

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—15th November 2020

Your talent is Gods  
gift to you  
What you do with it is  
your gift back to God



### Readings for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### First Reading:

Proverbs 31: 19-20, 30-31

#### Psalm: Ps. 127

#### Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians. 5: 1-6

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30

### \*\*\*Current Arrangements\*\*\*

for **Level 5** of the **Living with Covid-19 plan**  
**Masses & services available on the webcam**

[www.blanchardstownparish.ie/  
our-parish/webcam](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie/our-parish/webcam)

**Monday to Friday Mass** 10.00am  
church open for private prayer after Mass until 3pm

**Saturday Vigil Mass** at 7.00pm

**Sunday Mass** at 10.30am\*

\*also broadcast on Phoenix FM— 92.5Mhz

#### HOLY HOUR

Join us on Tuesdays 4pm-5pm for  
Music, Silence and Reflections.  
A time out to rest with the Lord.



**NEW** **Rosary Novena**—with Fr. Frank  
Drescher

“Meditating on the Mysteries of Salvation”  
begins 21st November  
continues each day at 3pm

### Also in the parish.....



This year we'll be demonstrating the making of our Advent Wreath on Zoom. If you would like to join us for this, email [mairin.keegan@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:mairin.keegan@dublindiocese.ie) and she will email you with all the details. We hope to record this demonstration so if you miss it for any reason you can email Máirín and she'll send the recording on to you. Hope to see you there!

Keep yourself informed on Irish and international church matters—copies of the **Irish Catholic** weekly newspaper are available in the Pastoral Centre—price €2.

Envelopes for the **Altar List of the Dead** are available in the church or pastoral centre.

### All Hallows'

### PhD Scholarships in Catholic Education

To apply send a letter of application and full C.V. to Professor Eamonn Conway, Head of the Department of Theology & Religious Studies. Closing date for applications: **20 Nov. 2020**. More information on [www.mic.ie/grace](http://www.mic.ie/grace)

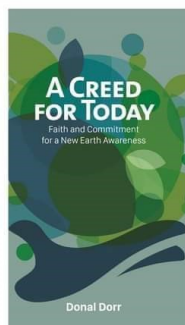
Check out  
[www.sanctuary.ie](http://www.sanctuary.ie)



online weekly meditations  
and courses

### A Creed For Today

A series of conversations with Fr Donal Dorr based on his latest book



Tuesday, 10, 17, 24 November  
& 1 December 2020 at 7:30pm

An opportunity to reflect with Donal on themes like Experiencing God in Nature, The Mystery We Call God and more.

This Book Club is a gift to you from Fr Donal, Trocaire & the MA Centre in these unusual times. This is an online Zoom course. To register: Email [info@macfd.ie](mailto:info@macfd.ie) to receive a link.

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TARSUS SCRIPTURE SCHOOL

**RESILIENT FAITH:**  
Advent spirituality  
for a time of pandemic



Praying the  
Psalms in Advent:  
Honest prayers  
when life is hard

Jessie Rogers

Reading Mark in  
Advent:  
Wakefulness in  
Winter as We  
Attend to the Gift

Sean Goan

Learning from  
Paul:  
Holding on to the  
word of life (Phil  
2:16)

Kieran O'Mahony

#### Programme

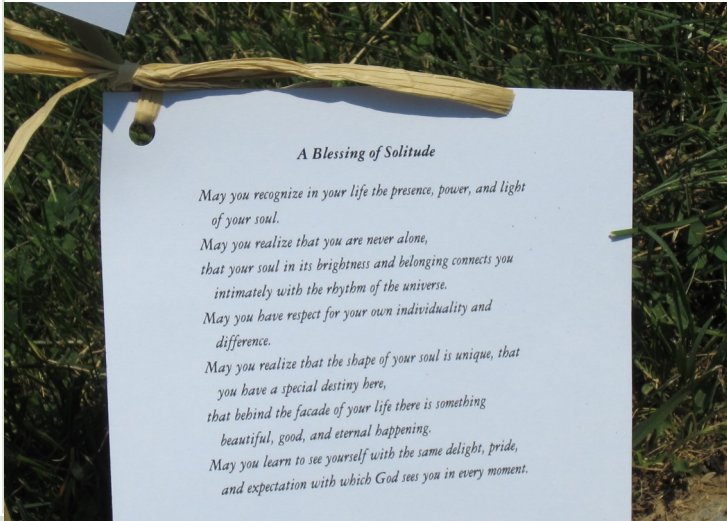
6 presentations (two from each presenter  
Available on Vimeo from 23 November  
A online Webinar 10 November

Cost: €20 per household

For further information and registration  
go to the website

[WWW.TARSUS.IE](http://WWW.TARSUS.IE)

## a poem for today.....



### A Blessing of Solitude

May you recognize in your life the presence, power, and light of your soul.  
 May you realize that you are never alone, that your soul in its brightness and belonging connects you intimately with the rhythm of the universe.  
 May you have respect for your own individuality and difference.  
 May you realize that the shape of your soul is unique, that you have a special destiny here, that behind the facade of your life there is something beautiful, good, and eternal happening.  
 May you learn to see yourself with the same delight, pride, and expectation with which God sees you in every moment.

**YCD Connected Group** The Young Church Dublin have started a connected group for Young Adults (20's 30's) to gather online. We meet every Wednesday, from 8.00-9.00pm. We will have time of catch up, reflection on Scripture, chat in small discussion groups and enjoy time in prayer together. If you would like to join us email: [st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie)

### Maynooth University and the Alzheimer Society of Ireland need your help!

In Ireland, many people with dementia move to nursing home care. We want to understand the impact of this move on the partners of these people. We know that this can be a difficult time, and we want to learn more about it so that we can help to support you and others like you. If you have had a spouse or partner with dementia move to a nursing home in the past 1-5 years and are willing to chat to us (in person, via videoconferencing, or on the phone) about your experiences, particularly when it comes to loneliness, Please either email us at: [Joanna.McHughPower@mu.ie](mailto:Joanna.McHughPower@mu.ie) Or call Eimile at: 089 412 4099

*Many, many thanks to all who continue to contribute so generously to the Family Offering Collection and the Sunday Mass Collections; we really appreciate your support in these anxious and challenging times. We are glad to see a number of you contributing through the donate button on our parish website: [www.blanchardstownparish.ie](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie)*



### Baptisms

In line with current restrictions, we cannot hold baptisms while we are above Level 2 of the Government's Living with Covid plan. Baptisms will be rescheduled when the restrictions are lifted.

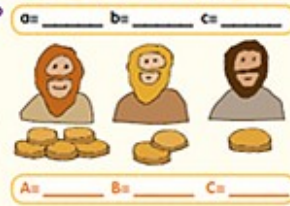
Intentions	15th November
7pm	-
10.30am	James & William Mansfield Eamon Ted Kenna Sheila & Patrick Fitzpatrick

## Children's Corner

### DO YOUR BEST

How many?

How many coins does each servant have to look after?  
 Read the Gospel story again and see if you can work out how much each had to give back to the master?



### What is it?

Write down the first letter of each answer.  
 The colour of grass.  
 A colour and a fruit.  
 A sweet on a stick.  
 It opens to let you in or out.  
 What have you found? \_ \_ \_ \_



### Wordsearch

Can you find these words from today's Gospel?

HOLE  
 GOLD  
 BAGS  
 CROSS  
 FIVE  
 TWO  
 ONE  
 BURY  
 PLEASED

G O L F C T E A  
 U G B U R Y S T  
 T H R A O N E W  
 M O Y B S B P O  
 P L E A S E D E  
 B E T G N F L E  
 S V I S D J O F  
 F I V E C L G I

### Using our gifts

Match the words with the pictures.

1. s \_ \_ \_ (ingret)  
 2. A \_ \_ \_ g (unni)  
 3. e \_ d \_ \_ (ingret)



**In the Gospel**  
 A master gives three servants some gold to look after. One has five talents, or coins, another servant has two and the last has only one. The first servant uses his gold talents to make five more, the second makes an extra two talents, but the third buries his in a hole. The master is pleased with the first two, but cross with one who buried his gold.

Think of ways you can use your gifts for the good of your family or friends.

### A prayer to say

Dear Father, thank you for the gifts you have given us. Help us to use them wisely and always to try our best. The gift of a smile is something we can always use to make other people happy, help us to do that. Amen.

### Covid-19 Helpline Numbers

**The Irish Hospice Foundation - bereavement Support Line**  
 freephone 1800 70 77 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday

**Alone COVID-19 Support Line for Older People**

7 days a week, 8am - 8pm. Call 0818 222 024.

**Accord – support line** : 10 am-1 pm Mon-Fri 9059555

**Crosscare** Blanchardstown 01-8219892



### Supporting Older People

Check their website for information on supports at this time [www.ageaction.ie](http://www.ageaction.ie)

### We remember our recently deceased



*To live in hearts left behind  
 is not to die*



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 Máirín Keegan (Pastoral Worker) 8115414 Sacristy: 8238354 Parish Office: 8115412 (open: 10-1)  
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