

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time—10th July 2022

THE SAMARITAN WAS MOVED  
WITH  
**COMPASSION**  
LUKE 10:31

### This Sunday's Readings

**1st:** Deuteronomy 30 10-14  
**Psalm:** 68 R/ *Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.*  
**2nd:** Colossians 1: 15-20  
**Gospel Acclamation!** *Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord. I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!*  
**Gospel:** Luke 10: 25-37

### NEW MASS SCHEDULE (FROM 4TH JULY)

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:** Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary at 9.30 church closes at 5pm  
**Monday:** Area Mass also 7.30p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Liturgy of the Word at 10am  
**Saturday:** church opens at 10am  
**Vigil Mass** at 6pm (note change)  
**Sunday Mass** at 10.30am\*  
**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month**— Mass at 10am followed by confessions  
All services available on [www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam)  
\*also on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM

*This schedule will require flexibility from time to time*

### Eucharistic Adoration

Tues. & Fri. 10.30—5pm

### Evening Mass for the Blanchardstown Area—7.30pm

**Mon:** Blanchardstown at 7.30

Tues & Thurs: Castlcknock

Wed: Mulhuddart

Fri: Corduff

### A Reflective Sentence

To read Sacred Scripture means to turn to Christ for advice....St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

### FROM THE PASTORS DESK

#### Celebration of Ordained Ministry in Blanchardstown

Last weekend's celebration was a truly wonderful occasion. The affection with which you hold your clergy (myself; Fr. Frank; Rev. Jim and Rev. Michael) is a joy to behold. I thank the Parish Team, the Liturgy Team, the music duo of Mary and Frances and the Sacristans. The sanctuary area with its lovely altar display was a beautiful sight. Of course the weekend was bittersweet with Fr. Frank leaving us. That being said the faith filled and joyful celebration of the Masses was definitely the divine liturgy at work. Afterwards there was a fantastic reception in the Parish Centre. Thank you to the wonderful hospitality team and all the helpers who did an amazing job; and to all who brought in some lovely baking from their homes.

During the reception Fr Frank was presented with his many gifts. Myself and Deacon Jim weren't forgotten either. Chair of the PPC, Alice O'Connell, said some lovely words on behalf of the parish.

#### Mary and Frances


With the demise of the 12noon Mass, Mary Kelly and Frances Timmins took the opportunity of retiring from their Sunday Music Ministry. They are still involved in many other aspects in the life of the Parish. They have been singing at the parish Masses for almost 30 years - truly remarkable. They will be missed! At the end of the Mass I thanked them most sincerely on behalf of the parish and made a 'little' presentation to them.

#### Summer Months

As we enter into the summer holiday months of July and August, I pray for all parishioners who are heading away that they have an enjoyable holiday and refresh and re-energise themselves and return home safe. All visitors to Blanchardstown are welcome to our parish. For those of you who aren't or who can't holiday let's hope and pray for lovely weather these two months. Nice sunny weather always lifts the spirits! *Fr Michael Carey PP*

### A MESSAGE FROM FR. FRANK

Last Sunday was my last Mass and official farewell as Curate of the beautiful and vibrant Parish of Blanchardstown. It was a lovely opportunity for me to review once again my time here at St Brigid's. In my homily I had mentioned how my ministry was initially overshadowed by the pandemic, but caring for the dying and being there for the bereaved during difficult times has also strengthened me in my priestly identity and joy in my ministry. In the transition period from Fr. Cyril to Fr. Michael as parish priest last year, we had to catch up on all the celebrations of the sacraments, which gave me my first insight into the busy life of a parish priest in a lively metropolitan parish. This made me particularly aware of how reliant a priest, but also the life of a parish, is on the support of volunteers. And this is indeed a great treasure of St. Brigid's, namely the many volunteers who generously give their time to the Lord and thereby contribute to the special character of this parish. Looking back now on my a little less than two years in St. Brigid's, I realise how the parishioners have become my teachers in faith, hope and charity. What I have learnt here will be of great benefit to my work in Kilnarnagh and Castlview, both for me and for my new parishioners. And so the farewell Mass and reception afterwards were particularly emotional, both for me and for the many participants who once again expressed their heartfelt support and good wishes to me in a touching way. Many thanks to all who turned up, and also for the many cards and gifts I have received last Sunday and over the past few weeks. St. Brigid's, as my first parish, will always have a special meaning in my priestly life. And so, even beyond my departure to Tallaght, I remain your loving German shepherd, *Father Frank.*

**St. Vincent de Paul** outdoor monthly collection after all Masses this weekend. 

### THE EUCHARIST - Gathering

**The Eucharist:** Communion with Christ and with one another. The gospel that will underpin this theme is: the **Disciples on the Road to Emmaus** (Lk.24:13-35).

The parts of the Mass give rise to three 'Communions':

- communion with Christ in our neighbour
- communion with Christ in the Word and
- communion with Christ in the sacramental signs of bread and wine.

The first part of the Mass, goes up to the Opening Prayer or 'Collect'. This deals with the first of the three 'Communions' mentioned above—**communion with Christ in our neighbour.**

#### Stage One - Gathering

In this first stage, the Introductory Rite of the Mass **Christ gathers us as a Eucharistic Community** <http://www.iec2012.ie/index.jsp?p=157&n=164&a=0>

Every community that assembles for Mass, no matter how small, represents the Universal Church in this great action of the Eucharist. As such, Mass is a public act and not a private or individual activity. I mentioned the road to Emmaus gospel as a underpin. The following is the relevant extract to gathering:

*'Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus... While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them... As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them.'* (Lk 24:13-17, 29)

What this extract demonstrates is that **The Risen Crucified Christ gathers us together**

The disciples on the road to Emmaus ask Jesus to stay with them. In doing so he becomes the head of the family, as it were, gathering them together for the Eucharistic banquet. As each Mass is about to begin, people assemble together in one place drawn by Jesus Christ himself. It is good to re-discover this most obvious characteristic of the Mass - it assembles people of different ages, backgrounds and interests together. The components of the Introductory Rites at the Sunday celebration of Eucharist, which serve to gather and reinforce the Assembly's sense of identity, include the following:

- The action of leaving home and arriving
- Coming into the worship space (ie. church building)
- Finding seating
- Entrance Procession
- Gesture of Standing
- Gathering Song
- Incensing the sacred elements - including God's people
- The Sign of the Cross
- Rite of Sprinkling/The Penitential Rite
- The Gloria
- The Introductory Prayer
- The Assembly's response in **AMEN**
- Gesture of Sitting.

## Children's Corner

**In the Gospel today** Jesus asks us to love God and our neighbour. He explains who our neighbour is by telling a story.

Read Jesus' story below and complete it with pictures.

### Draw the story



What a surprise! It is the Samaritan, a foreigner no one trusts, who helps the injured man. Jesus asks us to be like the Samaritan and help anyone in need.

**A Prayer to say** Jesus, help me to be like the good Samaritan. Help me to notice when people are in need and to do something to help them, no matter who they are. Amen.

Pictures from last Weekend's Celebrations (see more on website)



### PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH AS AN ADULT

*Pathways* is a two-year, Adult Faith Development course on Thursday evenings. Run by the Archdiocese of Dublin in DCU St. Patrick's Campus (MDCCE), Drumcondra Road. Late Sept. to May (7.00 p.m. - 9.30 p.m). Application is now open for September 2022. Early application advised.

Contact: *Pathways* Director, Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or [pathways@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:pathways@dublindiocese.ie)  
Web: [www.evangelisation.ie](http://www.evangelisation.ie)

### We welcome our recently baptised

**William, Sadie, Isla, Max, Jacob, Emily & Zack**

We remember our recently deceased

**James (Jim) Bannon**

### Mass Intentions 9th/10th July

|       |                              |
|-------|------------------------------|
| 6pm   | Kathleen & James Burns       |
| 10.30 | Eoin O'Sullivan<br>Breda Fay |

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