Monday 23rd March

Monday to Saturday Mass will be celebrated at 10.am without a congregation

The church will be open for private prayer from 11.30am to 6.00pm

On Saturdays, Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 7.00pm without a congregation

On Sundays, Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am and 12 noon without a congregation

There will be no 9.00am or 7.00pm Mass on Sundays

On Sundays, the church will be open for private prayer from 1.00pm to 6.00pm

Sunday Masses and Daily Mass are transmitted via webcam on www.blanchardstownparish.ie

Corona Virus—Parish information

In the light of the recent directive from the government, we are obliged to comply with the following regulations:

We must reduce social contact to help slow down the spread of the virus. To that end—

1. All parishioners are dispensed from their Sunday obligation to attend Mass.
2. The community can remain spiritually united through the parish webcam.
3. All assemblies, gatherings, meetings in the Parish Centre are postponed until further notice.
4. We will keep you updated on future developments.

During this time, we will keep one another in prayer and watch out for our neighbours.

(for church services go to

www.blanchardstownparish.ie and click on

WEBCAM)

Characteristics of the Christian way of facing the Covid-19 crisis:

The first is the move from "I" to "we". This is a frightening situation that we face together. The **common good** — the good of us all — must be given first place; within the common good, we will find our own good. That is a very Christian, even a very Catholic virtue.

The second is an attitude of **concern and compassion**. Even if we must be isolated in our own homes or workplaces, modern communications allow us to stay in touch in a way impossible before. This is a great benefit. But, we need to choose to stay in contact, perhaps with a greater frequency so that people don't feel abandoned.

The third is a respect for **truth**. In recent years, the truth has suffered in public discourse, giving rise to a horrible expression, the post-truth era. In these days, we need to pay attention to science and medicine and less attention to opinion-makers and rumours. A society without truth cannot last. Today, right now, we need truth more than ever.

Lastly, as Christians, we can **pray**. We can pray in particular for scientists, medical personnel and politicians. These are wonderful people with a huge job of work before them. As we pray for ourselves and our families and friends, we pray too for all who look after the common good.

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A Prayer in the time of the Corona Virus

Dear God, in 1879 the Apparition at Knock gave hope and courage to the people of Ireland in difficult times. We ask that Our Lady may now protect your beloved people from the Corona Virus.

May its victims be strengthened by the spiritual support of the Christian community and restored soon to full health.

We also pray for the medical personnel who deal with the virus. This we ask in confidence through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

By Fr. Brian Grogan S.J.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I Believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori)

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Mon. to Fri., 8am-8pm—call 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Archbishop Eamon Martin invites Bishops, Clergy and all the Faithful to join with him at the 12.00 Angelus on the Feast of the Annunciation, **Wednesday 25 March**, in consecrating Ireland and her people to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for protection from the coronavirus. Prayers for this ceremony are available on www.catholicbishops.ie

A special 'Urbi et Orbi' Blessing

The Pope has announced that on **Fri. 27 March**, he will preside over a moment of prayer on the *sagrato* of St Peter's Basilica. "I invite everyone to participate spiritually through the means of communication", he said. The ceremony will consist in readings from the Scriptures, prayers of supplication, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; and will conclude with Pope Francis giving the *Urbi et orbi* Blessing, with the possibility of gaining a plenary indulgence for all those who listen to it live through the various forms of communication. The moment of prayer on Friday will be broadcast live from the Vatican, at 6 pm Rome time.

Intentions	28th/29th March	4th/5th April
Sat. 7pm	Eileen McGee	Pat Lawlor Angela Goodwin
10.30am	Marie & Molly O'Brien	Claire Molloy Richard Creagh George Farmer Susan Hilliard Bridie Noctor
12 noon	Bendan Kane Diarmuid O'Keffe Matt Farrell Patricia Dixon	Aileen Canning Teresa O'Neill Elizabeth & William O'Brien

Children's Corner

HOORAY FOR JESUS

Help Jesus find his way to Bethany, where his friends Mary and Martha are waiting for him. Draw a path by using the name of Jesus' friend, Lazarus. Start at L and colour the circles with the letters that make "Lazarus".

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus hears that his friend Lazarus has died. Lazarus' sisters, Martha and Mary are sad and think that Jesus could have made Lazarus better if he had come sooner. Jesus is very sad too and goes to the tomb where Lazarus' body is. Jesus prays to Father God and calls to Lazarus. Amazingly, Lazarus comes out of the tomb – alive!

All in a muddle

This sentence is about today's story, but each word has been muddled up.

Can you work out what it says?

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Spot the difference

Can you find differences between Martha and Mary?

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Bring Lazarus to life

Jesus gave Lazarus life. Bring Lazarus to life here by completing the picture.

Copy what the artist has done on one side to show Lazarus, risen from the dead.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, we know you want us to always feel alive. Help us to love you with our whole hearts and to feel full of life and joy. Amen.

We remember our recently deceased Sean Conlon

To live in hearts left behind is not to die

We appreciate your continued support of the Parish and the Diocese in these difficult times.

Sunday Mass 1st & 2nd Collections

If you wish, you can donate to these collections online on the Diocesan Website as follows: directly on www.dublindiocese.ie, or, via the parish website—scroll down the home page and click



then on



and follow the instructions. (If you are using your phone you will have to click on Menu before Donate).

Family Offering Envelope Collection

The Parish has suspended the process of collecting envelopes from homes for the time being. The parish team asks that, if possible, your envelope contributions be retained by you until the current crisis is over or you may deliver your envelopes to the Parish Office.