

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

2nd Sunday of Advent—9th December 2018

Peace

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



As part of our Advent preparations, the parish Hospitality Committee invite you to partake of refreshments in the Pastoral Centre after the 10.30 and 12 noon Masses for the first three weeks of Advent.

THE DEEP END: Make his paths straight

Preparing for the arrival of someone important takes care and attention. Think of a family preparing to welcome a loved one home from abroad, perhaps a son or daughter who lives in Australia. They get their bedroom ready, buy their favourite foods, perhaps put up banners or even organise a 'welcome home' party. It is all done with great excitement and love, and is a way of easing the path home for the traveller. On a larger scale, when an important dignitary visits a venue or a country there is also a flurry of activity in preparation.

We saw it in the painstaking arrangements made for the visit of Pope Francis to Ireland earlier this year. Such high profile visits often involve a literal preparation of the way – organising a welcome reception, planning the best route from the airport, clearing the streets of traffic, as well as much chatter and anticipation.

Today's Gospel brings these two types of welcome to mind. During Advent, we prepare for the coming of Jesus by our actions, when we are generous with our time, patient with our families, and help those in need. And we do all these things with excitement and love, so that Christ will find the warmest of welcomes and a clear route into our hearts.

Triona Doherty

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
TUES & FRI**

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

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

**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.

The total contributions to the **Red Boxes** so far this year therefore comes to around €2,850. Thank you for your generosity.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
13th December—Draiocht Concert— Blanchardstown Brass Band and Choir
15th December—7pm—communal service of Reconciliation

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



Coolmine Christmas Gala Concert 'All Is Bright'

Coolmine invites you to join them for a night of yuletide music and some other favourite songs from the stage and screen. All are welcome to this evening where the

Importance of community, friends and family will be celebrated with fantastic musical acts such as the Blanchardstown Brass Band, Mary McGahann, the St Brigid's Choirs and others. All proceeds on the night will go towards the vital addiction recovery services provided by Coolmine. Join us for a very



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

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED SO GENEROUSLY



Our Advent Wreath packs are all gone. Our thanks go to those who prepared them and to Mary and Dolores who demonstrated so expertly to those of us who needed a few hints. The Wreath is a reminder that it's not Christmas yet, the baby hasn't been born! We're still waiting and getting ready in our hearts and our homes.

Intentions	9th Dec	16th Dec
Sat. 7pm	Kathleen & Michael Kelly Angela Counihan	Kathleen O'Neill Larry O'Sullivan Denis Prior
Sun 9am	Aileen Madden	Brian Gogarty
10.30am	Kevin Nugent Rita Furlong	Joan O'Connell & Maurice, James & Mark Marie McCabe
12 noon	John & Bridie Kelly Patricia & Philip O'Dwyer	John Dredge Siobhan Moran
7pm	Anthony Gannon MM	



**Please Welcome our
recently baptised
Sadie, Stella, Cara &
Aleksandra**

READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

7pm: John McNulty
9am: Eamon Burke
10.30am: Brian Santry
12 noon: Helen Devaney-Power
7pm: Michael O'Connor

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