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

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)

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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

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

receive the word of God, that we are willing to

profess his Word with our lips and that we will

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".

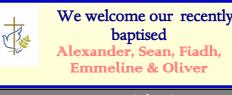
Creed: I believe... After hearing the Word of God and being instructed by it, the faithful then assent to it by reciting the Nicene Creed. The Creed is a prayerful listing of all the essential teachings of the Faith, and it gives each believer an opportunity to publicly proclaim his or her belief in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



The St Vincent de Paul monthly collection takes place after both Masses this weekend 13th/14th August



Mass Intentions 13th/14th August

6pm Kevin O'Brien 10.30 The Muldoon family

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.

God's love

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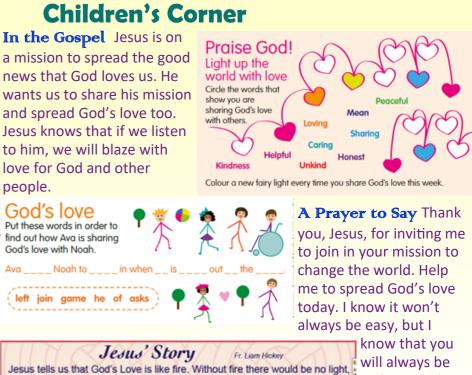


Care & Repair can remove trip hazards, install handrails, replace toilet seats and other small DIY **BLANCHARDSTOWN ACTIVE RETIREMENT** iobs free of charge for older people to help them maintain their homes and We offer friendship, amusement, independence. If you would like help, contact: 01 4756989 holidays; the rest is up to you. 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

Funeral Ministry—The Diocese is offering training for new members of We are seeking submissions from older people living in Fingal, of family recipes funeral ministry teams in the Autumn. Have you some time on your hands? Are accompanied by a short story, poem, you looking for a way to become more picture/photo or anecdote that sums up involved in your parish community? Is the memories or feelings the recipe this compassionate ministry something recalls, for inclusion in the book. A copy you might consider being part of? For of the publication will be presented to all information contact Máirin or Christine. those whose recipes/stories are included. Closing date for receipt of submission is $\Box \square$ We remember our recently



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.

with me, helping me every step of the way. Amen.

Age Action

deceased Tony Murtagh **Martin Mullins**



sports, activities, organized outings and We meet every Tue. & Thurs. 2–4pm in Blanchardstown Community Centre Contact: Nora (Chairperson) 087 6756142 Alma (Secretary) 086 8152333

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



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