



# St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## The Feast of Corpus Christi – Sunday 11th June 2023



Ecce panis Angelorum  
Behold the bread of angels

### Feast of Corpus Christi

"It is the Eucharist which builds up the Church making us the Body of Christ and therefore a people consecrated to God. The Church becomes People of God through becoming the Body of Christ. It is Jesus who shapes his Church. In the Eucharist, Jesus pours out his life for us. We are called to nourish ourselves with the bread of life and to drink the chalice of the new covenant.

And we are called to witness to that covenant in our lives, through self-giving love and in the joyful hope that the Lord will come again to fulfil his reign of love.

From the beginnings of the Church the disciples gathered; they came together to listen to the word of God and for the prayers and for the breaking of bread. The Eucharist was the central and distinctive event of their lives as Christians. It was out of this coming together for the breaking of bread, however, that the disciples developed a particular life-style, a Eucharistic life-style, where having shared in the one Eucharistic bread they then shared all things among themselves and with those in need.

The Eucharist is not just a personal possession. It shapes a new form of living. I can never be a Christian on my own uncaring and un-thoughtful about those around me or what is going on around me. A Eucharistic life-style is always one which reaches out to others, especially to those who may be in need or who are troubled.

Our world is a world of contradictions. Social media and new technological means of coming closer to each other abound - and yet there is still much loneliness. Our interdependence as peoples and nations and economies is so evident, - and yet we still think that self-centeredness and political isolationism can protect us. The fragility of human solidarity is so evident as new conflicts and ideologies arise - and yet we find it difficult to embrace tolerance and respect for others. Our young people long for peace and the ability to realise their talents - and yet violence and exclusion still abound. A Eucharistic life-style is one where the notions of caring and sharing dominate, where self-giving love is the mark of how we live, and how we base our choices and how we interact with others.



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The Church will be renewed only when believers in Jesus Christ truly come together regularly to listen to the

word of God and to share in the bread of life and when from that nourishment they develop a new way of living and witnessing to their faith, in the Church and in society. At the beginnings of the Church, as the Acts of the Apostles remind us: "Day by day, the Lord added to their number". Today, the Lord will renew the Church and add to our number as believers in the measure in which we live that lifestyle which only our sharing in the body and blood of Christ can enable and foster". (Archbishop Emeritus Diarmuid Martin 2012)

### Saints in the Church's Calendar

**St. Anthony of Padua – 13<sup>th</sup> June** died in Padua in 1231 at the age of thirty-six. Born in Portugal he had joined the Franciscans and preached against heresy throughout France and Italy. He is popularly invoked for finding lost objects. He is known as the 'Evangelical Doctor' and was canonised the year after his death.

**THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS – 16<sup>th</sup> June** understood in the light of the Scriptures, the term 'Sacred Heart of Jesus' denotes the entire mystery of Christ: Son of God, uncreated wisdom; infinite charity, principle of the salvation and sanctification of mankind.

**The Immaculate Heart of the BVM, 17<sup>th</sup> June** celebrated the day after the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The contiguity of both celebrations is a liturgical sign of their close connection.

### Before the Blessed Sacrament

Outside the church the noisy traffic flows past. People rush hither and thither. But I have left that world behind and I am here before you, Lord. I do not exclude my brothers and sisters. I bring them with me, for I know that they are equally dear to you, I have everything. I close my mind and open my heart, and so I am at peace. Here I experience my true worth, which consists, not in my possessions and achievements, but in knowing that I am loved by you.

### FROM THE PASTORS

#### Last Sunday

Next Sunday, 18 June, will be John White's last Sunday to direct the choir which he has done so magnificently for the last 10 years. After Mass there will be a reception for John in the Pastoral Centre...all are invited.

Is there someone in our community or among a wider circle that you think might be interested in this position which will become vacant at the end of June? Good keyboard skills, sound knowledge of the liturgy, experience of choir work and ability to work as a member of a team are some of the gifts that we would look for in reviewing applications. Diocesan Guidelines for Church Musicians are used to determine remuneration. **The closing date for applications is June 16<sup>th</sup>.**

*Fr Michael Carey PP*

#### Canon Harris

On Thursday next, 15th June at 2pm, we will celebrate Mass to honour, our V. Rev Walter Canon Harris as he celebrates 70 years of Ordained Ministry. The Parish Choir will sing at this Mass. It will be a wonderful occasion, so please do come along. The Archbishop is delighted to attend. **There will be no 10.00am Morning Mass or coffee morning on this day.**



### LAST CHANCE TO GET TICKETS FOR OUR

#### Annual Parish Pilgrimage!!!

Saturday 17th June

(Theme: Drawing Wisdom from Ancestral Wellsprings)



Kildare Cathedral & Town  
This visit will be followed by tea/coffee and a scone in Teach Dara

and



Solas Bhríde Spirituality Centre  
Their vision is to welcome all to know and be inspired by Saint Brigid whose legacy is ever more relevant for our world today.

Lunch time - (you can bring a snack for this time if you wish).

Free time to either go to the Maze in the garden for a guided meditation or to go to St. Brigid's Well with a member of the Solas Bhríde team,

Followed by Mass in the centre chapel.

And Dinner in the Louis Fitzgerald Hotel

Bus leaves the church at 9.00am and arrives back at approx. 8.00pm

Cost €50 (includes morning coffee and dinner)

Places can be booked through the office.

### Children's Corner

#### In The Gospel

Jesus tells us that he is the bread of life. God the Father wants to look after us – so he gave us Jesus. Jesus gave himself to us in bread and wine, so that he will always be with us.

B	R	E	A	D	BREAD
O	F	O	O	D	BODY
D	R	I	N	K	FOOD
Y	L	I	F	E	BLOOD
B	L	O	O	D	DRINK
					LIFE

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BREAD OF LIFE

#### A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me so much that you gave your life for me. I can give up my time and energy to help other people. Help me to share your love and life today. Amen.

#### Food for life

Our food gives us energy. What is your favourite food? Draw or write it onto the plate.

We need energy to follow Jesus and live like he did. Fit in the missing vowels to find out what will give us this energy.

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**Summer Dues** Envelopes for this collection will be left in the Church for the next few weekends if you would like to contribute to the Common Fund (Income for priests and retired priests).

#### Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage

To Lourdes 7 – 12 September  
Led by the Archbishop

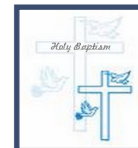
If you are interested in travelling this year, then please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office at 01-8087555 or email : [info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie](mailto:info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie)  
This year the Pilgrimage will be taking assisted sick pilgrims.

#### Lourdes Collection

The Annual outdoor collection will be taken up next weekend 17/18 June to support the Fund that helps send sick pilgrims to Lourdes. They will stay in the Hospital in the Grotto Sanctuary.

We welcome babies baptised in May and June ;

Darach, Wylder, Ava, Tony, Madelyn, Leo, Charlie, Noah, Isaiah, Liam, Maeve, Orlaith Ayla-Mae, Harrison, Conrad, Sophie



#### St Vincent de Paul

outdoor collection will be held this weekend after all masses.



Fr Frank, with Marian Pilgrimages, is running a pilgrimage to Nuremberg Germany in the footsteps of St Kilian. 7th-10th July. If interested, please contact his parish office at 01-4515570 or [www.marian.ie](http://www.marian.ie)

#### Mass intentions for the week

Sat 6pm	John & Sadie Keane	Paul Kirwan (MM)
Sun 10.30am	Margaret & Patrick Keating Michelle Kelly	Marie Kirrane Owen O'Sullivan
Mon	Denise Proudfoot Kiva Keogh	Clíona Quaid Nora Deery

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

Also on Phoenix Radio – 92.5FM

Eucharistic Adoration Tue & Fri 10.30am-5pm

#### Blanchardstown Area evening Mass

Mon: Blanchardstown 7.30pm

Tues & Thurs: Castleknock

Wed: Mulhuddart

Fri: Corduff

#### A Reflective Sentence

Nowhere in the world has so great a miracle occurred as in that little stable in Bethlehem; here God and man became one – Thomas A Kempis (1379-1471, German mystic and author of *Imitation of Christ*).



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