

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time—11th September 2022



This Sunday's Readings

1st: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
Psalm: 50 R/ I will leave this place and go to my father.
2nd: 1 Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel Acclamation! Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!
Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

CURRENT SCHEDULE

This schedule will require flexibility from time to time—please check for changes

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 (note change)
Sunday Mass at 10.30am*
1st Saturday of the month— Mass at 10am followed by confessions
Last Tuesday of the month—Prayer Group Mass at 8.00pm, all welcome
Bank Holidays: Mass at 11 am only
 All services available on www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam
 *also on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM
Eucharistic Adoration
 Tues. & Fri. 10.30—5pm
Blanchardstown Area evening Mass
Mon: Blanchardstown at 7.30
 Tues & Thurs: Castleknock

A Reflective Sentence
 After I discovered that there is a God, it was impossible for me not to live for him alone.... *Bl. Charles de Foucauld (1858-1916, Christian hermit in the Sahara Desert)*

Season of Creation – September 1st to October 4th

In today's Gospel from Luke 15, we have 2 brothers. And as is sometimes the case in families, they don't seem to have much of a relationship with each other. Yet both of them can proclaim "Our Father". One son "squandered his property in dissolute living" and we read that he is then faced with famine.

During this Season of Creation, this text echoes the squandering of the earth's resources. We have used and abused the resources of the earth with greed, placing "I" at the centre, dominating all of creation and God's creatures. We are now seeing the consequences of this squandering as our world faces multiple environmental crises. We have squandered our inheritance and the inheritance of future generations. Our lack of wisdom and over consumption has led to massive extinction of animal and plant species, the oceans are dying, rainforests are being destroyed, the climate is in crisis. While this is the result of our lifestyles the consequences of our actions are being lived by our brothers and sisters in other parts of our common home. They are in poverty, they are homeless, without food and clean water, without education for the children, without health care. These are our brothers and sisters living in this way. Can we look at them and say with them "Our Father"? Pope Francis tells us in Laudato Si' that "Doomsday predictions can no longer be met with irony or disdain. We may well be leaving to coming generations desolation, debris and filth...The effects of the present imbalance can only be reduced by our decisive action, here and now. (LS, 161). Laudato Si' also tells us that "all is not lost". Like the younger son in the parable today we can 'come to our senses', turn around, and make a new start. Each of us can do something, each of us has a role to play in order to bring healing to our common home.

We ask "Our Father" for forgiveness and we can pledge to living out our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork. As we all 'come to our senses' in relation to the climate and biodiversity crises, Pope Francis tells us in Laudato Si' to never underestimate the power of small actions which can have a ripple effect across a community; he tells us that "Truly, much can be done!" (LS, 180). So today, during this Season of Creation, we are invited to take up this call, to listen to the voice of creation and discern where we are being called to act, in our own homes, in our local communities, to care more deeply for our common home. (Sally Simpson - Source: Season of Creation 2022)

Prayer for Vocations

In our Gospel today Jesus tells the Pharisees the parable about the shepherd who leaves his ninety-nine sheep to recover the one lost sheep. We pray for all in ministry in our church who are called to be shepherds, to seek out and welcome back the lost, that they may hear the call of the Lord to be true shepherds of his flock.

Saints in the Church's Calendar

Wednesday 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross – commemorates the rescue of the True Cross by Emperor Heraclius in 629 after it was captured by the Persians.
Thursday 15th Our Lady of Sorrows—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.

Outdoor Collections

The St Vincent de Paul Society of St. Vincent de Paul monthly collection takes place after both Masses this weekend 10th/11th September.
 An outdoor collection for The Little Sisters of the Poor will take place after all masses next weekend 17th/18th September.

MARY'S CHURCH OF IRELAND -

CLONSILLA Ecumenical Graveyard Service With Blessing of the Graves on **Sunday 11th @ 3.00pm**—All welcome (The Castleknock Churchyard blessing will be held on Sunday 13th Nov.)

Edmund Rice College, Phoenix Park Racecourse, Castleknock, invites 5th and 6th class students and their parents/guardians to our **OPEN EVENING** on Wednesday 28th September from 6.30pm to

Thursday Coffee Mornings are back again after Mass in the Pastoral Centre. Do come along and meet some old friends and make some new friends!

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

New Parish Secretary

I'm delighted to welcome Jean Rogers our new Parish Secretary who started work on 1st September. I wish her all the best and hope that she will be very happy in St Brigid's. Christine, I'm delighted to say, is not leaving us at the moment. As well as inducting the new Parish Secretary she will be looking after the Parish Accounts

Visits to the housebound

Last Friday was the 1st Friday and at the end of Mass several Ministers of the Eucharist were given a blessing and sent forth from the Community to bring Communion to those at home. It was a joy to behold and a new way of being as a Parish.

Season of Creation,

This symbol calls us to listen to the voice of creation, and faithfully respond through worship, repentance and action. Moses was told to remove his sandals, for he was standing on holy ground in God's presence. May this symbol move us to remove the "sandals" of our unsustainable lifestyles that disconnect us from creation and our Creator, contemplate our connection to the holy ground where we live, and listen for the voice of creation. (Source: Season of Creation 2022 handbook) "Earth's crammed with heaven, And every common bush afire with God, But only he who sees takes off his shoes;" (Elizabeth Barrett Browning)
 Fr Michael Carey PP

St Declan's College

Nepin Road, Dublin 7

Invites 5th and 6th class boys and parents to our **OPEN EVENING** on Thursday 15th September 6.45pm-8.45pm

We welcome our recently baptised **James, Lucy, Victor, Sarah, Brodie, Jamie, Sophie**

We remember our recently Deceased **Dinny McKeon . Martin Coleman**

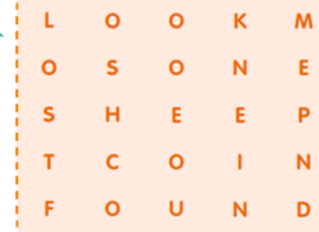
Mass Intentions 10/11 September

6pm	Seamus Bonnar Ray McCooey
10.30	Mary Taylor Patricia Farrell

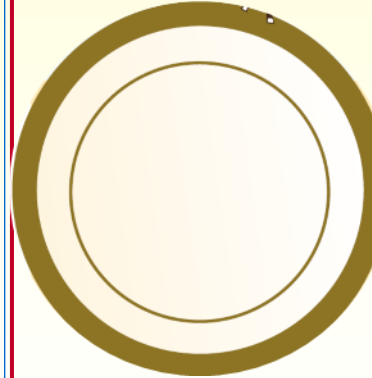
Children's Corner

In the Gospel

A shepherd loses one sheep and leaves ninety-nine others to search for it. A woman sweeps the whole house



to find a lost coin. Both are really happy and celebrate when their lost sheep and coin are found. God loves each one of us even more than this!



Draw a picture of your head on the coin. You are very important to God. God will never stop searching for you.

A prayer to say Thank you, Jesus, for loving me so much. If I ever go away from you and get lost, come quickly and find me again. Amen.

For Teens and Families!

For Parents and Guardians - Invite to an information meeting on

Thursday the 15th of September at 7.30 in the Church Extension. We're delighted to tell you that in September we'll be launching our new parish initiative **Teen Hope**, which will be geared to First and Second Years. **Teen Hope** is a parish based faith outreach to teenagers. It provides opportunities and continued support for teenagers to encounter and get to know God in Jesus Christ, through fun and exciting activities, while building faith friendships.



Parish Family Day

SUNDAY September 25th

You are invited to our Parish Family Day opening with 12 Mass to 4 (ish!)

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Music, fun and games for all. From the youngest to the oldest. ALL WELCOME!

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH (AND A RUG!) FOR A PICNIC. TEA, COFFEE, JUICE AND ICE-CREAM PROVIDED



What is the Laudato Si Award?

The Laudato Si Award is a new Parish based award for young people to engage with ecological action, education and spirituality. It is based on Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si. The goal is for young people to learn, lead and inspire the whole parish and community. We are one of the parishes who are piloting this award!

How The Award is achieved:

Who: It takes place with a group of 3 or more young people between the ages of 13 to 17 led by the parish Laudato Si Award team.
When: Monthly meetings on Tuesdays at 4.30pm to 5.30pm from October 11th 2022 to 18th of April 2023.
Where: St Brigid's Pastoral Centre, Blanchardstown Dublin 15.

If you are interested in participating please contact the team before 8th October at this address: mairin.keegan@dublindiocese.ie
 Parental Consent forms will need to be completed before participating.

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