



St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

Season of Creation—September 1st—October 4th 2023



WHERE TWO OR THREE GATHER IN MY NAME, I SHALL BE THERE WITH THEM
MATTHEW 18:20

CURRENT SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:

Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary at 9.30, Church closes at 5pm

Monday: Area Mass at 7.30pm

Wednesday: Liturgy of the Word at 10am

Saturday: Church opens at 10am

Vigil Mass at 6pm

Sunday Mass at 10.30am *Last Sunday*

of each month will also have a

Midday Family Mass

1st Saturday of the month— 10am Mass

followed by confessions

Last Tuesday of the month—Prayer Group

Mass 8pm, all welcome

Bank Holidays: Mass 11am only

All services available on

www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam

Also on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM

Eucharistic Adoration

Tue & Fri 10.30am-5pm

***(No Exposition from 31Aug for 3-4weeks)**

Blanchardstown Area evening Mass

Mon: Blanchardstown 7.30pm

Tues & Thurs: Castleknock

Wednesday: Mulhuddart

Friday: Corduff

SEASON OF CREATION – SEPTEMBER 1ST TO OCTOBER 4TH



A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

Matthew chapter 18 is concerned with how the early Christian community might live together in harmony. It reminds us that the church should be a place where the least are considered the greatest and the last first; where we look out for the most vulnerable, where we are accountable to one another and forgive each other. In today's text, Jesus sets out a vision for his followers concerning disputes within the community. The process he lays out is a respectful one and it is also realistic, because some people will not respond to this advice. The teaching reminds us that as church, we belong to one another, sisters and brothers, one body (1 Cor 12).

As we celebrate this beautiful Season of Creation, this is an appropriate text, for it invites us to reflect on how we are called to live in harmony. The realities of the ecological crises our world faces today highlights the great disharmony which exists between humanity and God's creation. We are not

living in right relationship with the natural world nor with our sisters and brothers who are suffering the most from the climate and biodiversity crises. We are not living in right relationship with young people who are now growing up for "we may well be leaving to coming generations, debris, desolation and filth" (Laudato Si', 161). Pope Francis calls the destruction of nature an "ecological sin". This is not easy to hear, for it makes demands on us. The good news is that there is a cure. Laudato Si' calls us to a profound interior conversion where our relationship with nature is concerned. Today's Gospel reminds us that there are moments when we must speak the truth in love for the greater good. The Season of Creation presents us with such a moment where we can create awareness across our communities so that together we can discern how to care more deeply for God's creation.



For this is our common home, the home we all share. We are not alone, Christ is with us on this journey: "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them".

"The climate crisis is a deeply spiritual crisis...Our faith offers us a wonderful vision to rekindle these relationships, to renew a childlike sense of awe, wonder and beauty and thus set out in living the first commandment God gave to us, to be guardians and protectors of this beautiful world, not its polluters and destroyers."
Archbishop Dermot Farrell, (Author: Jane Mellet - Source: Season of Creation 2023 handbook).

A Prayer for the Earth (from Laudato Si, 246)

A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH



All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK



The Sacraments

1st Holy Communion

The schools are back and before long there will be a meeting with the parents of the pupils in 2nd class. Are there one or two parishioners who are willing to help me at these meetings, to be a support – it would be much appreciated.

Baptism

A member has retired from the Team due to work commitments. She was upset in doing so but had no choice and it is understandable. Is there someone in the parish, man or woman, who would like to take her place? It would be much appreciated.

Teen Hope

We have our parents' meeting this Thurs 14th September at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre. Please come along if your teenager is interested.

Fr Michael Carey PP

SAINTS IN THE CHURCH'S CALENDAR

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Thurs 14th Sept. This feast commemorates the rescue of the True Cross by Emperor Heraclius in 629 after it had been captured by the Persians; it also marks the original dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, where relics of the Cross were kept, in 335. The Feast celebrates the Cross, the instrument of our salvation, and is in many ways an extension of **Good Friday**. The Cross is a great and powerful sign of God's love for us – a love stronger than death – and a daily reality in our lives: the only true path to holiness.

Our Lady of Sorrows– Sat 15th Sept.

Mary, standing by the Cross, 'suffered intensely with her only begotten Son and united herself as his Mother to his sacrifice, consenting with love to the offering of the victim who was born of her', whom she also offered to the eternal Father. This feast originated as a memorial of the seven sorrows of Mary, most of which were linked to the events of **Good Friday**.

ST MARYS CHURCH OF IRELAND, CLONSILLA CEMETERY.

Ecumenical Graveyard service is on
THIS Sunday 10th September at 3pm.

Children's Corner:

IN THE
GOSPEL

Jesus tells us that if we fall out with someone, we are to make friends again. Jesus will be with us in everything we do, especially when we get together to pray.

Code Use the code to find out some of the things we do with Jesus.



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E=	👉	O=	🍌
F=	☀️	P=	🐝
G=	🌸	R=	👉
I=	🍷	S=	🍌
K=	🍌	V=	😊
L=	🍷	Y=	🌈

A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you for always being with me, Jesus. Help me to make up with anyone I have fallen out with. Help me be kind and patient. Amen.



Church Heating System

Work on the installation of our new church heating system has begun and is expected to be completed within 3-4 weeks. Mass times will not be affected, however, there will be **No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during this time.**

The outdoor monthly collection for St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, VdP, will be taken up **THIS** weekend after both Masses. Thank you.



Liturgy Group This group will meet on Thursday next, 14th September at 2.00pm in the Pastoral Centre.

CLONSILLA HERITAGE FESTIVAL

A celebration of the natural and the built heritage in Clonsilla. Enjoy walks, talks and music in heritage venues on 16th and 17th September, together with boat rides along the Royal Canal! Events can be booked via Eventbrite or email cpheritagesoc@outlook.com for further details.

Mass intentions for the week

Saturday Vigil	Donal (Dee) MacMahon (1st A) Con Hegarty Harry McCabe (MM)
Sunday	Thomas & Rosaleen Golden Mary Powell

St Declan's College, Nephin Rd., D 7
OPEN EVENING—Thursday 14th September
6.45-8.45pm. Parents and pupils of both 5th and 6th class are invited to attend.

Family Faith Camp

Join us for a Family Faith Camp on Sat 16th September from 2-4pm in the Castleknock Parish Centre beside Our Lady Mother of the Church. Programme includes bible stories told in a fun, interactive and creative way. Art, drama, music, games, surprises, treats and more! **Open to all ages.** Please book in advance.
Phone 086 0610686 or 087 7183980

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Thank you to everyone who contributed to last weekends collection, we raised €470, in addition to the €1,800 raised in June!

We hope to return to our Thursday coffee mornings on 14th Sept. after 10am mass.

We would appreciate some volunteers to help set up. Thank you!



We pray for our recently deceased:

Maureen McNamara
Adam Farrell
Always loved, never forgotten



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