

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—13th November 2022

*To be near God  
is my Happiness*  
Psalms 72:28

### This Sunday's Readings

**1st:** Malachi 3:19-20  
**Psalm:** 97 R/ The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.  
**2nd:** 2Thessalonians 3:7-12  
**Gospel Acclamation!** Alleluia, alleluia!  
*Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia!*  
**Gospel:** Luke 21:5-19

### 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 (note change)  
**Sunday Mass** at 10.30am\*  
*(last Sunday of each month will have a midday Family mass)*  
**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month**— Mass at 10am followed by confessions  
**Last Tuesday of the month**—Prayer Group Mass at 8.00pm, all welcome  
**Bank Holidays:** Mass at 11 am only  
All services available on [www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam)  
\*also on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM  
**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Tues. & Fri. 10.30—5pm  
**Blanchardstown Area evening Mass**  
**Mon:** Blanchardstown at 7.30  
Tues & Thurs: Castleknock  
Wed: Mulhuddart  
Fri: Corduff

### A Reflective Sentence

To follow Christ the perfect human is to become more human oneself.... Vatican II,  
*Gaudium et spes*



### The Mass – a Sacrificial Banquet

I'll finish the section on the Liturgy of the Eucharist in talking about the Mass as a Sacrificial Banquet. Again I'm drawing on the IEC2012 Theological and Pastoral reflection document. The Eucharist is a sacrificial banquet. It re-presents (makes present) the sacrifice of the cross. Indeed, the sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice that results in our communion. In the Old Testament we find a strong link between 'covenant', 'sacrifice' and 'covenantal/communion meal'. In the Book of Exodus (24:1-11) we read of how God's new relationship (covenant) with his chosen people was sealed with the pouring of animal blood (sacrifice) and the eating together of some of the sacrificial food (communion). Moses said of the blood, 'Behold the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you.' (Ex 24:8). He then sprinkled blood both upon the altar (symbolising God) and upon the people, a gesture that expressed the communion of life that God established between himself and Israel. By eating the sacrificial food together in what can be called a sacrificial banquet, the people were committing themselves to the covenant relationship and were made one as they shared the blessings of God. In time a new covenant was promised, one that would be written on the hearts of believers (cf. Is 55:3; Jer 31:31-34).

During his life Jesus spoke of the need of genuine interior piety and not simply external sacrifices or rituals. His whole life was one of self-sacrificing love for others. His whole mission was to lay down his life so that we might be one. The meals he shared with others expressed his outreach. Jesus' 'love to the end' as John the Evangelist puts it (Jn 13:1), culminated in his passion and death.

At the Last Supper Jesus interpreted for us, as it were, the sacrifice of his death on the Cross. He applied to himself the words of Moses: 'This is my blood of the covenant.' (Mt 26:28), or, as we read in Luke: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood which will be poured out for you.' (Lk 20:20). He interprets his death as suffering on our behalf, it was his self-surrender out of love. He becomes one with the offering. He is the sacrificial priest and the offering all in one. He who was the Son of God 'emptied himself' for our sake so that we might share in the life of God.

Through our baptism Jesus Christ draws us into his sacrifice because we become members of his body. We offer ourselves day by day as a living and holy sacrifice (Rom 12:1). We hear in the Fourth Eucharistic Prayer, Christ and the Church are united in the sacrifice of praise: 'Look, O Lord, upon the sacrifice which you yourself have provided for your Church, and grant in your loving kindness to all who partake of this one Bread and one Chalice that, gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, they may truly become a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of your glory' Our prayer, praise and self-surrender are taken up into his to be offered by the Church 'through him, with him, in him'. In the Eucharist the sacrifice of Christ becomes also the sacrifice of the members of his Body. St. Augustine describes this as follows: Christ's sacrifice present on the altar makes it possible for all generations of Christians to be united with his offering. What is it we can offer? We give to God our sufferings and prayers, works and acts of love. Uniting them with Christ and his total offering gives new value to everything. Even the smallest thing offered takes on new value. We are allowing Jesus Christ's self-sacrificing love to touch and transform all our limited efforts at building communion with others- Communion with Christ and with One another. (Source:IEC2012Theological Document)

### Saints in the Church's Calendar

**St. Laurence O'Toole, bishop, patron of Dublin – 14th November**, born in Castledermot in 1123. Became abbot of Glendalough in 1148 and in 1162 chosen as the first native Archbishop of Dublin. He lived simply and returned to Glendalough every Lent. He worked for peace and reconciliation and died on a mission of mediation with King Henry II and the Irish rulers in Eu in Normandy in 1180.

### Prayer to St. Laurence O Toole

St. Laurence O'Toole, man of peace, you were in the middle of family and political conflict from your earliest days. Give the gift of peace and hope to all who experience the trauma of division in families, in communities and among nations. St. Laurence O'Toole, man of prayer, you recognized the call to serve the Lord in a particular way at Glendalough. Give the gift of perseverance to all who are discerning their Christian vocation. St. Laurence O'Toole, man of faith, you had the openness to accept a position of leadership in your community at an early age. Bless our young people with a spirit of generosity to offer themselves in the service of the Gospel.

### FROM THE PASTORS DESK

#### Altar List of the Dead

Thank you to all who have returned their altar list of the dead. There are still envelopes around the church if you would like to complete one. The Mass is 'offered' for all names on these lists on the First Friday of every month and the lists will be in the Sanctuary area in front of the altar for the month of November.

#### Feast of Christ the King

Next Sunday is the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year.

#### Mass Booking Diary

The 2023 Diary is now available in the Sacristy if anyone wishes to 'book' Masses for next Year.

Fr Michael Carey PP

#### Mass of Remembrance

On Thursday 17th November at 7.30pm, the Parish will celebrate its Annual Mass to remember and pray for all parishioners and friends who died during the past year. During this Mass each person will be remembered by name. All welcome especially family and friends.

*If a family member or friend died during this past year but whose funeral was held in another parish and you would like their name called out, please leave with Jean in the Parish Office.*

#### November....

*We remember our own dead and our own sadness this November. Tears speak out our grief, but they also witness to our love and we are glad to have loved so much that we can cry. May those we have loved rest in your embrace, O Lord.*

#### Adult Faith Development

*adult faith alive!*  
An introduction to the basics of our religion\*  
Wed 16th Nov – 7:30pm

#### Church Sacristy.

Please come to whichever sessions you can.

#### This week – Who am I?

How am I created in God's image?

(\*Using Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults)

#### Refurbishment Works to Extension

The extension will be closed for the week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> November. The existing benches will be removed on that date. The carpet will be replaced and the new seats installed during the week.

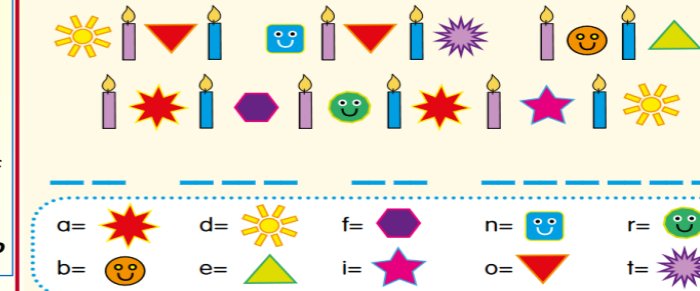
## Children's Corner

### In The Gospel

Jesus' friends are admiring the beautiful Temple when Jesus tells them it will be destroyed one day. Other frightening things might happen in the future, but Jesus says he will look after his friends. Jesus will always be with us, helping us whatever happens.

### Crack the code

Cross out all the candles to find the message Jesus gives us.



### Maze

Find your way through the maze. Trust Jesus. He will help you through.



### St Brigid's (C.O.I.) Castleknock

Ecumenical Blessing of the Graves **this** Sunday, 13th November at 3pm. All welcome. Please use car park in the grounds of Castleknock NS opposite.

### St Vincent de Paul

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

### SHARE Appeal Sunday

This takes place **THIS WEEKEND**. The Share collection supports many services in the Archdiocese, including the support and resourcing provided by the Diocesan Offices to parishes and schools. Thank you for your continued support for SHARE.

### Upcoming events.....

'O Night Divine'  
Christmas Concert on Friday 9th  
December 8pm.  
Coolmine Therapeutic Centre Gala Concert  
featuring Blanchardstown Brass band and parish choirs. Draocht—15 December at 8pm

### Dunboyne Flower and Garden Club

Christmas Gala Flower Demonstration  
Wednesday 16th November  
Dunboyne Castle Hotel 8pm  
Admission €15 incl. light supper.  
Supporting Alzheimer Society of Ireland

### Mass Intentions 12th/13th November

**Sat 6pm** Michael & Bridget Scallan  
Mary, Richard, Gerard & Nuala Farmer  
Carmel McCormack

### Sun 10.30am

Patrick & Noel Nugent  
Nellie & Ned Conlon  
Kay & Jimmy Coogan  
Joseph & Christina Wall  
Christopher & Myra Wall  
Marie Tone



### Recently Deceased

Maria Kennelly  
Aileen Smith

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