



# St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday 13th August



### 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 (EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST)*

**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

### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday next 15<sup>th</sup> August is the feast of the Assumption of the BVM. This feast celebrates the belief that the Blessed Virgin Mary, when she completed her earthly life, was in body and soul assumed into heavenly glory. Some strands of the tradition record the death of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Jerusalem, while others attest that she was assumed during her natural life. While the earliest references to this belief date from the Fourth Century it wasn't until 1950 that Pope Pius XII defined it as an article of faith. This date has been observed as a feast day of Mary since the beginning of the Seventh Century.

We tend not to like people who boast about themselves and their accomplishments. Often the boasts are more than a bit exaggerated. At the same time, people who constantly put themselves down – are self-deprecating – tire us out as well. Whole people know a balance between who they are and who they are not. Saying honestly who we are is healthy. In the hymn known as the *Magnificat* Mary is honest about who she is. Her honesty derives from the keen awareness of God's gifts to her.



OUR LADY OF KNOCK

In response to Elizabeth's greeting, Mary not only proclaims the greatness of God, but also acknowledges that God "has done great things" for her. Her greatness is brought to completion in her assumption when this lowly maiden of Nazareth is "clothed with the sun" (first reading).



God's greatness and Mary's greatness commingle through her 'yes' to being the mother of our Saviour. God's greatness fills us when we, like Mary, say yes to God's plan of salvation and give birth to the Son through the way we live each day. The most honest we can be with and about ourselves is to acknowledge, like Mary, the great things God has done for us.

Mary responded to God's initiatives with her whole being and life, and now "all generations well call (her) blessed". On this festival we honour Mary for her fidelity and we celebrate God's faithfulness in bringing us salvation through the divine Son. Mary's assumption of body and soul into heaven is a dogma defined by the church.

It is fitting that we thus honour Mary because it was her body which was the first temple for the Son of God. She conceived, nurtured, allowed to grow, and gave birth to Jesus – all because she willingly gave her body as an instrument for God to work the wonders of salvation. By her assumption into glory, God has "shown the strength of his arm" and the greatness of his love.

God will do the same for us. God's greatness – gifts, goodness, strength, mercy, justice – fills us when we, like Mary, say yes to God's plan of salvation and give birth to the risen Life of the Son through the way we live each day. When we are generous, it is God's gifts shining through us; when we respond to the needs of others, it is God's mercy shining through us; when we are strong in face of wrong, it is God's justice enacted through us. Our "success" as God's children is drawn from the greatness of God. Like Mary, our faithfulness will one day bring us to the completion of God's Life within us, to the glory of the Son.

### FROM THE PASTORS DESK



**The Assumption of the BVM – Tuesday 15th August.** Today's feast is in some ways, the paramount feast of Our Lady, since it commemorates her passing, body and soul, into the glory of heaven, where she stands beside her Son 'in garments of gold'. Though the dogma of the Assumption was only defined in 1950, it was widely believed by the earliest Christians. The Blessed Virgin truly leads the way; she fulfilled her vocation in humility and, given her Immaculate Conception, the grave was no place for her body. Where she is now, we hope one day to be.

This is a celebration that offers to the Church and to all humanity an exemplary and a consoling message, teaching us the fulfillment of our highest hopes. Their own future glorification is happily in store for all those who Christ has made his brothers and sisters by taking on their flesh and blood'. Patronal Day of France, India, Malta, Paraguay.

Fr Michael Carey PP

### SAINTS IN THE CHURCH'S CALENDAR

**St Maximilian Kolbe, priest and martyr – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August - 1894-1941,** a Conventual Franciscan who worked in the apostolate of the press in Poland and Japan, and died in Auschwitz.

**Our Lady of Knock – Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> August-** In August 1879 fifteen people witnessed an apparition of Our Lady, St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist, together with the Lord (as *the Lamb of God*) outside the church at Knock. It grew into an International shrine and was visited by St. John Paul II in 1979.



### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION – TUESDAY AUGUST 15TH

This feast day is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are as follows:

**St. Brigid's:**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August (Vigil) at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 10.00am.

### Children's Corner:

**IN THE GOSPEL** The disciples are really afraid in their boat on the stormy water. Then Jesus comes to them, walking on the water. Jesus keeps them all safe.

Jesus invites Peter to come to him, walking on the water. Can you find the way to Jesus across the water?



### A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, you are brave and strong. You are not afraid of (put what makes you scared here)

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 When I am frightened, let me feel you close, keeping me safe. Amen.

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Wishing all our parishioners a happy and relaxing summer break; whether you are travelling or enjoying the summer in Ireland. We pray for a rain-free few weeks, nice weather always lifts the spirits! We welcome all visitors to our parish!

Mass Intentions for the week	
Saturday Vigil	Freddy Brooks Daniel Grant (MM)
Sunday	Kevin O'Brien Henry & Emily Giffney (MM)

### St. Vincent de Paul



The outdoor monthly collection for St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, VdP, will be taken up **THIS** weekend at all Masses.

### ESKER CEMETERY MASS, LUCAN

Will be on SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER at 3pm - Weather Permitting.



### Pathways Exploring Faith and Ministry

*Faith as an Adult—is a two year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course on Thursday evenings, run by the Dublin Archdiocese in DCU St. Patrick's Campus, Dublin 9. Starting date 28th September. Contact Eileen Houlahan 01-8087594 or [pathways@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:pathways@dublindiocese.ie)*

We pray for our recently deceased: **Patrick (Harry) McCabe**



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