

COME UNTO ME, ALL WHO ARE WEARY AND HEAVY-LADEN
AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST

Matthew 11:28



St. Brigid's
Blanchard-
stown,
Parish
Newsletter.
Sunday, July
9th, 2017.

Sr. Teresa wants to remind you all that Monday morning Meditation will take a break for a few weeks. It will return soon and details will follow. Thanks for all the support.

Pope Francis had some strong words of advice recently for priests. As he ordained ten men to the priesthood on Good Shepherd Sunday, he said in his homily: 'A priest who has perhaps studied much theology and has achieved one or two or three advanced degrees, but has not learned to carry the Cross of Christ, is useless: he will be a good academic, a good professor, but not a priest. Please, I ask you in the name of Christ and of the church to be merciful, always: do not saddle the faithful with burdens they cannot carry – nor ought you so burden yourselves.'

He must have been thinking of the extract from Matthew's Gospel that we hear today, where Jesus talks about the exact opposite of laying burdens on people – he promises to take them away, and to lighten our load.

I don't think Jesus is saying that the Christian life is always going to be easy, that there will not be burdens or crosses to carry, or that we should not hold ourselves to high standards. Rather, he is reminding us that when we find ourselves overburdened – tired, frustrated, afraid, overwhelmed, disheartened – help is at hand. He invites us to come to him, and to unload our troubles onto him. He is a place of rest for our weary souls. With Jesus on board, our minds and hearts will be lighter, and we can get on with our tasks with renewed energy and zeal.



Door to door fundraising for Parish-planned canvass of houses:

The canvass of the Parish is continuing over the coming months with the teams calling to a number of Parish areas.

The areas to be covered this time 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.

The teams are looking forward to meeting the residents who, as always, are very welcoming and encouraging. Many thanks again for all the support. The Canvass teams

Parish Book Club!

Just to let you know that the books have arrived in the Library that we have ordered. They will be available up to July 15th and then returned so make sure to get a copy asap. Many thanks and looking forward to starting in September. Kathleen : 0860427989



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.



Reek Sunday – (30 July 2017) The Annual Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick, Reek Sunday takes place this year on Sunday 30 July. Mass will be celebrated hourly on the summit at 8:00am; 9:00am; 10:00am; 11:00am; 12:00pm; 1:00pm & 2:00pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated from 7:30am - 2:00pm.



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.

The Summit 17: The Summit `17, invites you to the Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin on July 13th -15th. Conference includes keynote talks from our speakers, practical breakout sessions, prayer and time spent with other young Catholics. We will be joined by the founder of FOCUS, Curtis Martin; Vice President of the Augustine Institute, Dr Edward Sri; director for Evangelisation for the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, Fr Michael Gaitely and a Focus Mission team. More details <http://thesummit17.com>

Marian Pilgrimages, Pilgrimage to Medjugorje.
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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.

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



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.

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The programme begins this year in Clonliffe College on Thursday 28th September

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Pathways is a two-year one night a week course for adults of all ages wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. You can just come along and enjoy! The cost is €400 for the coming year which may be paid in instalments. Some sponsorship may be available for those of limited means.

For more information please visit your webpage: www.evangelisation.ie or contact: Eileen Houlahan, CHF, PhD, Director, *Pathways* Programme, Clonliffe College, Clonliffe Road, Dublin, D03 P2E7. Phone : 01 8379253 Ext 294 Email: pathways@dublindiocese.ie

We celebrate with those recently Baptised:

Austin, Kyran, Kourtney, Cian, Alfie, Thomas, Leah, Corah.

Mass Intentions

July 9th

July 16th

Sat. 7pm	Anne Rogers Mc Grath	Anne Doolin
Sun 9am	Mary Bruen	Joe & Eileen Mc Nally
10.30am	Adrienne Murphy	Rosaleen Golden
12 noon	Tommy Hilliard	Nellie Conlon
7pm	Kathleen and James Burns	Margaret & Jim O'Leary

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READERS FOR JULY 16th

7pm: Kevin Cullen/ 9am: #15 / 10.30am: Tony Devlin / 12 noon: Sheila Gouldson / 7pm: Brian Santry

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