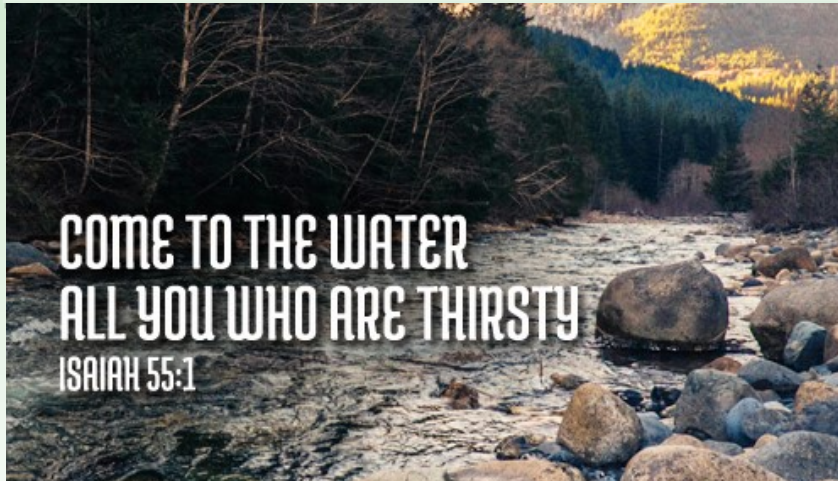


St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

The Baptism of Our Lord—10th January 2020



Readings for the Baptism of Our Lord

1st: *Isaiah 55: 1-11*

Psalm: *Isaiah 12: 2-6*

2nd: *1 John 5: 1-9*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said:
This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin
of the world Alleluia!

Gospel: *Mark 1: 7-11*

*****Current Arrangements*****
Level 5 of the Living with Covid-19 plan
Join us online for any of our Masses at
www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam

Monday to Friday Mass 10.00am
church open for private prayer after Mass until 3pm

Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.00pm

Sunday Mass at 10.30am*

*also broadcast on Phoenix FM— 92.5Mhz

HOLY HOUR

Join us on Tuesdays 4pm-5pm for Music, Silence
and Reflections. A time out to rest with the Lord.



Parish Office and Pastoral Centre
Open 9.30am—1pm. Monday—Friday

Priory Institute Online Open Day

23 January

Is this for you? Want
to try something
new?

Check out www.prioryinstitute.com This will be
an enjoyable day for anyone interested in
theology - whatever you decide to do.



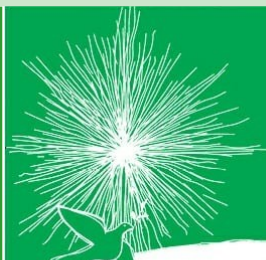
A Prayer

Prayer for the New Year

God our Father,
We give thanks for all that has been
and, trustfully, we place the past into
your hands. We ask you to inspire us in
the year ahead to seek and fulfill your
will. May we truly look on each new day
as the start of the rest of our lives.
Enable us, with the power of your Spirit,
to remain positive and confident, and
live fully and joyfully with those people
you have placed into our lives. Lead us
to bring out the best in one another that
we may all grow as the people
you call us to be.
In Jesus' name
I pray, Amen.



A Reflection



When the song of
the angel is still,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings
and princes are home,
When the shepherds are
back with their sheep,

The work of Christmas begins

- to find the lost,
- to heal the broken,
- to feed the hungry,
- to release the prisoner,
- to rebuild the nations,
- to bring peace among people,
- to make music in the heart.

—Howard Thurman

PRAYERANDPOLITICS.ORG

In Memory



A picture of Mary Mac-Gabhann, our wonderful soloist who died on 1st January, with her mother Maureen, who died in 2019. Mary was an active and passionate supporter of the Hospice, who took care of her mother and more recently herself.

In 2020 Mary produced a collection of eight songs in memory of Maureen and in order to raise funds for the hospice. The collection of songs is called 'Whispering Hope' a variety of songs that (as she said herself) celebrate the beauty and the passing nature of our lives and the love, friendship and fun we enjoy along the way. Mary's aim was to raise €7,500. This fund, which will run until 31st January, has to date reached €18,515—a wonderful tribute to Mary and her mother. If you wish to hear Mary's beautiful voice singing one of these songs, or make a donation in her memory you can do so on www.idonate.ie/MaryMacGabhann. A wonderful person with a beautiful voice, she will be sadly missed. R.I.P.



Junior Infants 2021/2022

Applications for enrolment in Junior Infants in Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí and Scoil Bhríde Cailíní will be accepted from

Wednesday 6th to Wednesday 27th January 2021.

26 spaces are available in each school, i.e. one class.

Applicants will be notified of a decision in relation to their applications within three weeks of the closing date.

Application forms are available from:

Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí	Scoil Bhríde Cailíní
(01) 8201299	(01) 8201717
secretarysbb@gmail.com	office@scoilbhrídecailini.ie
www.scoilbhrídeb.com	www.scoilbhrídecailini.ie

Baptisms

No baptisms while Level 5 of the Living with Covid Plan is in place.

Thanks to all parishioners who braved the elements to bring down Family Offering envelopes, Christmas Offerings, and Mass Offerings. Your generosity and dedicated support are much appreciated.

Contributions/donations can now be made online through the parish website

Covid-19 Helpline Numbers

The Irish Hospice Foundation - bereavement Support Line
freephone 1800 70 77 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday

Alone COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

7 days a week, 8am - 8pm. Call 0818 222 024.

Accord – support line : 10 am-1 pm Mon-Fri 9059555

Crosscare Blanchardstown 01-8219892



Supporting Older People

Check their website for information on supports at this time www.ageaction.ie



We remember our recently deceased

Mary McGowan
Edward (Ned) Conlon

*To live in hearts left behind
is not to die*

Intentions	9th/10th January
7pm	Mary & John (Sonny) Flynn Miahcel McGee MM Rose & Richard Harrison
10.30am	Sarah Hilliard Kitty & Liam McCarthy
12 noon	

Children's Corner

In the Gospel this week John baptises Jesus in the River Jordan. When Jesus comes out of the water, the Holy Spirit comes down above him like a dove and God's voice is heard telling everyone that Jesus is God's Beloved Son.

Baptismal symbols

These symbols are used during baptism. Can you match the symbol with the right shadow hidden around the sheep?



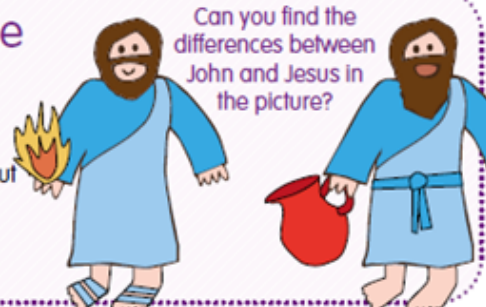
CLEAN FAITH FAMILY HEALING HOLY SPIRIT
LIFE NEW LIGHT STRENGTH GIFTS HOPE

Find the meanings of these symbols in the wordsearch.

S	T	R	E	N	G	T	H
H	C	L	E	H	I	H	S
E	X	F	N	O	F	O	P
A	I	H	E	P	T	L	I
L	Q	T	W	E	S	Y	R
I	L	I	G	H	T	P	I
N	W	A	C	L	E	A	N
G	Z	F	A	M	I	L	Y

Jesus is the Messiah

Many people thought that John was the Messiah, but John tells everyone that Jesus is really the Son of God.



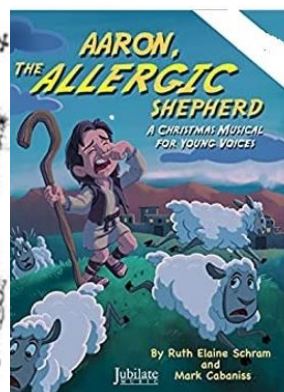
Can you find the differences between John and Jesus in the picture?

WORD SEARCH

January

m	i	t	t	e	n	i	s
s	f	l	a	k	e	y	n
n	q	w	h	m	w	r	e
o	p	f	i	u	b	a	w
w	n	a	e	r	m	u	b
m	v	h	a	g	i	n	a
a	c	e	s	t	e	a	i
n	b	x	e	y	p	j	i

January



Blanchardstown Parish Junior Choir Presents: Aaron the Allergic Shepherd - a short Christmas musical online via the Parish Website

Don't forget to follow the signs and visit our crib (behind the church)



A prayer to say Dear Jesus, thank you for giving us the gift of baptism. Once baptised, we have new life with you and are part of the Christian family. Help us to put into practice all the gifts of the Holy Spirit we received when we were baptised. Amen.



Fr. Mangan: 8213660 Fr. Casey: 8213716 Fr. Drescher: 5384969 Jim Adams (Deacon) 0862232411
Máirín Keegan (Pastoral Worker) 8115414 Sacristy: 8238354 Parish Office: 8115412 (open: 10-1)
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Brigids-Parish-Blanchardstown-944438662375848/> email: office@blanchardstownparish.ie