



St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

2nd Sunday in Lent—13th March 2022



He was Transfigured
MATTHEW 17:2

This Sunday's Readings

1st: Genesis 15: 5-12,17-18
Psalm: 26 R/ The Lord is my light and my help.
2nd: Philippians 3: 17—4: 1
Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the father's voice was heard: "this is my son, the Beloved. Listen to Him!"
 Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36

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

Thursday (during Lent): Mass in the Pastoral Centre, Royal Canal Park at 7.30pm
Friday (during Lent): Stations of the Cross 9.30am

Saturday: church opens at 10am **Vigil Mass** at 7pm
Sunday Mass at 10.30am* & 12 noon

St. Patrick's Day Mass Times
Wednesday 16th—Vigil 7.30pm
Thursday 17th—Mass at 10am
Friday 18th (Bank Holiday)—Mass at 11am

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

Dates for your Diary

15th March—2nd Parish Synod Gathering
17th March—St. Patrick's Day
19th March—Feast of St. Joseph

FROM THE PASTORS DESK



Synod Our final Synod gathering is this coming **Tuesday 15th March at 7.30pm** in St Brigid's GAA – Russell Park. If you weren't able to come to the first gathering then please come to the second and again if all who came to the first gathering could come to this gathering, that would be great!! – I look forward to seeing you there!

First Penance

The celebration of First Penance/ Confession is continuing for the boys and girls in the Holy Communion classes
 On Tuesday 15th March we welcome the boys from Scoil Brid

Stations of the Cross

Next Friday 18th March is a bank holiday. The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at **10.30am**. This will replace the Rosary

Forms of Friday Penance

The following are suggestions from the Bishop's Conference on ways of fulfilling Friday penance: ***Abstaining from meat or some other food;**
***Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking;**
***Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer;**
***Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Friday's;**
***Visiting a Church or the Blessed Sacrament;**
***Making the stations of the Cross;**
***Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy;**
***Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely.**

Fr Michael Carey PP

Saint Patrick - Patron of Ireland

It would no doubt take the modest St Patrick by surprise to know how widely his feast is celebrated and marked! We know something of the man himself from the few documents which have come down to us. His return to those who enslaved him shows great character; even more outstanding is his commitment to Jesus Christ, the Scriptures (*his writings are full of allusions*), and to his calling as apostle and evangelist. The spark of faith has shone among the Irish, sometimes brightly, sometimes dimly, ever since. Let us mark the feast with thanksgiving and renewed faith.

Prayer - Father, you brought the Gospel to life among the Irish by the preaching of the great St Patrick. Help us rediscover again the spark of faith, that it may shine brightly once more among us.

St. Joseph— not a single word of his is recorded in Sacred Scripture and yet St. Joseph is one of the greatest and most popular saints, largely because of his humility and his closeness to Our Lord. He died before the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and, since he probably dies in the presence of Jesus and Mary, is venerated as the patron of a good death.

A Prayer to St. Joseph

Glorious patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty.
 Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome.
 My beloved father, all my trust is in you.
 Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power.
 Amen.



LISTENING TO OUR YOUNG CHURCH - DUBLIN DIOCESAN TEEN SYNOD
 Young People of Dublin - This is your chance! Pope Francis wants to hear what you think or feel about our Church. We would love to hear your voice at our Dublin Diocesan Teen Synod! Join us online Thursday 31st March 6:30pm -8pm. Register online at <https://forms.office.com/r/jVYZSdxBF1com/r/jVYZSdxBF1> before 5pm on the 25th March. For more information, email: synod@dublindiocese.ie



Respect for Life Group – Dublin 15 Three Year Review

Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy Act 2018
 A public meeting about the three-year review and advice about making a submission will take place in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Beechpark Lawn, Castleknock on **Thursday 24th March at 8:15pm**.
 Speakers will include: **Senator Rónán Mullen** and **Niamh Uí Bhriain** (Life Institute)

Lent 2022



'Bring the whole human family together ... for we know that things can change.'
 (Laudato Si', 13)



There is such great need in so many places now. Please take a Trócaire Box or Envelope and give what you can. To learn more or donate on-line visit <https://www.trocaire.org/>

There are Trócaire boxes available at the doors of the Church. Please bring one home. For the millions who are starving throughout the world, our Lent would be some luxury. A fast day for us would be a feast day for them. Prolonged hunger can kill more than people. It can kill conscience. It can kill generosity. Hearing so much about starvation has, to some extent, anaesthetised us. If you must put Lent in a box, put it in the Trócaire one. After all it's not every box that one can fill with life and with love!

Our next **SPIRITUAL READING CIRCLE** will commence at 7.30pm on the 21st of March in the Pastoral Centre. **Registrations by 18th March to Mairin.Keegan@dublindiocese.ie** This time our focus will be on the spirituality of the Desert Fathers and what we can take from it for our here and now. Our reading material: 1) Anselm Gruen, Heaven Begins Within You, Wisdom from the Desert Fathers 2) Ronald Rolheiser, Domestic Monastery, Darton, Longman and Todd Ltd., 2019. It would be good if participants had read pages 7-44 in Gruen's book in preparation of our first session.

Intentions	12th/13th March
7pm	Niall Brooks, Gerard Egan
10.30	John McNally
12 noon	Evelyn Hobbs MM, Phyllis & Jim Slevin, Tom Coghlan, Joe Brennan

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Children's Corner

In the Gospel Jesus goes up a mountain with his friends. In front of their eyes, Jesus is changed. His face is different and his clothes become "brilliant as lightning". They see Jesus talking to Moses and Elijah and hear a voice from the clouds. Now the disciples really do know that Jesus is God's Son and very, very special.

A Prayer to Say Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me so much. Help me to be kind and loving this week, especially to the people I find it difficult to like. Thank you for helping me to shine! Amen.

A voice from the cloud

Put the words in the right order to see what he voice from the cloud said.



Vox Hiberniae, a local group, have put together a 2 part Reflection for Lent "A Celtic Lenten Journey - Harp, Voice and Violin" from the Avila Carmelite Centre in Donnybrook. It can be viewed at: www.youtube.com/c/VoxHiberniae

Eight Free Go for Life PALs (Physical Activity Leader) Workshops

Starting Friday 25th March 2022
 10am to 2.30pm
 Blakestown Community Resource Centre
 More information email sports@fingal.ie

We welcome our recently Baptised

Conor Molly & Daniel