

St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, Parish Newsletter. Sunday, July 30th 2017.



The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field...

Door to door fundraising for Parish-planned canvass of houses



Just a reminder that the canvass of the Parish is continuing for another few weeks with the teams calling to a number of Parish areas. The areas to be covered are:

Woodview Grove / Coolmine Park / Mill Rd. / Herbert Rd. & Crescent / Millstead / Church Avenue & View / Plaza Apts. / Old River Rd. / Woodsend / Main Street / Tolka View / Villa Blanch / Mary Brennan Pk. / Castleknock Rd. / Talbot Downs & Court / Charangani / Navan Rd.

The teams are very grateful for all your support and hospitality and are looking forward to meeting the residents. Many thanks again for all the support. The Canvass teams

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A sincere word of thanks for your generous donations to last weekend's Trocaire collection for East Africa, the total raised was €8480. We also want to extend sincere thanks to Tony Devlin for his inspirational and informative words during the Masses. The money raised will make a big difference to the lives of so many families and children in dire circumstances. Again, many thanks.

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



Aware are looking for volunteers to help with their vital services across the community.

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Lough Derg 2017: Three Day Pilgrimage runs on any day up to and including Sunday 13th August. Advance booking is not necessary. There are various travel options available countrywide. The Lough Derg team can help you to coordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality. Telephone Maureen or Lorraine on 071 9851518 (from NI 00353 71 9861518). Email: info@loughderg.org www.loughderg.org



Volunteer Application Process is now open for the WMOF 2018. You can apply to volunteer at www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer. There are flyers around the church with further details.

In excess of 1,500 people have already expressed an interest in volunteering. Now we are ready to start registering you through the application process. Everyone who has expressed an interest in volunteering will need to fill in their volunteer application form. If you have not expressed your interest in volunteering, you can apply directly on the link below. We are really excited and can't wait to get started! We have also uploaded information on our volunteer programme to our website. Have a read and please keep spreading the word and apply to volunteer: www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer.

Applicants to volunteer must be residents of the island of Ireland at the time of application and be over 18 years of age, as of 1st January 2018 (or as part of a group), among other terms and conditions. Volunteers can also help in the lead up to the event in the main offices of WMOF2018 and in various preparatory events taking place around Ireland.

Helping Young People to Grow in Faith: Are you a parent, teacher, chaplain – are you interested in young people and their general faith development? If so, see www.shekinah.ie for details of Certificate and Diploma courses accredited by St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. The aim of these courses is to bring the Gospel message to young people in a creative, fun and reflective way. They provide transferrable skills beneficial to parents, teachers and all who work with adolescents.



Very important to spread the word to family and friends and those housebound and also young families with smart devices that we are now live on the internet. Log on to the parish website at www.blanchardstownparish.ie for live viewing of all our liturgies, prayers and services.



Hidden or buried treasure sounds like an adventure story. This is intended by Jesus. Finding the kingdom of God is like an adventure in which there is a treasure that we did not expect to find, that fills us with wonder and tension and drama. Not everyone finds this treasure, which is what makes the story exciting. Jesus could have said that the man dug up the treasure and took what he wanted and left the rest out in the field for others to find easily, but he doesn't. The man hides the treasure again.

We who find the treasure of the kingdom of God will come to understand (whether immediately or over time), that it is more valuable than all that we have – all that our lives consist of. The treasure of the kingdom of God does not fit nicely or easily into the lives that we have already constructed for ourselves. Treasure stories are all about disrupted lives. One cannot discover hidden treasure and remain the same or continue, in an undisrupted way, to live the life one has always lived. In a sense, the measure of the disruption of our former lives is also a measure of the meaning of the treasure we have found. Some of us, perhaps, have not yet discovered the treasure that is worth exchanging our lives for.

John Main: A Hunger for Depth and Meaning

International Conference
September 15th and 16th 2017
Trinity College Dublin



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John Main: A Hunger for Depth and Meaning

A two day international conference will be held in Trinity College Dublin on Friday, 15th and Saturday, 16th September 2017.

John Main is regarded as a modern spiritual master, whose teaching on contemplative prayer inaugurated a global community and movement. John Main studied Law (1950-54) and taught at Trinity College Dublin.

Set in the university context that helped form him this conference will seek to explore all aspects of his life and spiritual thinking. John Main's teaching and practice is rooted in the Christian mystical theological tradition which continues to have great relevance today. The conference will address that tradition and the significance of his insights on contemplation and prayer for today.

Speakers will include:

- **Professor Bernard McGinn, Professor Emeritus of Historical Theology, University of Chicago**
 - **Laurence Freeman**, Benedictine monk, and Director of The World Community for Christian Meditation
 - **Mary O'Driscoll, O.P.** Angelicum University, Rome
- Dr Con Casey and I will speak on *Recovering the Book of Kells for Contemplative Prayer*.

Early Bird tickets for the two day event cost €100. Check out the Trinity Webpage and/or Loyola Institute.

Sage Support & Advocacy Service.

Sage promotes and support the rights of vulnerable adults and older people. We are currently recruiting for volunteers in 6 target areas;

- Dublin, Kildare, Wicklow
- Cork & Kerry
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Receptionist World Meeting of Families 2018 is looking to fill the position of Receptionist in their offices in Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe, Dublin 3. Full details available at: www.dublindiocese.ie/jobvacancies/

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Coordinator of Volunteer Services

St Francis Hospice

Raheny: Monday/Wednesday/Friday Ph: 01 8327535

Blanchardstown: Tuesday/Thursday Ph: 01 8294000

We celebrate with Ava Catherine, Conor Patrick / Robyn Clare and Olivia who celebrated Baptism.

Marian Pilgrimages, Pilgrimage to Medjugorje. Takes place on October 4th 2017 and the cost is 599 euro. It is fully inclusive for 9 nights. Contact Phil 0872238911

Mass Intentions

July 30th

Aug 6th

Sat. 7pm

Olive Malone

Josie Searle

Sun 9am

Elizabeth Ann Mc
Carten

Sheila and Jimmy
Muldowney

10.30am

Michael O'Neill

Laurence Dowd

12 noon

Dympna & Larry Hanlon

Members of the Giblyn
family

7pm

Those who sympathised
for Brigid Forde

Carmel Gernon

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READERS FOR AUG 6TH

7pm: Carla Salvaleon/ 9am: Kathleen Brennan /
10.30am: Reader 15 / 12 noon: Reader 10/ 7pm: Marian Mc Caughley

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