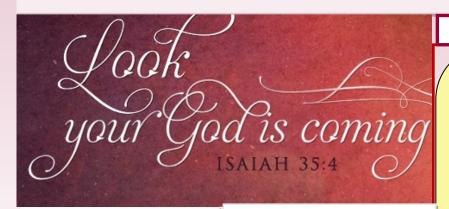
St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter 3rd Sunday of Advent—13th December 2020



Readings for the Third **Sunday of Advent**

1st: *Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11*

Psalm: Luke 1

2nd: 1 Thomas 5: 16-24

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has

been given to me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

A little reminder: (What to remember when attending Mass)

- 1. We are mandated to wear masks—you're cooperation is much appreciated.
- 2. We still need to keep social distance—please be careful.
- 3. We need to leave promptly after Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday
- 4. If you have five minutes to spare, could you help out with the sanitising—everyone will get home faster.

Covid is still out there, this is a whole parish job and we all protect one another by our behaviour.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Celebrating the Birth of Christ 2020 Christmas Weekend: 24th - 27th Dec.

Join us to celebrate the birth of Christ

Thursday 24th (Christmas Eve): 4.30pm 6.00pm **8.00pm*** & 10.00 pm *additional Mass

Friday 25th (Christmas Day): 9.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m. & 12 noon

Saturday 26th (St. Stephen's Day): 11.00 a.m. & 7.00 p.m.

Sunday 27th Dec:

9.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m. & 12 noon Attendance in church subject to latest Government guidelines

Other Masses & Services

Sat. 19th Dec.: Penitential Service 7.00 p.m. Wed. 23rd Dec.: Carol Service 8.00 p.m. (online) Mon. 28th Dec. - Fri. 1st Jan.: Mass at 11.00 a.m. Thurs. 2nd Jan 2021: 10.00 a.m. Mass resumes

CONFESSIONS - CHRISTMAS WEEK

Mon. 21st—Thurs. 24th Dec 10.30 - 11.00 a.m.

Each Mass at Christmas will be limited to approx. 90 people. We are trying to ensure that each family can attend one Mass, in person, over the 4 days.

Entrance to these Masses will be by ticket only.

The above schedule & booking request forms have been delivered throughout the parish. If you did not receive one, they are now available in the church or Pastoral Centre. All Mass booking request forms for the Christmas weekend (24th-27th) must be in by 14th Dec.

Returns received so far indicate a heavy preference for early Christmas Eve and early Christmas day Masses. We will endeavour to accommodate the preferences of as many parishioners as possible, who will be notified by email of their allocated Mass. We will, of course, be delighted to welcome and include all who join us online.



Don't forget to follow the signs and visit our crib (behind the church)

Current Arrangements

Level 3+ of the Living with Covid-19 plan

All Masses & services are available on the webcam www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam

Monday to Friday Mass 10.00am church open for private prayer after Mass until 3pm Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.00pm Sunday Mass at 10.30am*, 12 noon & 7pm

*also broadcast on Phoenix FM— 92.5Mhz



Join us on Tuesdays 4pm-5pm for Music, Silence and Reflections. A time out to rest with the Lord.



Please support the St. Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal. The society relies almost entirely on your

support and all funds raised will be spent locally helping those who need it most with food, heating and education costs throughout the winter and beyond. Special envelopes will be left in the church for the next week or you can donate directly at svp.ie/donate or by calling 0818 176 176.

> **Parish Office and Pastoral Centre** Open 9.30am—1pm. Monday—Friday



Covid-19 Helpline Numbers

The Irish Hospice Foundation - bereavement Support Line freephone 1800 70 77 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday Alone COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

Donations of new toiletry products, in their original packaging please, may be left in the Pastoral Centre

7 days a week, 8am - 8pm. Call **0818 222 024.**Accord – support line: 10 am-1 pm Mon-Fri 9059555

Crosscare Blanchardstown **01-8219892**

Supporting Older People

Check their website for information on supports at this time **www.ageaction.ie**

Baptisms

We are currently open for Baptism bookings for the New Year. As normal, a minimum of 2 weeks notice is required. Please note, in line with current restrictions, there is a limit of 12 persons per family group.

We remember our recently deceased



Age **Action**

Sean Harte Michael McGee Denis Murray

To live in hearts left behird is not to die

Intentions	12th/13th December
7pm	Micheal & Kathleen Kelly Larry & Jacqueline O'Sullivan
10.30am	Patrick & Bridget Keane Eamonn Gough Kevin Nugent Des Connolly Pat & Phil O'Dwyer Myra French Murphy
12 noon	Tom & Kathleen Curran

Children's Corner



In the Gospel this week People wonder if John the Baptist is Elijah or one of the great prophets. John says he is not. He is someone sent by God to tell everyone to get ready for the Lord.



What is a prophet?

Put the missing words in the right place to find out what a prophet is.

God someone speaks listens prophet God

A p_____ is s_____ who l_____ to G__ and s_____ for G__.

A prayer to say Dear Jesus, help us remember that you are always with us. Help us to see you in people who are sick and poor, and even in the people we may we not like. Amen.

