

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time—13th October 2019

"GRATITUDE UNLOCKS THE FULLNESS OF LIFE. IT TURNS WHAT WE HAVE INTO ENOUGH, AND MORE. IT TURNS DENIAL INTO ACCEPTANCE, (CHAOS TO ORDER, CONFUSION TO CLARITY. IT CAN TURN A MEAL INTO A FEAST, A HOUSE INTO A HOME, A STRANGER INTO A FRIEND. "

—MELODY BEATTIE

What a difference an 'attitude of gratitude' can make! Pope Francis has spoken of the importance, in family life, of saying 'thank you.' Of course, it is not the words that are important but the intention and meaning behind them. To say thank you means 'I appreciate you.' The Irish for thank you, 'go raibh maith agat,' is much more expressive than the English. It translates, 'May you have goodness,' or, 'I wish you goodness'. It serves to soften and deepen a relationship.

Today's Gospel is often described as a story about faith, and it is true that Jesus emphasises the faith of the man who was healed. But it is also very much a story about gratitude. The man who turns back to Jesus has had his life transformed, and he is eager to thank him. I was always puzzled by the meaning of the last words spoken by Jesus: 'Your faith has saved you.' Surely he had already been saved from his illness, as indeed had the other nine who showed no gratitude? They all received the same gift. But by thanking Jesus, the Samaritan man has entered into a relationship with him; he has become his friend and disciple. That is what Jesus means when he says he has been saved.

Gratitude is an important part of faith. What blessings do you have to be grateful for today? Have you let God know? Joan Mellitt



Have you heard?

from 7.30 to 9.30 pm on

October 24th in Scoil Bhríde Boys School, we are having a Parish Assembly—*Looking to the Future*

Do come along and have your say.

You can sign up today

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday and Fridays
Commences after the 10am Mass & Rosary. Continues until church closing (app. 8pm)

TUESDAY NIGHT PRAYER GROUP

@ 8 pm in the Jubilee Room



Rosary Prayer Group for Children & Parents

Join us in the Church for rosary with Adoration of Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday at 3.00 followed by refreshments, chat and play in the pastoral centre.

Monday Morning meditation
10.45am

Date for your Diary
Nov.7th—Annual Mass of Remembrance

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The Life in the Spirit Seminars starts in the Church Extension this Tuesday 15th October. All invited to come and enjoy—admission free.

Further details on church poster

Dublin 15 Toastmasters, Public Speaking Club, is open to Adults. You are invited to our next meeting—Wed. 16th Oct. at 7.45pm in St Mochta's Pastoral Centre Porterstown, D15. Visitors are afforded a warm welcome and not expected to speak unless they wish to. Admission is free so that you can see the benefits of Dublin 15 Toastmasters. Just come along on the night. No appointment is necessary.



Come and celebrate Porterstown parkrun's 4th birthday—Sat., 19th Oct. at 9.15am. Operation Transformation leaders

David Cryan and Siobhán O'Brien are encouraging all to come and walk/run/jog our 100,000th kilometre as part of the celebrations. The volunteer organisers have gone that extra mile this year to make it a great, free event for all ages and abilities. Celebrations include a warm up with Olympian David Gillick, birthday cake, yoga, Vhi rewards and pacers. Sign up—www.parkrun.ie Print your barcode & bring it with you.



Living with Loss

An information evening about bereavement. Guest speaker Emma Hayes. All Welcome.

Thursday 7th November. Alex Hotel, 41 Fenian St. Dublin 2

Castleknock Set Dancing

Set dancing classes every Tuesday at 8.15pm in the Castleknock Parish Centre. New members always welcome.

Anam Cara North Dublin is holding an Evening for bereaved parents on Wed. 16th Oct. at 7:20pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords.

READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- Sat. 7pm: Máire Martin
- Sun 9am: Ignatius Byrne
- 10.30am: John Reid
- 12noon: Richard Carroll
- 7pm: Tony Devlin

Please Welcome our recently baptised

Mary



Intentions	13th October	20th October
Sat. 7pm	Seamus Bonner	Patrick O'Meara Tony Gannon
Sun. 9am	-	
10.30am	Mary Taylor Thomas & Teresa Thornton Mary & Jimmy Dunphy	
12 noon	Jimmy Farrell	John Stanley Jim Barber
7pm	-	

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