

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time—3rd November 2019



In today's Gospel we hear the familiar story of Zacchaeus. Like many people today, Zacchaeus was a 'seeker.' We read that he was anxious to see what Jesus was like. Clearly, he was drawn to Jesus in some way, searching for something or someone. Zacchaeus was an outcast, a tax collector, considered a sinner. Yet Jesus reaches out to him in a gesture of hospitality and friendship. In return, Zacchaeus offers the strictest requirement, as noted in the Jewish scriptures, for restitution: 'four times the amount' of money he had taken from people. But notice that Jesus reaches out in love before Zacchaeus offers compensation for his crimes.

Whether it was the crowd, greed, politics or corruption that was preventing Zacchaeus from seeing Jesus, he has been welcomed back to the table. The encounter with Jesus has changed Zacchaeus' life. He wants to *restore* justice where he has acted unjustly. For each of us, our personal encounter with Jesus makes true conversion of heart possible.

**Prayer:** Father, you call us to live and to change. May we hear the call of conversion, so as to live life abundantly.

**EXPLORING FUNERAL TEAMS** You are invited to an evening on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> November where we will explore the ministry of Funeral Teams. If you are interested in supporting families during the funeral celebration please come along and discuss this with us.

**Annual Mass of Remembrance**  
**Thursday Nov. 7th @ 7.30pm**  
If you wish to have a relative/  
friend included in the Mass,  
please leave the name/s in the  
sacristy

Just **1** Thing

**See Posters  
in church &  
Pastoral  
Centre**

Dublin 15 Toastmasters invite you to visit our fun public speaking club at our next meeting on Wed 6th Nov. at 7.45pm in St Mochta's Parish Centre, Porterstown. We are also hosting an extra meeting on Mon. 11th Nov. at 7.45pm at the same venue. You'll be warmly welcomed to either meeting and there's no pressure to speak. Free admission. Contact Ahmad - 086 233 5871, or Clodagh on 083 164 3200.



### **Rosary Prayer Group for Children & Parents**

Join us in the Church for rosary with Adoration of Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday at 3.00

followed by refreshments, chat and play in the pastoral centre.

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Tuesday and Fridays  
Commences after the 10am Mass & Rosary. Continues until church closing (app. 8pm)

Divine Mercy Prayer Group  
Tuesdays @ 7.15  
in the Fr. Dungan Room

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**PARTICIPANTS REQUIRED FOR STUDY  
AT TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN**

*"Investigating how brain signals associated with cognitive function may be associated with hearing"*

Participants must be 65 years and over—full details, see posters in church porch.

If interested, contact David Loughrey (loughred@tcd.ie) or ph. 087-3378495

**St. Francis Hospice Blanchardstown Annual Car Draw - Volunteer Ticket Sellers** needed to help at a sales desk in Blanchardstown S. C. selling tickets for a Ford Fiesta Zetec . If you have 2/3 hours free before Christmas, please ring / text Margaret at 087 7588753, or email your name & no. to: [hospiced15@gmail.com](mailto:hospiced15@gmail.com)  
Many thanks.

READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Sat. 7pm: Maeve O'Donoghue  
Sun 9am: J.K. Owumereh  
10.30am: Derek Whelan  
12noon: Michael Hanratty  
7pm: Kevin Cullen

**The Encounter: Information Night:** Would you like to be a part of The Encounter Community? Join other young adults (20's & 30's) for monthly reflective meetings in St Paul's Church. The Encounter Community will include prayer, catechesis, social justice initiatives, fellowship and much more. Our next meeting will take place on Thurs. 7th Nov. at 8.00pm in St Paul's Church, Arran Quay.

**Our next Social Encounter**—a night of live acoustic music and reflective prayer, with guest speaker on life, faith and purpose; followed by pizza and refreshments, is on Fri. 15th Nov. at 8pm. We are delighted to announce that Piano man - Tom Conroy will be our Musician and Natalie Doherty will be our guest speaker for the night. For more information on either event: email [st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie) OR follow us on Instagram @theyoungchurchdublin



**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS**

continue Tuesday 5th Nov @ 8 pm

**Please Welcome our recently baptised**  
**Faye, Alex,**  
**Caleb, Ollie and Sarah**

Intentions	2nd/3rd November	9th/10th November
Sat. 7pm	Patrick Herlihy	Joan Nolan Eileen Fitzpatrick MM
Sun. 9am	Desmond McDermott Thomas Gibbons Klevis Kurpreka	-
10.30am	Joe & Mary Santry Angela Hyland Margaret, John & Harry Webster	Joe & Christine Wall Angela Counihan
12 noon	William & Elizabet O'Brien Paddy & Sheila Scully	Mary Farmer MM
7pm	-	-

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