

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## 3rd Sunday of Advent—13th December 2020

*Look  
your God is coming*  
ISAIAH 35:4

### 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.*

### \*\*\*Current Arrangements\*\*\*

**Level 3+** of the **Living with Covid-19 plan**

**All Masses & services are available on the webcam**  
[www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam](http://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

### HOLY HOUR

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](http://svp.ie/donate) or by calling 0818 176 176.

Parish Office and Pastoral Centre

Open 9.30am—1pm. Monday—Friday

### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Celebrating the Birth of Christ 2020  
Christmas Weekend: 24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> Dec.

*Join us to celebrate the birth of Christ*

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>** (Christmas Eve):  
4.30pm 6.00pm **8.00pm\*** & 10.00 pm  
**\*additional Mass**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup>** (Christmas Day):  
9.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m. & 12 noon

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>** (St. Stephen's Day):  
11.00 a.m. & 7.00 p.m.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec:**  
9.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m. & 12 noon  
*Attendance in church subject to latest Government guidelines*

### Other Masses & Services

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

### CONFESSIONS - CHRISTMAS WEEK

**Mon. 21st—Thurs. 24<sup>th</sup> 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)**

A simple way communities can support each other



## We need donations of toiletries

soaps - shampoos - toothpaste - hand soaps - baby hygiene products

A message from: **Community Food Banks**

Times are difficult for everyone at the moment particularly the most vulnerable people in our community.

As the need for people to access our services increases, we are finding it more difficult to keep our stocks at a level that can cope with the demand.



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

## 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**

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](http://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



**Sean Harte**  
**Michael McGee**  
**Denis Murray**

*To live in hearts left behind  
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



### A Star or an Angel for our Crib

Check out our website for a link to more information and a template for a star or an angel which you can colour in.

We will put these up in the Pastoral centre by the crib

(don't forget to come and visit)

**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.

### Listen out for God

Elijah was a prophet who listened for God. He didn't hear God in a storm, an earthquake, the wind or in fire. Elijah found the still, small voice of God in a gentle whisper.



### 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 not like. Amen.



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