

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

Fourth Sunday in Lent - 31st March 2019

Laetare Sunday



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Laetare Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, takes its name from the Latin word which begins the entrance antiphon - *laetare* means *rejoice*, and this Sunday is marked by a relaxation of the penitential character of the Lenten season.

On this Sunday, we look with expectation to the great Solemnity of Easter for which we have been preparing ourselves as a Church during the Lenten season. By its anticipation of the joy of Easter, Laetare Sunday is meant to give us hope and encouragement as we slowly progress towards the Paschal Feast. A family might choose to mark Laetare Sunday by anticipating the Easter feast; a Sunday brunch with roses on the table would be fitting. A family might also wish, during this beginning period of spring, to plant a rose bush on this day.

How appropriate that Mother's Day falls on Laetare Sunday this year—a double cause to rejoice, to celebrate, to remember fondly.

Mothering Sunday was originally a holiday celebrated by Christians on the 4th Sunday in **Lent** exactly 3 weeks before Easter. Young people who were "in service" (as household servants) were given a day off so they could visit their families. In the 20th century it was frequently said that young girls would make a Simnel Cake to take home to their mothers on this day. Eventually, the religious tradition evolved into the modern Mother's Day tradition of giving gifts to mothers.

We wish all mother's a very

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

**Morning Meditation - Mondays after
the 10am Mass & Rosary**

**Eucharistic Adoration:
Tues. & Fri. after the 10am Mass**

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Mondays @ 7pm in the
Fr. Dungan room

Children's weekly rosary group
in the Pastoral Centre
Tuesdays at 3 pm. (followed by
refreshments and play)
Children of all ages welcome with
their guardians. For more info.
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**'Whose Bible Is It?
Judaism, Christianity,
and the Old Testament'**



We will explore the above on **Wednesday 10th of April at 7.30pm** in the Pastoral Centre with Dr. Brad Anderson. Refreshments will be served afterwards and we hope to be finished by 9.00pm



**Please Welcome our recently baptised
Ada, Jack & Myla**



Supporting our Young People
Teen Hope is a parish based faith outreach to teenagers.

The inaugural meeting took place on Tuesday. Training will begin in September. If you would like to be involved in this project contact Máirín on 8115414 or Christine on 8115412



Good Friday
Outdoor Stations of the Cross
Starting from St. Brigid's Catholic Pastoral Centre, Meridian Court, Royal Canal Park.

PLANNING MEETING—Tuesday 2nd April @ 7.30 in the centre—ALL WELCOME

Evening Mass during Lent—in Our Lady Mother of the Church, Beechpark Lawn, Castleknock

7.30 p.m., Monday to Friday

READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

7pm: Ignatius Byrne
9am: John Reid
10.30: Richard Carroll
12 noon: Gwen Cruise
7pm: J.K. Owumereh

Life to Full Book Club is now a monthly event. Join other young adults (20's and 30's) on April 4th from 7 – 8:30pm in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay. We will be reflecting on Bear Gryll's autobiography, Mud, Sweat and Tears. E-mail st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie

Intentions	31st March	7th April
Sat. 7pm	Pat Dixon	Pat Lawlor Peggy O'Neill
Sun 9am	Patrick Hogan	
10.30am	Nuala Armstrong Molly & Marie O'Brien	Richard Creagh Peigi O'Rourke
12 noon	Diarmuid O'Keeffe Matt Farrell	Elizabeth & William O'Brien Nora O'Reilly MM
7pm		Angela Goodwin

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