

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time—14th August 2022



This Sunday's Readings
1st: Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10
Psalm: 39 R/ *Lord, come to my aid.*
2nd: Hebrews 12: 1-4
Gospel Acclamation! *Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your son. Alleluia!*
Gospel: Luke 12: 49-53

CURRENT SCHEDULE
This schedule will require flexibility from time to time—please check for changes

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*

1st 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
 *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

Date for your Diary—18th August
 10:00am—Month's Mind Mass
 Fr. Tom Russell O.F.M

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FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Just Two More Weeks!

Let us all enjoy the next fortnight before things 'kick off' again, Parish and Diocesan Meetings will resume. Our children go back to school and the traffic gets worse! All part of life as are the next two 'quiet' weeks – enjoy!

Feast of the Assumption – 15th August
 God's greatness – gifts, goodness, strength, mercy, justice – fills us when we, like Mary, say yes to God's plan of salvation and give birth to the risen Life of the Son through the way we live each day. When we are generous, it is God's gifts shining through us; when we respond to the needs of others, it is God's mercy shining through us; when we are strong in face of wrong, it is God's justice enacted through us. Our "success" as God's children is drawn from and leads others to the greatness of God. Like Mary, our faithfulness will one day bring us to the completion of God's Life within us, to the glory of the Son. (Source: *Living Liturgy*) **Fr Michael Carey PP**

Saints in the Church's Calendar

Monday 15th Feast of the Assumption
 Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am as normal as well as the 7.30pm Dublin 15 area Mass

Wednesday 17th—Our Lady of Knock
 In August 1879 fifteen people witnessed an apparition of Our Lady, St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist, together with the Lord (as the *Lamb of God*) outside the church at knock. It grew into an international shrine and was visited by St. John Paul II in 1979.

Saturday 20th—St. Bernard, abbot and Doctor of the Church (1090-1153), became a Cistercian monk at Citeaux in 1113 and was chosen Abbot of Clairvaux in 1115. His writings reveal a solid grasp of biblical studies, spiritual theology and philosophy. Patron of Gibraltar and beekeepers. He is known as 'the last of the Fathers'.

A Reflective Sentence
 To believe in a God means to realize that the facts of the world are not the whole story.
 To believe in a God means to realize that life has a meaning. ..Ludwig Wittgenstein (1889-1951, Austrian Philosopher)

Liturgy of the Word – Component parts

To continue and conclude my newsletters on the Liturgy of the Word, I will devote this newsletter to a breakdown of the components of the Liturgy of the Word.

Readings: The readings of the Liturgy of the Word are arranged in a three-year cycle during which time the entire New Testament is presented. The readings are contained in a special book called the lectionary and they are proclaimed from a pulpit or lectern called the ambo. The Liturgy of the Word is comprised of a reading from the Old Testament, a reading from the New Testament other than the Gospel, responsorial psalm, and a reading from one of the four Gospels. This pattern varies only during the Easter season, when a reading from the Acts of the Apostles is substituted for the Old Testament reading. The Old Testament for Sunday is always related in theme to the Gospel for that day. The readings are usually read by a member of the congregation. These readings penetrate our minds and hearts, so that we can know God, his works and how we are to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm: These psalms are the prayers of ancient Israel that Jesus himself prayed. The psalm is selected as a response to the Old Testament reading and relates to it in some way. The work "psalm" means "song" and sometimes it is sung by a cantor with a repeated refrain sung by the congregation.

Gospel: The final reading is always a passage from one of the four gospels. In the gospel we hear the words of Jesus Christ himself and what he did for us. Because we believe that Christ is present in his word, the congregation stands for the reading of the gospel. To show the great respect that we have for the book of the gospels it is sometimes accompanied to the lectern with candles and incense. But the word of God is not only the object of a Christian's respect; it is of great importance to him/her. The head, heart and mouth of every Christian should be influenced by it. This is why prior to the proclamation of the Gospel, the priest and congregation trace the sign of the cross on the forehead, over the lips and over the heart. This is a reminder to keep our minds open to

receive the word of God, that we are willing to profess his Word with our lips and that we will preserve that word in our hearts. At the end of the reading, the priest kisses the Book of the Gospels and says "The Gospel of the Lord," to which the people reply, "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ."

Homily: The sermon or the Homily is intended to make the word of God relevant to our times, to explain it and apply it to our own lives. Pope Benedict XV1 writes about the importance of the quality of the homily. The homily is "part of the liturgical action," and is meant to foster a deeper understanding of the word of God, so that it can bear fruit in the lives of the faithful. Hence ordained ministers must "prepare the homily carefully, based on an adequate knowledge of Sacred Scripture"..." I ask these ministers to preach in such a way that the homily closely relates the proclamation of the word of God to the sacramental celebration and the life of the community, so that the word of God truly becomes the Church's vital nourishment and support".

Creed: I believe... After hearing the Word of God and being instructed by it, the faithful then assent to it by reciting the Nicene Creed. The Creed is a prayerful listing of all the essential teachings of the Faith, and it gives each believer an opportunity to publicly proclaim his or her belief in God as revealed in Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Church.

Intercessions: The intercessions bring the needs of the Church and world before God. In these prayers we are reminded that we are part of an immense community where we intercede for one another. In the intercessions or bidding prayers the concerns of the congregation and of the universal Church, prayers for those suffering distress, for human troubles, for the deceased and for the salvation of the whole world are offered to God. With one voice, the people respond to the petitions or intentions by praying "Lord, graciously hear us," or "Lord, hear our prayer."

(Source: IEC2012 Theological and Pastoral Preparation Document)

SVP – Outdoor Collection
 Society of St. Vincent de Paul
 The St Vincent de Paul monthly collection takes place after both Masses this weekend 13th/14th August

We welcome our recently baptised
Alexander, Sean, Fiadh, Emmeline & Oliver

Mass Intentions 13th/14th August	
6pm	-
10.30	Kevin O'Brien The Muldoon family

Children's Corner

In the Gospel Jesus is on a mission to spread the good news that God loves us. He wants us to share his mission and spread God's love too. Jesus knows that if we listen to him, we will blaze with love for God and other people.

Praise God! Light up the world with love
 Circle the words that show you are sharing God's love with others.
 Colour a new fairy light every time you share God's love this week.

God's love
 Put these words in order to find out how Ava is sharing God's love with Noah.
 Ava _____ Noah to _____ in when _____ is _____ out _____ the _____

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A Prayer to Say Thank you, Jesus, for inviting me to join in your mission to change the world. Help me to spread God's love today. I know it won't always be easy, but I

Jesus' Story Fr. Liam Hickey
 Jesus tells us that God's Love is like fire. Without fire there would be no light, and how could we cook food, or travel in cars, and airplanes, or find new things in space? With fire too, we can hurt people, and destroy countries and property. We ask God to help us to use the blessing of fire to make a better world, to care, to share, to love God's people and enjoy God's creation.

know that you will always be with me, helping me every step of the way. Amen.

Age Action
 care+ repair
 Care & Repair can remove trip hazards, install handrails, replace toilet seats and other small DIY jobs free of charge for older people to help them maintain their homes and independence. If you would like help, contact: 01 4756989

B.LANCHARDSTOWN ACTIVE RETIREMENT
 We offer friendship, amusement, sports, activities, organized outings and holidays; the rest is up to you. We meet every Tue. & Thurs. 2—4pm in Blanchardstown Community Centre
 Contact: Nora (Chairperson) 087 6756142
 Alma (Secretary) 086 8152333

Getting Started
 Feeling left behind? Out of the internet loop? Next course in digital skills begins in Blanchardstown

Library on 16th Sept. This course is free of charge and provides you with one to one tuition for 10 hours over 5 weeks—11.30-13:30 each Friday. Interested? Call 01 4756989

Fingal Older Peoples Council (FOPC) supported by Fingal's Age Friendly team are publishing a Memory Maker Recipe Book (2022).

Funeral Ministry—The Diocese is offering training for new members of funeral ministry teams in the Autumn. Have you some time on your hands? Are you looking for a way to become more involved in your parish community? Is this compassionate ministry something you might consider being part of? For information contact Máirín or Christine.

We are seeking submissions from older people living in Fingal, of family recipes accompanied by a short story, poem, picture/photo or anecdote that sums up the memories or feelings the recipe recalls, for inclusion in the book. A copy of the publication will be presented to all those whose recipes/stories are included.

We remember our recently deceased
Tony Murtagh
Martin Mullins

Closing date for receipt of submission is 31st August 2022 For more info, contact: Cathrina Murphy on 087 063 0224 or email: cathrina.murphy@fingal.ie