

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time—10th October 2021



### Readings for 10th October 2021

**1st:** Wisdom 7: 7-11

**Psalm:** 89 R/ Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

**2nd:** Hebrews 4: 12-13

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 10: 17-30

### CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE— 50% CAPACITY

**Monday—Friday** Mass at 10.00am preceded by the Rosary at 9.35am  
The church will open at 9.30am and close at 3pm for sanitising

### Masses for Sunday

**Vigil Mass** at 7pm (Sat), **Day Mass** at 10.30am\* & 12 noon (Sun)

### OTHER CHURCH SERVICES

**Baptisms**— bookings now being taken—unfortunately we are booked up until the end of November.

**Weddings** — 50% capacity

**Funerals**— 50% capacity

All services available on

[www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam)

\*also available on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM

### Confession

Anyone who wishes to receive confession should approach one of the priests after Mass.

### FROM THE PASTORS DESK

#### New Beginnings

I am now a little over a month into my appointment as Parish Priest of St. Bridget's Blanchardstown and I am very happy to be here. I can see that it is a wonderful and vibrant Parish and I hope to build on the legacy left behind by Fr. Cyril and the team. We are all looking forward, maybe with a bit of trepidation to October 22<sup>nd</sup>, when all Churches can fully reopen with no seating restrictions. Let us pray that this will happen and that all will be well.

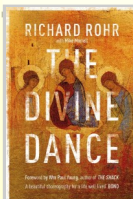
*Father Michael*

#### Altar List of the Dead

These lists are now available in the Church. The new lists will be placed in front of the altar on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – The Feast of All Souls. They will be left in front of the altar for the month of November, the month of the Holy Souls. After that all Masses on the First Friday of the month will be offered for the names on the Altar List of the Dead. The completed envelopes can be returned to the Sacristy or the Parish Office .

#### The Rosary – A Living Tradition

The month of October is the Month of Our Lady (along with May) but October is in particular the month of the Rosary due to the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7<sup>th</sup>. The rosary has been a living, growing tradition within the Church over many centuries. The practice originated in the Middle Ages, with the recitation, 150 times, of the first part of what later became the Hail Mary. This was a kind of 'Psalter of Mary', mirroring the use of the 150 psalms in the Liturgy of the Hours. The medieval practice of reciting the Our Father fifteen times in honour of the Passion of Christ seems to have merged with the Marian prayers, one Our Father being attached to each decade. The second half of the Hail Mary gradually developed, and from around the sixteenth century, was generally included as part of the decade. The form of rosary as is best known today was finally established by 1569.



**Spiritual Reading Circle with Fr Frank & Máirín** began last Thursday The focus is on the doctrine of the Most Holy Trinity and its meaning for our Christian faith-life today. The book is: The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation, by Fr Richard Rohr—€12.

If you would still like to register for the weekly Zoom meetings, contact Máirín, our Parish Pastoral Worker, at [Mairin.Keegan@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:Mairin.Keegan@dublindiocese.ie). You may have a little catching up to do.

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## Moving towards the lifting of restrictions . . . .

**Our continued thanks** go to those who are giving up their time to ensure that we worship safely by stewarding at our Masses and sanitising the seats and rails.

All going well there will be no social distancing in the Church from Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October and we will not be sanitising the seats.

We will however still be encouraged to wear masks as a protection for ourselves and others and we will continue to sanitise our hands.



As usage of cash declines, we are glad to say that St Brigid's is part of a diocesan pilot project to offer "Tap & Go" for Sunday Mass offerings. There are two machines, one in the middle of the main church and one at the rear of the extension. The signs guide you through the 3 easy steps  
**1. Select 2. Tap or Insert 3. Confirm**

There are pre-set buttons for standard amounts or you can enter any whole euro amount you want. The donations will be split 60/40 between the 1st Collection (Common Fund) and the 2nd collection (Share). We will be delighted to get feedback on this pilot. Please note that this option is in addition to and not a replacement of existing options.



### First Year 2022 Applications:

Applications for First Year 2022 will be accepted from 04 October 2021 until closing date, 4:00pm on

Monday 25 October 2021. No applications-even for brothers- will be accepted after this date. **POSTAL APPLICATION ONLY**

**2022 Scholarship Applications:** The scholarship application form is now available On the College website. Scholarship applications will be accepted from 04 October 2021 until closing date, 4:00pm on Monday 25 October 2021- no applications will be accepted after this date. **POSTAL APPLICATION ONLY**

## We remember our recently deceased

Edna McCarten, Rita Smyth

Michael Smyth & Maureen O'Hehir  
 whose funerals took place during the week

Deirdre Martin, Patricia Farrell  
 & Alan Smith

whose funerals will take place this coming week

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

## Intentions

9th/10th

7pm	Ray McCooley John Ross Peggy & John Lynch
10.30	Mary Taylor
12 noon	Bernadette Muldoon Seamus Bonner

## Children's Corner

**In the Gospel this week** A rich young man asks Jesus how he can get to heaven. Jesus challenges the man to share what he has with other people. It's not always easy to share – but God will help us.



**A Prayer to say** Thank you for loving me, Jesus, just like you loved the rich young man. Help me to rise to your challenge and share what I have with others. Amen.

## COMMUNIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS

We congratulate all of our young people who received the sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation during the month of September. It was wonderful to see the families coming along with their children and to have the full support of our schools. Our Church was decorated beautifully by the liturgy team and we had volunteer stewards and sacristans at each celebration. It has been a long wait but the Holy Spirit is not bound by time and we ask God's continued blessing on these young people and their families as we move forward in hope.

## We welcome our recently Baptised

Cian, Ada, Ana & Dylan



Monthly outdoor collection after all Masses this weekend