

St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, Parish Newsletter. Easter Sunday—8th April 2018

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SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:27



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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

What does it take to believe that something is real? We live in an age of computer technology complete with things like Photoshop and other programs that can enhance photographs, create realistic images, and mimic artistic renderings. When looking at a picture of something, we find ourselves wondering if what we are seeing is real or just the result of technological creativity. Early believers came to believe because of what they witnessed in these new communities of faith. They saw people authentically living out Jesus' command to love and to show mercy. What do people witness when they see us in action?

THE DEEP END: The Peace of Jesus

We do not come through suffering and difficult times unscarred. We are changed by them. Often they bring some sort of growth into our lives and that is usually not a pleasant experience. Today's gospel shows us that even in those difficult times, faith can be transformative. Jesus came and stood amongst the disciples even though the doors were firmly closed. The peace that he gives them (shalom) is a peace of body, of mind and of spirit; it moves the disciples from despair and being 'locked away' to 'rejoicing'. Jesus then asks the disciples to be an unending witness to God's love. They, and we, must be for others what Jesus has been for them. The risen Jesus is active in all our lives and in the world around us, but we must be careful not to close ourselves off or let fear take over. This is not easy as we often meet cynicism and doubt. Yet, John tells us that he writes these things so that we may come to believe and have life; reminding us of the importance of the Word of God for our lives. Through the Word we come to know Jesus more deeply and can experience this peace that he offers us.

Jane Mellet

'For even if the whole world believed in resurrection, little would change until we began to practice it. We can believe in CPR, but people will remain dead until someone breathes new life into them.'

Shane Claiborne

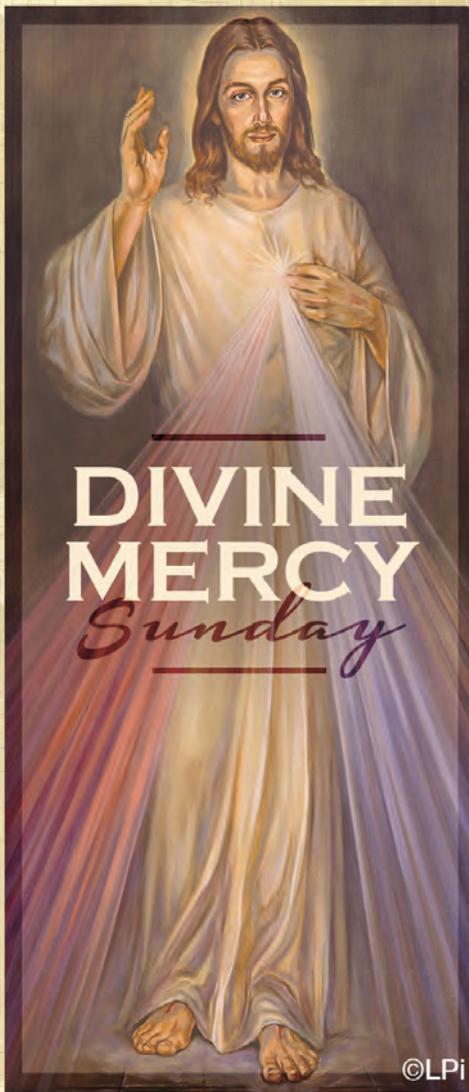
Monday Morning Meditation

Will resume on Monday 26th
after the 10am Mass and Rosary

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Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday celebrations will take place in Our Lady Mother of the Church, Castleknock this Sunday **April 8th, starting at 3pm**. The day includes confession, adoration, readings from the diary of St Faustina and ends with Mass at 6pm. All are very welcome!

Eucharistic Adoration will continue on Tuesdays and Friday after the 10am Mass

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Mondays 7pm in the Fr. Dungan Room, in the Pastoral Centre



Monthly Collection after all Masses this week-end

Upcoming Events for Young Adults

Life to the Full (Jn 10: 10) Book Club Join other 20 & 30 year olds to meditate, share and discuss life, faith, purpose and how to live life to the full. We read a chosen spiritual book over a few weeks and come to reflect and discuss our thoughts - we are currently reading the C.S. Lewis book "The Great Divorce". From 7.00-8.30pm every Thursday in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay, Dublin 7. Contact st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie and www.facebook.com/lifetothefullbookclub

The Encounter Friday 20th April in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay at 8pm. It is a young adults (20's & 30's) event with live acoustic music, reflective prayer in adoration, with guest speakers on life, faith and purpose. We are delighted to announce that John Pridmore is our guest speaker and Riaghan O'Callaghan is our musician for the night. Contact st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie and www.facebook.com/theencounterdublincity

A Life Lived in God

Monastic Vocations Weekend at the Monastery of St Alphonsus, Thurs. 12th – Sun. 15th April 2018 www.rednuns.com
Contact: Sr Lucy - lucy.conway@redemptorists.ie

Anam Cara North Dublin, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 18th April from 7.30pm-9:00pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. Anam Cara North Dublin offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether this was recent or not.

MARRIED COUPLES An opportunity to enrich your marriage on a very special weekend break away! Presented by Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland the next such residential weekend takes place at *The Cork International Hotel*, Cork from 13th to 15th April 2018. For enquiries and / or to book, visit www.marriageencounter.ie or call (087) 784 0408.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

World Youth Day

Panama

January 2019

Pope Francis has announced that the next World Youth Day will take place in Panama next January 22-27.

THE ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLICS IN IRELAND

Future Families:
Challenges for Faith and Society

APRIL 14th 11:00 - 16:00

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Examining the realities of family life and faith in Ireland in preparation for the World Meeting of Families

ALL WELCOME - PLEASE JOIN US
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Holy Hour St Patrick's Parish, Corduff will hold a Holy Hour at 8pm on the following dates: Sun. 8th April and Tues. 8th May. This is to pray for the protection of human life.

Service of Remembrance for the Coombe Hospital will be held on Sunday 8th April at 3.00pm in Our Lady of Dolours Church, Dolphin's Barn, Dublin 8.

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

Parish Conversations
Wednesday Evenings
8.00 - 9.30
April 11th, 18th and 25th



We are continuing our conversations around family life in the light of Pope Francis's exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel". The discussions so far have been interesting and have helped us to reflect together on what family means to each of us personally. Come to all or just come along to whatever you can make. Each voice will help us to get a broader picture of family and relationship. The following themes will be reflected on -

- April 11th : - Married Love Growing to Maturity**
- April 18th :- God's Mercy – No One excluded**
- April 25th : - A Gospel of Hope for our Families**

You are invited to join us in Prayer
FOR THE PROTECTION
OF LIFE AND FAMILY
 during Eucharistic Adoration
 every Tuesday and Friday
 2.00—2.30 p.m.

Registration for the WMOF event
August 2018

Registration for the Pastoral Congress (which includes guaranteed tickets for the Festival of Families & the Final Mass) is open online on our website at www.worldmeeting2018.ie
 Have you considered volunteering? An opportunity not to be missed!

READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

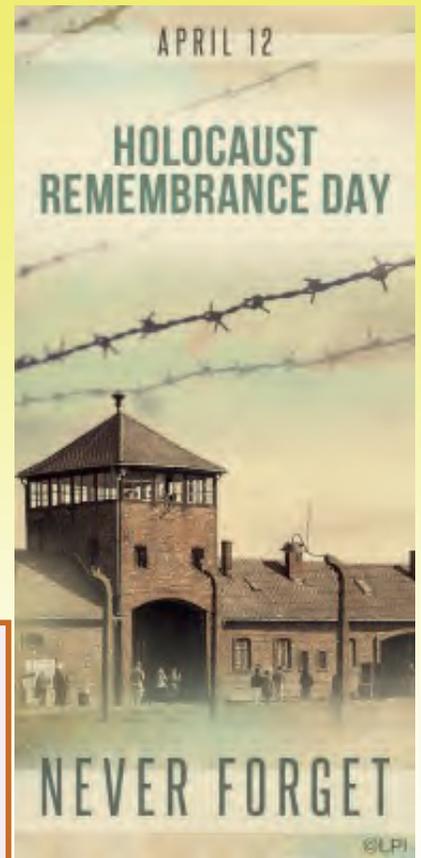
- 8pm: Eamonn Burke
- 9am: Máire Martin
- 10.30am: Kathleen Brennan
- 12 noon: Carla Salvaleon
- 7pm: Saritha Moras

ACCORD Dublin - Recruiting!

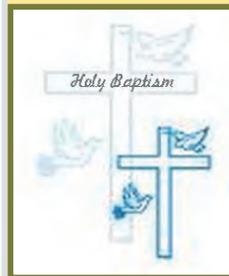
ACCORD Dublin, Catholic Marriage Care Service, is currently recruiting volunteers as Marriage and Relationship Counsellors and Marriage Preparation Facilitators to prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. Training will be provided for both roles through the Pontifical University in Maynooth. Potential Marriage Preparation Facilitators: contact Frances Stephenson on 01 4784400. For information on Counselling Roles: call Jennifer Griffin on 01 4784400.

Volunteers Needed - Bag Pack for NCBI

The National Council for the Blind of Ireland (NCBI) is looking for volunteers for its fundraising bag pack in Tesco Blanchardstown on Saturday 14th April. If you can volunteer for a couple of hours please contact Collette McEntee on 01 882 1970



Many Thanks to all who sent in Easter Dues



Welcome to
Emily Mary, Aidan Leo, Ben Niall,
Jayden Jacob, Noah David,
Molly Julia and Olivia Marie
Who were recently baptised

Mass Intentions

	<u>April 8th</u>	<u>April 15th</u>
Sat. 7pm	Pat Lawler	Angela Goodwin
Sun 9am	Richard Creagh	-
10.30am	Clare Molloy	Mary & Daniel McCarthy
12 noon	Bridget Dunne Molly & Anne Marie O'Brien Matt Farrell	Elizabeth & William O'Brien
7pm	George Farmer	Fr. Michael Ward



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