

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—14th November 2021



feast of st. laurence o'toole

Readings for 31st October 2021

1st: Daniel 12: 1-3

Psalm: 15 R/ Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

2nd: Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! **Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.**
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 13: 24-32

CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday: Mass at 10am **preceded by the Rosary at 9.35am**
church opens at 9.30am and closes at 5pm

Saturday: church opens for private prayer at 10am
Vigil Mass at 7pm

Sunday Mass at 10.30am* & 12 noon

All services available on

www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam

*also available on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM

Confession—please approach one of the priests after Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration—Tuesdays and Fridays after the 10am
Mass until 5pm.

Please remember: mask, sanitise, safe distance.

Our Annual Mass of Remembrance for those whose funerals took place in St. Brigid's during the **last 12 months** will be held on **Thurs. 18th Nov. at 7.30 pm.** If you would like a family member or friend **who died in the last year** included in this Mass (which you can view on the webcam) please leave their name in the sacristy or office.

Thank you to all who have returned their altar list of the dead and **your very generous offerings included.** If you haven't yet taken an envelope, there are some available in the church. 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.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Synod 2023

Continuing the extract from the Archbishop's address at the launch of the Diocesan Phase of the Synod of the Church "*Communion, Participation, Mission*" which will be held in Rome in 2023.

We cannot renew the Church by surveys or questionnaires. The voice of God must always reframe questions about how the Church fulfils its vision and mission, since the Church is something God makes. Ultimately it is the Spirit of God who will energise the dead bones of our Church and restore its vitality. This is an opportunity for us to listen to the Holy Spirit and discern what God wants from the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin, from the Church in Ireland and the Universal Church.

"We have worked all night long and caught nothing" (Luke 5:5). There are at least two responses to this situation. Understandably, some people might say cut your losses, it's useless to continue, give up and move on! The fact that you have worked hard and caught nothing is a sign that you are fishing in the wrong place, investing in the wrong thing. It is natural that cynicism would take over; after all, only fools fail to learn from experience.

The way of Jesus when faced with no catch is another. Jesus has a different experience, another vision: **we can put out into the deep.** We can journey into more difficult places—into the desert, as it were, where we will come face to face with what is important. What our Church needs today—what we need today—renewal. This can only be carried out by encounter, mutual listening, free of ideology and predetermined agendas. Renewal requires a radical openness to each other and to *our* future. "Isolation and withdrawal into one's own interests are never the way to restore hope and bring about renewal... it is closeness; it is the culture of encounter" (*Fratelli Tutti* § 30). It is reaching out towards the other, listening to the other, listening *with* the other, meeting the other, serving the other.

Discernment is needed to know how we can find creative ways to rebalance our internal dynamics as church, to promote deeper communion, fuller participation, and a more fruitful mission. That discernment can only properly take place within a spiritual setting; it is a spiritual process which overcomes the polarisation that arises from the demand for simplistic "yes-no binaries." Life is not either-or, true life is both-and. The dialogue with others does not mean diluting the radical nature of the Gospel or manipulating it by restricting its reach. In the end, Synod is not an event, but a style and way of being Church. The synod itself is only a beginning, but it is an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest. **Father Michael**

Trocaire Last weekend the Share (2nd) collection was replaced by a special collection by Trocaire to help alleviate the effects of Famine in East Africa. The amount collected so far was €2150. Thank you for your most generous contribution.

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.

St. Laurence O'Toole, bishop, patron of Dublin – Sunday 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 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 at this time.

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.

Children's Corner

In the Gospel this Other things will come and go, but Jesus will always be with us. We are to keep our eyes open because he is coming into our lives again in a special way soon. Just as we know that summer is coming when we see the buds on the trees, we know that Jesus is near.

BE GENEROUS!
Most things change with time. Draw a line from each of these pictures to show what they grow into.

Maze
Help Jesus find his way so that he can be together with us again.

The fig tree

The fig tree tells us that summer is near when its leaves come out. Draw the leaves on the tree to show that summer is near.

A Prayer to say Dear Jesus, thank you for always being with me and loving me. Help me to feel your loving presence in my life. Amen.

Dates for your Diary

- Nov. 18th:** Annual Mass of Remembrance
- Nov. 28th:** 1st Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 2nd:** First Mass for Advent in the Pastoral Centre in Pelletstown
- Dec. 10th:** Blanchardstown Parish Choirs present a feast of Christmas music both sacred and secular

Online Theology Open Evening—Thurs. 2nd December 7pm. The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. To find out more email: enquiries@prioryinstitute.com

SVP St. Vincent de Paul
Monthly Outdoor Collection will take place after all Masses this weekend—
13/14 Nov.

The **Irish Cancer Society** are looking for volunteer drivers to drive North Dublin patients to and from cancer treatments in the Mater Hospital and Beaumont Hospital. All volunteer expenses paid. If you have 2 weekdays a month available, for more details please email volunteer@irishcancer.ie

Irish Guide Dogs for the blind and **Castleknock Lawn Tennis Club**

Phoenix Branch Table Quiz Fundraiser

Followed by Live Music
Castleknock Lawn Tennis Club
Friday November 19th 2021
Registration opens at 7.30pm
Entry Fee €40 per table of 4

Scan to donate

Please Contact John for more information
Email: john.mitchell@guidedogs.ie
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All tables need to be booked in advance. If you are not yet comfortable to attend but would like to make a small donation you can do so by scanning the QR Code above or by contacting us for a secure payment link.

We remember our recently deceased

View the Sanctuary website for their Winter program of online and onsite courses
www.sanctuary.ie

Intentions 13th/14th November	
7pm	Marie Tone
10.30	Eileen Flynn
12 noon	Joseph & Christina Wall

We welcome our recently Baptised
ARLA, JAYDEN & LEAH

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