

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

Palm Sunday—10th April 2022



This Sunday's Readings

1st: Isaiah 50: 4-7
Psalm: 21 R/ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
2nd: Philippians 2: 6-11
Gospel Acclamation! Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ.....
Gospel: Passion of Our Lord

CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday: Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary church opens at 9.30am and closes at 5pm
Wednesday: Mass also at 7.30pm
Saturday: church opens at 10am **Vigil Mass** at 7pm
Sunday Mass at 10.30am* & 12 noon
1st Saturday of each month—Mass at 10am
 All available on www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam
 *also on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM
The Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation
 Available on the 1st Saturday of each month after 10am Mass, and on request
Eucharistic Adoration Tues. & Fri. 10.30—5pm
Evening Mass for the Blanchardstown Area
 Mondays—Mulhuddart at 7.30pm
 Tuesdays & Thursdays—Castleknock at 7.30
Wednesday—Blanchardstown at 7.30pm
 Friday—Corduff at 7.30pm



WAY OF THE CROSS IN PHOENIX PARK

The 17th annual Way of The Cross takes place in the Phoenix Park on Good Friday, April 15th, at 12 noon, beginning at the Wellington Monument and finishing at the Papal Cross. It will be led by Archbishop Dermot Farrell. All are welcome.



Special Collection this weekend

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FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Easter Cards

Thank you so much to all who have helped distribute the Easter Cards. There are cards in the Pastoral Centre if you did not receive one into your own home.

First Holy Communion children

I welcome the boys and girls and their families to this weekend's Masses as part of their preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Their names are listed in our Parish Enrolment Folder which is at the Sacred Heart Altar during the weekend Masses

First Penance

Congratulations to the girls and boys in our parish Schools who received their First Penance over the past few weeks. They were excellently prepared by their class teachers. They were lovely celebrations and the boys and girls were so well behaved and even if I may dare say it, enjoyed it!

Face Coverings

Can I ask that people wear face masks in the Church. Covid has not gone away and out of care and consideration for other people including yourselves, I think it a good idea

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

The dates and times of the Holy Week ceremonies including confessions are on the Easter cards distributed to your homes and on the notice boards in the churches. As we enter Holy Week, I invite you to participate as much as possible in the Parish Ceremonies, especially the Triduum, which begins with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. **The readings and liturgies are powerful, so please do come along.** On Good Friday, if for work or other reason you cannot make the 3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, please make sure to visit some church and venerate the cross. You then have the option of the Solemn Vigil or the Easter Sunday Mass. **Fr Michael Carey PP**

The Meaning of Triduum

"Triduum" comes from the Latin words (*tres* and *dies*) which mean 'a space of three days'. But since we have four days with special names – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday – the 'three' may be confusing to some.

The confusion is cleared up when we understand how the days are reckoned. On high festival days the church counts a day in the same way as Jews count days and festivals; that is, from sundown to sundown. Thus, the Triduum consists of *three* twenty-four hour periods that stretch over four calendar days.

Therefore, the Easter Triduum begins at sundown on Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper and concludes on Easter Sunday; its high point is the celebration of the Easter Vigil.

Solemn Pascal Fast

According to the above calculation Lent ends at sundown on Holy Thursday; thus, Holy Thursday itself is the last day of Lent. This doesn't mean that our fasting and Lenten resolutions concludes on Holy Thursday, however; the church traditionally kept a solemn forty hour fast from the beginning of the Triduum until the fast is broken at Communion during the Easter Vigil.

Holy Week Timetable 2022

St. Brigid's Church, Blanchardstown Village

Holy Thursday: **No Morning Mass**

(14th April) 7.30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
 8.30pm – 9.30pm - Holy Hour

Good Friday: 10.00am – Morning Prayer

(15th April) 12 noon - Voices in the shadow of the Cross (families)
 3.00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion
 7.30pm - Stations of the Cross
 8.15pm – Prayer around the Cross

Holy Saturday: 10.00am Morning Prayer

(16th April) 11.00am TRADYCYJNE ŚWIĘCENIE POKARMÓW
 TRADITIONAL FOOD BLESSING
 8.00pm - EASTER VIGIL

Easter Sunday: Morning Mass at 10.30am and 12 noon

(17th April) **NO EVENING MASS**

Easter Monday (Bank Holiday): Mass at 11.00am

Easter Tuesday: Normal 10.00am Mass schedule resumes (19th April)

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 12th April: 7.30pm - Penitential Service

Good Friday: 10.30am – 11.30am

Holy Saturday: 11.00am – 12 noon in the Pastoral Centre

All ceremonies are available on the Parish webcam:

www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam

St. Brigid's Pastoral Centre - Royal Canal Park

Holy Thursday: 6.30pm - Prayer and Reflection

Good Friday: 3.00pm –Voices in the shadow of the Cross (families)
 7.30 pm – Prayer around the Cross

You are warmly invited to join us for these celebrations

Many thanks to all who attended the zoom Confirmation sessions last Monday. We look forward to seeing you again next Monday.



PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

From Wednesday 22nd June for 7 nights – cost €765
 Spiritual Advisor
 Fr. Paul Montague, Reaghtown Parish.
 Phone James on 087-2202173 for more details.

Meditations on the Easter Triduum with Fra Angelico

"When I am Lifted up from the Earth"
 The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a Free of Charge online retreat from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday. To register/find out more Visit prioryinstitute.com or <https://bit.ly/3DWrtKx>



Archdiocese of Dublin

Pilgrimage to Knock

11:00am - Meet & Greet

12noon - Workshops

- Synod,
- Laudato Si
- Prayerful Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

3pm - The Pilgrimage Mass celebrated by Archbishop Dermot Farrell

For more information, please email knockpilgrimage@dublindioce.ie

Saturday April 23rd

We welcome our recently Baptised

Chloe, Teddy, Birdie, Fox & Rose

We remember our recently deceased

Liz Fahey



Always loved, never forgotten

Children's Corner

In the Gospel The crowds cheer as Jesus arrives in Jerusalem. The Messiah has arrived! Our saviour has come! By the end of the week everything looks so different. Jesus has been arrested, tried and put to death. But this moment is what his mission has been building towards. Jesus chooses to die so that we know just how much we are loved!



Help Jesus

Jesus is travelling through the streets of Jerusalem to find his friends. Can you help him find his way?

Be with Jesus at the Last Supper

Here I am joining Jesus and some of my friends around the table at the Last Supper. Draw your friends at the table. Don't forget to colour them in too!



Code work

Jesus goes to the Mount of Olives to pray to his Father. Can you decode the letters to find out what he is saying to his Father?



A Prayer to Say Thank you, Jesus, for showing me what real love means. I am cheering "Hosanna" to welcome you today! Help me to stay with you when it is not so much fun. Amen.

Older people need your support! **ALONE** is recruiting volunteers for their **Telephone Support & Befriending** service for older people. **ALONE** asks interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months. Visit alone.ie/volunteers or ring 083 065 7629 for more information.

Intentions

9th/10th April

7pm Fr. Donal McCarthy MM
 Agnes McCarthy, Pat Lawlor
 John Crowley, Eileen McGee

10.30 Claire Molloy

12 noon Michael McPartland
 John Kane, Baby Beth McElroy