

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter (12th April 2020)

We wish you all a very happy Easter Sunday



Coronavirus Measures

Monday to Saturday Mass

10.00am without a congregation

On Saturdays, Vigil Mass

7.00pm without a congregation

On Sundays, Mass will be celebrated

at 10.30am without a congregation

Sunday Masses and Daily Mass are

transmitted via webcam on

www.blanchardstownparish.ie

During this time, we will keep one another in prayer and watch out for our neighbours.

Holy Week Timetable 2020

Holy Thursday (9th April) : **No Morning Mass**

7.30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

8.15 pm - Prayer

Good Friday (10th April) :

10.00 am – Morning Prayer

3.00 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7.30 pm - Stations of the Cross followed by Prayer around the Cross.

Holy Saturday (11th April):

10.00 am Morning Prayer

8.00 pm - **EASTER VIGIL**

Easter Sunday: (12th April)

Mass at 10.30 am

NO EVENING MASS

Easter Monday (Bank Holiday):

Mass at 11.00 am

Easter Tuesday (14th April):

Mass at 10.00 am

All church ceremonies are available online via webcam at www.blanchardstownparish.ie

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I Believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori)

A Poem for Holy Week

I See His Blood Upon The Rose' by Joseph Plunkett

*I see his blood upon the rose
And in the stars the glory of his eyes,
His body gleams amid eternal snows,
His tears fall from the skies.*

*I see his face in every flower;
The thunder and the singing of the birds
Are but his voice-and carved by his power
Rocks are his written words.*

*All pathways by his feet are worn,
His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea,
His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn,
His cross is every tree.*

..... a reflection

'Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the intermediate stages. We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new. And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability — and that it may take a very long time.'

(Pierre Teilhard de Chardin S.J.)

May this Easter bring new beginnings, hope and joy

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...a short prayer to

Our Lady

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

(Archbishop José H. Gomez)

 **Don't forget our Facebook page**
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Brigids-Parish-Blanchardstown-944438662375848/>

.....and some ways to participate/celebrate

The John Main Meditation Group is not meeting but they have begun a practice of meditating individually at 20:00 each Wednesday evening thus forming a 'virtual' prayer community. Anyone may 'join' and meditate in solidarity at the same time. A short on-line video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PcMzQvYjuuw> provides a basic instruction and a 20 minute silence for those unfamiliar with the practice. If you have any difficulties finding this link please contact Tony at chezdevlin@gmail.com

Check out <http://www.catholicinspired.com/2013/03/good-friday-crafts-and-activities-plus.html>



or make an Easter Garden

just google 'easter garden' for some ideas



Information note on Fingal's Community Response Forum

The Fingal Covid-19 Community Response Forum has been established for the past week to tackle the COVID-19 emergency and is being co-ordinated by Fingal County Council.

The Community Response Helpline is operated by Fingal County Council's Customer Care Unit seven days a week 8am to 8pm.

We encourage people who need assistance in having groceries, prescriptions or hot meals delivered, those who are simply looking for someone to talk to during this crisis, or, if you know someone who needs help, or would like to offer help to get in touch by contacting the Community Line.

Telephone: **01-890-5000**

Freephone: **1-890-459-059**

Email: covidsupport@fingal.ie

Further information regarding the

Forum can be found at www.fingal.ie.

Comhairle Contae
Fine Gall
Fingal County
Council



Intentions	11th /12th April
Sat. 7pm	
10.30am	Rosemarie McGrath Patrick & Nancy Mullins

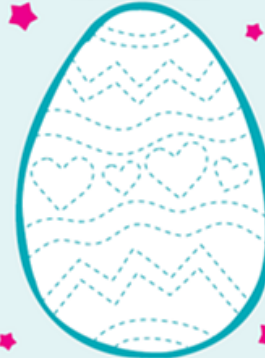
Masses on Easter Sunday are offered for all our deceased.

Children's Corner



Easter eggs and the resurrection

Easter eggs represent the stone that was rolled away from the tomb.



Decorate this Easter egg beautifully to celebrate Jesus' resurrection!

Mary arrives at Jesus' tomb only to find that the stone is rolled to one side and Jesus is no longer inside. She tells the other disciples, who also run to the tomb only to find Jesus' burial clothes lying on the ground.

JESUS IS ALIVE!

Jesus is risen!

Mary and the disciples do not know it yet, but Jesus has risen from the dead.

Can you join the dots so that everyone can see that Jesus is alive?



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, when Mary arrived at the tomb and didn't see your body, she was afraid someone had stolen you away. Mary did not need to be afraid, as you were alive and well. Help me not to be afraid and to trust that you are always with me. Amen.

We appreciate your continued support of the Parish and the Diocese in these difficult times.

If you wish, you can donate to the *Sunday Mass 1st & 2nd Collections* online on the Diocesan Website directly on www.dublindiocese.ie.

Your *Family Offering Envelope* contributions may be retained by you until the current crisis is over.

We remember our recently deceased



**Tom Allen
Doreen Moorhouse
Tommy O'Rourke
Joe McManus**

*To live in hearts left behind
is not to die*