

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time—20th October 2019



Crying out

The judge in the parable we hear today is hardly a role model. He delivers justice to the widow, not because he cares about her but because he wants to get rid of her. He acts out of selfishness. This unjust judge is in contrast with God, who is full of compassion, particularly for those who are most in need. When his people cry out, God hears their pleas.

On the surface, the parable is about the need to pray and not lose heart, and the faithfulness of God. But like many of Jesus' parables, it has many layers. It also teaches us about justice, and how we should respond to those crying out for justice.

At the time of Jesus, widows were one of the most vulnerable groups in society; many were left without resources after the death of a husband. In our own country and in other parts of the world, millions of people continue to cry out for justice. Are we like the unjust judge, burying our head in the sand and simply hoping they will go away? Do we offer a half-hearted response, just to make ourselves feel better? Or is our response rooted in a real sense of justice and compassion? *Joan Mellett*



Many thanks to all who responded to the invitation to the Parish Assembly.

We shall be delighted to see you on Thursday, October 24th in Scoil Bhríde Boys School from 7.30 to 9.30 pm

Do come along and have your say.

(If you haven't already signed up, you can just come along on the night)

Monday Morning meditation
10.45am

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday and Fridays

Commences after the 10am Mass & Rosary. Continues until church closing (app. 8pm)



Rosary Prayer Group for Children & Parents

Join us in the Church for rosary with Adoration of Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday at 3.00 fol-

lowed by refreshments, chat and play in the pastoral centre.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group
Tuesdays @ 7.15
in the Fr. Dungan Room

Annual Mass of Remembrance - Thursday Nov.7th @ 7.30pm
If you wish to have a relative/friend whose funeral was celebrated outside the parish included in the Mass, please leave the name/s in the sacristy

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St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock

**Ecumenical Remembrance
Service & Blessing of the Graves-**
Sunday 3rd November 3.00pm
All welcome



Parking in Castleknock: Disabled/elderly parking **only** at the church.



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

Tues @ 8 pm in the
Church Extension

Castleknock Set Dancing

Set dancing classes Tuesdays at 8.15
in Castleknock Parish Centre.
New members always welcome.

READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Sat. 7pm: John McNulty
Sun 9am: Eamon Burke
10.30am: Brian Santry
12noon: Helen Devanney-Power
7pm: Michael O'Connor

St Dominic's College, Cabra, invites all 4th-6th class students and parents/guardians to our **Open Evening** on Wednesday October 23rd from 7pm to 9pm. All welcome. We hope to see you there.



Living with Loss

An information evening about bereavement.
Guest speaker Emma Hayes. All Welcome.

Thursday 7th November, Alex Hotel, 41 Fenian St, Dublin 2

Day of Prayer—Margaret & Philip Maloney
Sat. 26th Oct. in the Fr. Dungan room
After the 10am Mass to 4pm approx.
All Welcome—bring a packed lunch.

St Brigids GAA All roads lead to Parnell Park this Sunday as our Senior Hurlers face Cuala in the Dublin Senior Hurling Final (20th October) at 4pm! Come along and support Johnny and the lads! Tickets available online at <http://dublingaa.tickets.ie> or at participating Centra or SuperValu Stores.

**Please Welcome our
recently baptised
Mary**



Intentions	19th/20th October	26th/27th October
Sat. 7pm	Patrick O'Meara Tony Gannon	Margaret, Patsy & Joseph McGregor Jack Lawless May & Christy Somers
Sun. 9am	-	Nancy & Dinny Flanagan
10.30am	-	Bernard & Kathleen Hall Joan Mullen
12 noon	John Stanley Jim Barber James Noctor MM	Pat & Peter Ganter
7pm	-	-

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