

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

2nd Sunday of Easter – 11th April 2021

(Divine Mercy Sunday)

DOUBT NO LONGER BUT
believe
JOHN 20:28



Readings for the 2nd Sunday of Easter

1st: Acts of the Apostles 4: 32-35

Psalm: 117 R/ Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
or Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

2nd: 1 John 5: 1-6

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 2You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

The Supper at Emmaus—Diego Velasquez



Emmaus—A Poem by Denise Levertov

*She listens, listens, holding
her breath. Surely that voice
is his—the one
who had looked at her, once, across the crowd,
as no one ever had looked?
Had seen her? Had spoken as if to her?*

*Surely those hands were his,
taking the platter of bread from hers just now?
Hands he'd laid on the dying and made them well?*

Surely that face—?

*The man they'd crucified for sedition and blasphemy.
The man whose body disappeared from its tomb.
The man it was rumoured now some women had seen
this morning, alive?*

*Those who had brought this stranger home to their table
don't recognize yet with whom they sit.
But she in the kitchen, absently touching the wine jug
she's to take in,
a young Black servant intently listening,
swings round and sees
the light around him
and is sure.*

(Both the artist and the poet have stretched the story to include the servant girl. Following their example, can you stretch your imagination to include yourself?)

Current Arrangements

Join us online for any of our Masses at
[www.blanchardstownparish.ie/
webcam](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam)

Monday to Friday Mass 10.00am*

Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.00pm

Sunday Mass at 10.30am*

*also broadcast on Phoenix FM— 92.5Mhz

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

Monday to Friday

Church open for private prayer after Mass
until 3pm

No baptisms under current restrictions—
these will resume when government
guidelines allow.

Spiritual Reading Circle with Fr. Frank & Máirín

Our next spiritual reading circle is scheduled for
the month of May. This time we will focus on the
biblical foundations of the Church's veneration
of Our Lady.

'Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary, Unveiling
the Mother of the Messiah' by Brant Pitre (Image
Publishing 2018, ISBN: 978-0525572732, ca. €
24.00.) will serve as our reading material.

In weekly Zoom meetings we will collect and
discuss the results of our reading and we hope to
better understand the mysteries of salvation that
have been realised in Our Lady and that give us
Christians reason to hope.

The first session will take place on Thursday,
April 29th at 7:30 pm. Please register online
with:

Mairin.Keegan@dublindiocese.ie by April 28th.
It would be good if every participant had read
the introductory chapter for our first session.

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Caring for our

Common Home as Brothers and Sisters

Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity...it also means combatting the structural causes of poverty, inequality, the lack of work, land and housing, the denial of social and labour rights. It means confronting the destructive effects of the empire of money...

(Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, par. 116)



Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full productive employment and decent work for all

Decent Work
(Secure Employment, Fair Wages, Safe Working Conditions)

A Green Economy

Sustainable Tourism



For more see <https://www.un.org/en/>

Watch here for more information on



TEEN HOPE CONNECTED takes place **Wednesdays 6-7pm** via Zoom. Join us for fun, exploring faith and life with other Teens through small group discussions, top class games and prayer. If you are interested in joining, please email:

kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie

Many thanks to all who have left in Easter Offerings



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, MAYNOOTH
PASTORAL PROGRAMMES

Last date for applications
9th April
admissions@spcm.ie

We remember our recently deceased

At this time we remember all our loved ones who have gone before us especially the recently deceased



To live in hearts left behind is not to die

Intentions

3rd/4th April

7pm

Jimmy & Bridie Geoghegan

10.30am

Dermot Gannon
John Kane

Children's Corner

In the Gospel this week

After Jesus' death, his friends are very afraid and hide away. Jesus appears to them and shows that he is alive and well. Thomas is not there and does not believe his friends. When Thomas finally sees Jesus, Jesus tells him that it is good to believe without seeing.

A prayer to say Dear Jesus, sometimes it can be hard to believe good news when we hear so much bad news. After Thomas saw Jesus dying, he couldn't believe that Jesus could possibly be alive again. Help me to see and believe good news when it arrives. Amen.

Open the door!
The disciples were afraid because they no longer had Jesus with them. They sat in a room with the doors locked.

Match the right key to the right door so that the disciples can go and tell everyone the good news that Jesus is alive!

Visit loved ones

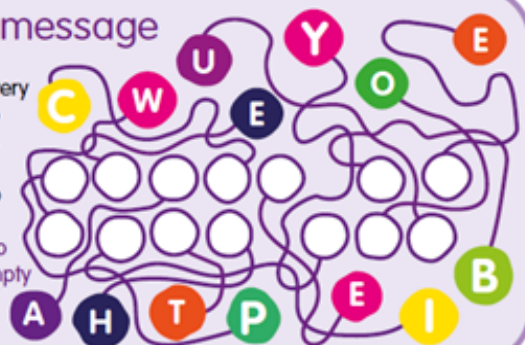
The disciples were so happy to see Jesus again.

Write the name of someone you would love to see this week, or draw their happy face, in the space. Then find the right path to visit them.



Jesus' message

Jesus said something very important to his disciples when he appeared to them. Move each letter to its linked empty circle to see what it is.



Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus said to Thomas "Here are my hands. God's hand made the world and we are his special work of art. The Spirit of God in our hands makes a wonderful world, with all kinds of inventions. Our hands give hugs, play music, play games. We hold hands, clap hands, shake hands. We praise God, when we care and share with our hands.

I am Raising Amazing
online Fostering Information Sessions

TUSLA
An Ghníomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach Child and Family Agency

We in North Dublin have nearly 200 foster carers who are transforming the lives of children every day but we urgently need MORE to enable our young people to stay connected with their family & friends, community, schools & sporting clubs. Join us for our online fostering information sessions on April 14th & 15th and connect with experienced foster carers through this interactive event. **To register search TUSLA FOSTERING on Eventbrite & for more information log onto:**

