

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time—13th February 2022

Happy are you who are poor,
who are hungry,
who weep

Luke 6:20-26

This Sunday's Readings

1st: Jeremiah 17: 5-8
Psalm: 1 R/ Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.
2nd: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, father, Lord of Heaven and Earth, for revealing the mysteries of the Kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!
Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26

CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday: Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary church opens at 9.30am and closes at 4pm
Wednesday: Mass also at 7.30pm
Saturday: church opens at 10am Vigil Mass at 7pm
Sunday Mass at 10.30am* & 12 noon
1st Saturday of each month—Mass at 10am
 All available on www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam

*available on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM

The Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

Available on the 1st Saturday of each month after 10am Mass, and on request

Eucharistic Adoration—Tues. & Fri. 10.30—4pm

Evening Mass for the Blanchardstown Area

Mondays—Mulhuddart at 7.30pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays—Castleknock at 7.30
Wednesday—Blanchardstown at 7.30pm
Friday—Corduff at 7.30pm

Saints in the Church's Calendar

Monday 14th: Ss Cyril (826-69) Monk and Methodius (815-85), Bishop, Patrons of Europe were brothers who evangelized Moravia, Bohemia and Bulgaria and are venerated as the 'Apostles of the Slavs.' They translated liturgical books into Slavonic with the help of the Cyrillic alphabet, which they invented. In 1980 St John Paul II proclaimed them Patrons of Europe, along with St Benedict.

St. Valentine's Day This day is a celebration of love. What

is love? I don't think you can find a better definition than that given by St Paul. "love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way, it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Cor 13:4-7).

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

First Holy Communion - Enrolment Sunday

Thank you so much to the boys and girls and their parents who turned up for the Enrolment Rite at last weekend's Masses. It was a great turnout. I also thank Mairin who is doing excellent work in liaising with the parents. The girls and boys names are listed in our Parish Enrolment Folder which is at the Sacred Heart Altar during the weekend Masses.

1st Holy communion Mass

Next weekend 19th/20th February the boys and girls and their parents are invited to attend and participate in one of the weekend Masses

Confirmation Retreats

These are taking place in the Church at the moment with the boys and girls from the 6th classes.

Painting of the Extension

The Parish Finance and Property Committee are delighted with the painting of the 'Extension'. It has certainly brightened up the space and you will also notice that all the lights are back in working order. The painting as well as the necessary cleaning beforehand cost in the region of €17000. Thank you to all contributors and to the benefactor and parishioner who made a substantial and sizeable anonymous donation.

Fr Michael Carey PP

Jesus' own life

The best commentary on Jesus' sermon is Jesus' own life. Jesus did not live his life as if he was blessed by God; he lived out his life in the constant awareness that God did indeed bless him. In the course of that life he experienced poverty, not only the poverty of deprivation, but the poverty of standing alone against the crowds, the poverty of total reliance on his Father. He experienced hunger, not just the hunger that can be answered by bread, but the hunger that can only be satisfied by doing what is right. He had reason to weep and mourn not only at the loss of a dear friend but at the lost opportunities of his own people. He was no stranger to being held up as a clown for the amusement of all; he knew the experience of rejection, betrayal and abandonment.

All this was experienced by Jesus in the course of his mission; it wasn't adopted as some precious theological posture. It was the *outcome* of a life dedicated to God.

The beatitudes are not prescriptions for becoming poor or hungry or mournful or afflicted. They are addressed to those who are already involved in committing themselves to the kingdom, and they give instances of what happens when the committed to keeping his people at the level of being hurt and wounded – if that kingdom arrives in this broken world. They speak of a variety of experiences that people go through as a *result* of getting involved in God's way of doing things. So, there is the promise that God can handle the poverty, the hunger, the tears, the rejection.

The promise is that God handles all these things, lifting his people *out of them*. That is the Good News. God is not were true the beatitude would read, "Blessed are you who weep, for you shall weep even more." The vision of the God of the beatitude is the vision of a generous God, one who reverses the tragedy. "Blessed are you who weep" is the tragedy; "for you shall laugh" is the comedy. And it is the comedy, not the tragedy, which is the promise. (Source: Fr Denis McBride C.SS.R – Seasons of the Word)



Synod Space

Our facilitator training evening took place last Thursday and it went very well. Our thanks go to all who are facilitating the small groups, we wouldn't be able to do this without you.

Date for your Diary

Tuesdays March 1st & 15th @ 7.30—Blanchardstown GAA Hall

Next weekend the animators will outline the Synodal process in our parish. We will keep the worldwide Church in prayer as parishes all over the world are gathering as we are. 'Let us find in you our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth' from the Prayer for the Synod.

Upcoming Parish Meetings

The **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)** will meet this Tuesday 15th February at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre

The **Parish Liturgy Team** will meet this Thursday 17th February at 2.00pm in the Parish Centre

The **ANNUAL COLLECTION** of **ACCORD Dublin**, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses **THIS** weekend of **12 & 13 February**. With counselling agencies of all sorts anticipating a "tsunami of demand" and Garda sources reporting a large increase in domestic violence ("violence has gone home"), it is clear that there a great need for Accord's services in our communities. We need your help to encourage

those who need our services to contact us, those who support us to continue to do so new donors to enable the work to continue.

ACCORD phone number is 01 9059555.

The Collection for **ACCORD** will replace the usual Share Collection. To enable our services to continue to meet the demand, we need your support.

Retrouvaille - A Lifeline for Married Couples: *Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next virtual programme: 3rd to 6th March. For information contact:-Tony & Anne (01) 495 3536, text or call 086 413 5440, text Mike & Anne 087-2526812 / 087-6874658, visit www.retrouvaille.ie, email info.retrouvaille2020@gmail.com*

Fully Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 21st February 2022. €549.00 per person sharing. Price includes return bus transfer from Dublin, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single supplement €60.00. Email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com or contact Patricia on 087 1890 236

We welcome our recently Baptised

Mollie
Hannah
Nina

We remember our recently deceased

Harry McCarthy
Joan Hutchinson
Evelyn Hobbs

Always loved, never forgotten

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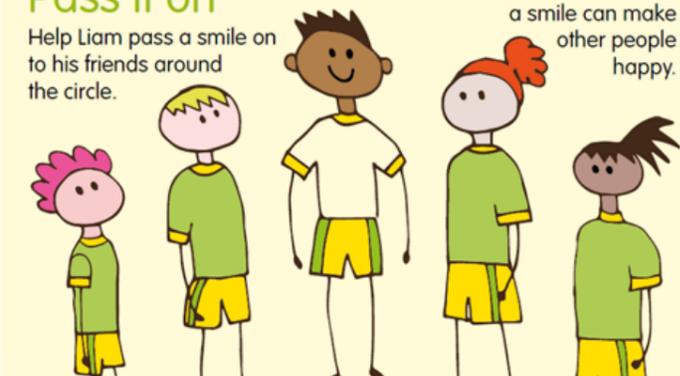
Children's Corner

In the Gospel People have come from far and wide to be healed by Jesus and hear him speak. Jesus surprises everyone when he explains which people are blessed by God and will be really happy. Anyone who trusts God and puts love first will be truly happy.

Pass it on

Help Liam pass a smile on to his friends around the circle.

Sometimes sharing a smile can make other people happy.



Can you help?

Help these people find what they need so that they can be happy again.



A prayer to say

Thank you, Jesus, for all the good things in my

life and for all the happiness that I enjoy. Please help me to share with anyone who is not as blessed as I am. Amen.

Continuing Covid Protective Measures

The Archbishop has requested that the following protective measures remain in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the vulnerable or anxious members of the congregation. The archbishop will review towards the end of March

- The wearing of face coverings inside Church buildings;
- Good sanitising and cleaning arrangements;
- Suspension of a handshake as the Sign of Peace
- Holy Communion to be received in the hand
- Holy water to be used in asperges but not yet restored to fonts for communal use at the entrances to Church

Intentions	12th/13th February
7pm	Francis Owens, Keith Dillon Jimmy Leonard
10.30	Charles & Eileen O'Malley Paddy Fox, Patrick Kelly
12 noon	Eugene Kettle Mary Keogh Jimmy Leonard