

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

1st Sunday of Advent—2nd December 2018



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For Young Families

Would you like to take part in our Nativity Play on Christmas Eve at the 7pm Mass?

First rehearsal - Tuesday 4th December.
6.30pm in the Pastoral Centre.

Please come along and take part.

Mass for Children preparing for First Holy Communion – next Saturday night 7pm or Sunday 10.30 am.

Children's weekly prayer group

St. Brigid's Church, Tuesdays at 3 pm.
(followed by refreshments and play) Children of all ages welcome with their guardians.
For more information contact Marie - 0877696909

REFLECTION

You might be wondering how are these readings supposed to help us get ready for Christmas? Well, they do this by reminding us that Advent is a time of waiting – a getting ready for the return of Jesus – not just a recalling of the first Christmas but a preparation for the fact that he will come again. So the focus for us at the start of each Advent is the invitation to prayerful taking stock of how ready are we, as individuals and as a church, to receive him however, wherever and whenever he comes to us. *Donal Neary S.J.*

Annual Night Vigil in Knock



in honour of the Feast of the
Immaculate Conception

Bus leaves Church Ave. Blanchardstown
Friday 7th December @ 4.30pm

Booking : Michael ph: 086 8650708
Intention: for the protection of families, especially those experiencing difficulties at this time.

Eucharistic Adoration:
Tues & Fri
after the 10am Mass

**Monday Morning
Meditation
after the 10am Mass and
Rosary**

**DIVINE MERCY
PRAYER GROUP**
Mondays—7pm in the
Fr. Dungan Room.

All church services are available on line via www.blanchardstownparish.ie



Bring a cushion if you like!

**Thursday December 6th 2018
8.00 p.m.
St Brigid's Church Blanchardstown**

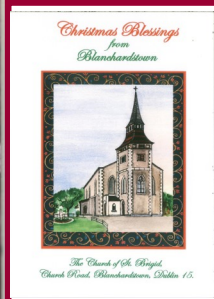
Crosscare Annual Parish Food Appeal this weekend. Items most needed:

- Toiletries & Cleaning products**
- Non-perishable foods**
- Festive Foods**

Your support would be much appreciated.

**Please Welcome our recently baptised
Emily, Siobhan Grace, Norah, Adam
Nathan, Zoe Emily, Nina & Esterina**

Intentions	2nd Dec	9th Dec
Sat. 7pm	Brian Clarke	Kathleen & Michael Kelly
Sun 9am	John & Josephine Brooks	Aileen Madden
10.30am	Evelyn Balfe	Kevin Nugent Patricia & Philip O'Dwyer Rita Furlong
12 noon	Pauline Sheils Kevin Bernie	John & Bridie Kelly
7pm	Pat Molloy	Anthony Gannon MM



Parish Christmas Cards for Sale
Perhaps you would like to send one to a loved one abroad.
€1.20 each
or €5 for 5
Available from the Office or the Sacristy

'Hope After Suicide' Group Workshop with Special Guest:
Sandra Kelleher—Shannon's Hopeline
5th December 2018 at 6.30pm
Dublin Central Mission 9c Abbey St. Lr. D1
All F O S L members and anyone bereaved by suicide are very welcome to attend.
For more info contact 01 4927579 or Email: foslpost@gmail.com

Castleknock Celtic will hold its Open Day for New Players for the 2019 Season on **Sat. 8th Dec.** Times /location for different age groups will be posted on their website

www.castleknockceltic.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
6th December—O Night Divine—Carol Concert in church
13th December—Draiocht Concert— Blanchardstown Brass Band and Choir

READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
7pm: Máire Martin
9am: Ignatius Byrne
10.30am: John Reid
12 noon: Richard Carroll
7pm; Maeve O'Donoghue

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