

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## 3rd Sunday of Advent—12th December 2021

Let the earth bring forth  
a Saviour  
Isaiah 45:8

### This Week's Readings

**1st:** Zephaniah 3: 14-18  
**Response Canticle:** Isaiah 12: 2-6 R/ Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.  
**2nd:** Phillipians: 4: 4-8  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!  
**Gospel:** Luke 3: 10-18

### CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday—Friday Mass:** 10am preceded by the Rosary at 9.35am church opens at 9.30am and closes at 5pm  
**Saturday:** church opens for private prayer at 10am  
**Vigil Mass** at 7pm  
**Sunday Mass** at 10.30am\* & 12 noon

Services available on [www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam)  
 \*also available on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM

**Confession—**The Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation will be available every Saturday during the Season of Advent from 10.30am to 11.00am

**Eucharistic Adoration—**Tuesdays and Fridays after the 10am Mass until 5pm.

**New Evening Mass Schedule for the Greater Blanchardstown Area from 1st December at 7.30**

Mulhuddart – Monday, Castleknock – Tuesday  
 Blanchardstown – Wednesday  
 Castleknock – Thursday, Corduff – Friday

**Please remember: mask, sanitise, safe distance.**

### Advent Penance Liturgy

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is not about a guilt-trip. Rather, it is about unburdening. The Lord invites us to receive from him 'rest for our souls' (Mt 11:29) so that he may set us free (Lk 4:18) that we may continue to seek to live 'life to the full' (Jn 10:10). Jesus is encountered in and through the Sacrament. The Advent/Christmas Reconciliation service takes place in St. Brigid's on **Wednesday 15th December at 7.30pm**. Present will be myself; Fr. Frank and Fr. Larry Kettle. The parish choir will sing during this Liturgy

### FROM THE PASTORS DESK

#### THE SEASON OF ADVENT

##### Advent stillness before - Christmas

Advent is a season that looks back and looks forward at the same time. We look back to the birth of Jesus in simplicity over 2000 years ago. We also look forward with hope to the unfolding of the kingdom of God as Jesus comes in tenderness and love to meet us face to face.

Advent is a season of **waiting**. What is that waiting like? Is it calm and tranquil as each day flows in simplicity from one to another – as the season's customs become as comfortable as your favourite sweater – no pretension – just a good warm fit...Others might want you to take it off and put on something more festive – 'not yet', you say – 'I'll wait a while'... You might take more time with prayer during these weeks – sitting comfortably with the prophets - Isaiah and John the Baptist – open yourself to their challenges they might cause some discomfort as you hear their words....'let every cliff become a plain' – what does that mean for you? – is it a smoothing out of a relationship that has become rough? - think about it – give it time....'the eyes of the blind will see'...what fresh insights await you over the next few weeks....'I am not fit to undo his sandal strap' – what humility – is that an insight that came to John in the distraction free zone of the desert? – have you got some desert islands to go to?...where are you not distracted...what does humility mean concretely to you? Or maybe you attend on Elizabeth and Mary as they wait in expectation...in your quiet accompaniment some of their joy...graciousness...acceptance...trust might rub off...'the child in my womb leapt for joy'....'let what you have said be done to me'... All these possible people in the waiting room of Advent of the Bible.

Who else might be there?...the doctor with the test results...a relative after the job interview...an asylum seeker looking out for news about the future...a homeless person looking for a place for the night...for the moment you hand them over to God...you wait and see what you are asked to do in the situation...you may be called to be a rock for someone or to allow another to take care of you. (Source: Unknown)

#### Father Michael

##### Jesse Tree Symbols with Scripture - Advent Week 3

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> – Ruth – Wheat - Ruth 2:1-9

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Jesse – Branch - Isaiah 11:1

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – David – Harp - 1 Samuel 16:17-18

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Solomon – Columns - 1 Kings 5:2

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Hezekiah - Tablets of the Law - 2 Kings 18:1-6

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of December – Josiah – Book - 2 Kings 23:1-3

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of December - Isaiah – Throne - Isaiah 6:1

### Thank You

Thank you to all who sympathised with me over the unexpected death of my dear mam, Mary. You prayed for me and for the happy repose of her soul, you sympathised personally with me and some attended her funeral Mass. It was all very consoling and comforting. Again Thank You. I will offer Mass for all who sympathised with the family over the death of Mary Carey early in the New Year.

Father Michael

### Parish of St. Brigid, Blanchardstown Christmas Arrangements 2021

COMMUNAL SERVICE OF PENANCE

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.: 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS WEEK CONFESSIONS

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am – 12.00 noon

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>: 10.30 am – 12.00 noon  
(Christmas Eve)

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>: 10.00 am

(Christmas Eve): 6.00 pm VIGIL MASS  
8.30 pm Carol Service  
9.00 pm NIGHT MASS

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>: 9.00, 10.30 & 12 noon  
(Christmas Day): No evening Mass

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am & 12 noon

Monday 27<sup>th</sup>– Friday 31<sup>st</sup>: 11am

Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> Jan: 11am & 7pm—Vigil

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan: 10.30am & 12 noon

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan: 10am Mass resumes

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan: 10am & 7pm Vigil

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan (Epiphany): 10am

All the above services available on the parish webcam

### Season of Advent

Mass in the Pastoral Centre in Pelletstown at 7.30pm On Thursdays 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December. All are most welcome.

### Weekly Candles on Advent Wreath –

3<sup>rd</sup> Week 3<sup>rd</sup> CANDLE – (pink)

**THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY** – The angels sang a message of JOY! "...and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests.' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'" (Luke 2:7-15)

### Children's Corner

**In the Gospel** The people asked John the Baptist how to do what God wants. John the Baptist tells them to be fair. God wants us to share our things.

#### What must we do?

John told the people how to live as God asks. Find some words that describe how God wants us to live. Start with L and choose every other letter.



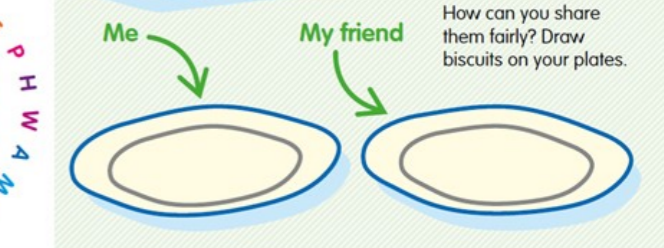
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#### Share!

Here is a plate with ten biscuits. You would like some and your friend would like some.

How can you share them fairly? Draw biscuits on your plates.



#### Become better

People ask John the Baptist what they should do in order to be better people. Translate John's words so that you can be a good person too!



#### A Prayer to say

Please help me, Jesus, to share. Help me to welcome you by treating everyone with kindness. Amen.

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul-CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The annual Diocesan Collection for the local conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul takes place THIS WEEKEND. It will be the second collection replacing Share.



Where is the heart that loves? In the things that it loves. Consequently, where our love is, there our heart is captive. It cannot escape, it cannot reach higher or go to right or left: there it is fixed. Where the miser's treasure, there is his/her heart: where our heart is, there is our treasure. And it is a sad thing that the things that hold us captive are for the most part quite unworthy things. It is self-love that attaches and binds us to the very sorts of things that most disturb and upset us. Our passions enslave us. – St. Vincent de Paul



Don't forget to collect your copies of the Christmas Timetable & dues envelopes for delivery. centre.

We welcome our recently Baptised

Elizabeth, James, Mason & Niamh

We remember our recently deceased

Phil Webster  
Nora Martin

To live in hearts left behind is not to die

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7pm Richard, Gerard & Nuala Farmer  
Michael & Kathleen Kelly  
Michael McGee

10.30 Kevin Nugent  
Desmond Connolly  
Denis Murray

12 John & Mary Dredge  
noon Eamonn Gough  
Larry O'Sullivan

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