

St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, Parish Newsletter. Sunday, July 23rd, 2017.



let them grow together until harvest...

mt 13:24-43



**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 / Navan Rd.**

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

A very sincere word of thanks to everyone who contributed to our recent donation request for new Altar linens. As you know we are gifted with people who are talented in many ways and this was certainly the case when it came to our new Altar Linens. Our Altar Society and Sacristans have given an enormous amount of their time to source, acquire and make new Altar Linens and the result is truly beautiful. Friday last, we had a presentation of the new linens to the Altar, along with the new Altar Candles, and they are now adorning the table of the Lord. We are very proud of you all and, again, many thanks.

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



This weekend is a **special collection for East Africa** - this special collection will replace the second collection for Share. Our own Tony Devlin will speak at all our Masses to give us an insight into the needs of the people from East Africa. Further information is also available from Trócaire's website [www.trocaire.org/parishes](http://www.trocaire.org/parishes) The funds collected will be channelled to support emergency efforts to alleviate the suffering from the severe food shortages in South Sudan, Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia. Thanks for your generosity.

**Paediatric First Aid Course**

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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](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie) for live viewing of all our liturgies, prayers and services.



**Lough Derg 2017:** Three Day Pilgrimage runs on any day up to and including Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Advance booking is not necessary. There are various travel options available countrywide. The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality. Telephone Maureen or Lorraine on 071 9851518 (from NI 00353 71 9861518). Email: [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)



Volunteer Application Process is now open for the WMOF 2018. You can apply to volunteer at [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer](http://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](http://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.

**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](http://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.

**Matthew 13:24-43**

The owner of the field who allowed the wheat and the darnel to grow together is a reminder to us to be patient with ourselves and with others when we see everything is not right. Sometimes a preoccupation with the negative (the darnel) can blind us to seeing the positive in our own lives and in the lives of others. When have you found that a willingness to live with the messiness of the present created the conditions for future growth?

Have you ever found that it was through accepting the darnel that you learned important lessons for life, e.g., learning by making mistakes, or asking stupid questions, or taking foolish risks?

The parables of the mustard seed and the leaven are reminders that seemingly insignificant things can have very positive results. Have you ever been surprised by the benefit to yourself or others of a kind gesture, a small initiative, or a word of encouragement?

John Byrne osa

# John Main: A Hunger for Depth and Meaning

International Conference  
September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 2017  
Trinity College Dublin



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## John Main: A Hunger for Depth and Meaning

A two day international conference will be held in Trinity College Dublin on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Sage Support & Advocacy Service.

Sage promotes and support the rights of vulnerable adults and older people. We are currently recruiting for volunteers in 6 target areas;

- Dublin, Kildare, Wicklow
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**Receptionist** World Meeting of Families 2018 is looking to fill the position of Receptionist in their offices in Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe, Dublin 3. Full details available at: [www.dublindiocese.ie/jobvacancies/](http://www.dublindiocese.ie/jobvacancies/)



**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.

## WANTED!

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Contact: **Barbara Kilbride**

**Coordinator of Volunteer Services**

**St Francis Hospice**

Raheny: Monday/Wednesday/Friday Ph: 01 8327535

Blanchardstown: Tuesday/Thursday Ph: 01 8294000

We celebrate with Ava Catherine, Conor Patrick / Robyn Clare and Olivia who celebrated Baptism yesterday.

## Mass Intentions

### July 23rd

### July 30th

Sat. 7pm

John Garvey

Olive Malone

Sun 9am

Teresa Flanagan

Elizabeth Ann Mc Carten

10.30am

John and Ellen Stewart

Michael O'Neill

12 noon

Tony Horton

Dympna & Larry Hanlon

7pm

Des Higgins

Those who sympathised for Brigid Forde

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## READERS FOR JULY 30th

7pm: Ann Andrews/ 9am: Michael O'Connor / 10.30am: Maeve O'Donoghue / 12 noon: Alice O'Connell/ 7pm: Mary Brady

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