

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## The Ascension—16th May 2021



### Readings for the Ascension

**1st:** Acts of the Apostles 1: 1-11

**Psalm:** 46 R/ God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

**2nd:** Ephesians 4: 1-13

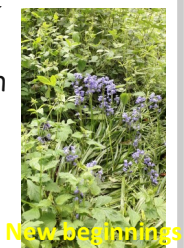
**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 16: 15-20

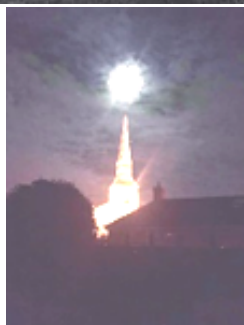
Time to stop and look and take photos on our walks during Covid



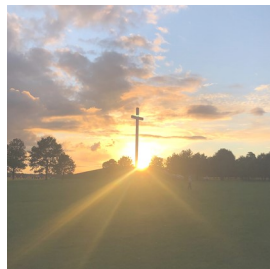
1  
2  
The  
strength  
and  
beauty  
of  
nature



New beginnings



3  
4  
Light of  
Jesus  
shining  
through,  
giving  
glory  
back to  
him.



1 & 3 courtesy of Dolores Tully. Have you any?

### \*\*\*The Path Ahead\*\*\*

We are delighted to reopen for public Mass from Monday 10th May. Government guidelines allow for a **maximum of 50 persons in each section of the church (total of 100)** for Mass with strict social distancing and sanitising practices in place.

**From 10th the following Masses will resume.**

**Monday to Friday Mass** 10.00am (the Rosary will be said before Mass to facilitate sanitising)

The church will open at 9.30am and close at 3pm for sanitising

**Saturday Vigil Mass** at 7.00pm (no morning Mass)

**Sunday Mass** at 10.30am\* and 12 noon

\*also broadcast on Phoenix FM— 92.5Mhz

**ONLINE HOLY HOUR—** Join us on Tuesdays

4pm-5pm for Music, Silence and Reflections.

A time to rest with the Lord.



**Join us online for any of our Masses at**

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

\*\*\*\*\*

The following arrangements apply to other church services

**Funerals** – A maximum of 50 people

**Weddings** – A Maximum of 50 people

**First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation** - postponed for the present.

**Baptisms**—we await instruction from the Diocese

\*\*\*\*\*

### Some advice for returning to Mass:

Our experience of Mass will be different for some time yet.

- The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is suspended—due to limited numbers, you might consider attending on a week-day instead.
- Do your best not to block the doors entering & leaving.
- Sanitize your hands on entry—masks are obligatory.
- Please cooperate with volunteer stewards.
- Please follow directions for receiving Holy Communion
- Please leave patiently and promptly after Mass.  
(The Rosary will be said before Mass—9.45am.)
- Please be aware of physical distance at all times.
- Remember—hand sanitiser can be flammable, so ensure your hands are completely dry before lighting candles.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support throughout this last year; with your generous spirit of patience and cooperation we look forward with renewed hope to returning to the richness of celebrating Eucharist and the sacraments.



**LAUDATO SI'  
WEEK 2021**

**“for we know that things  
can change”**

(LS 13)

16-25 May 2021

Full details at <https://laudatosiweek.org/>



**On Pentecost Sunday at the 10.30 Mass we will include the Service of Light for all our confirmation candidates this year who will be participating online. One family from each school will be attending the Church in person to represent their school. Please keep them all in your prayers.**

## Caring for our Common Home as Brothers and Sisters

### Our Parish Project—May, 2021



In solidarity with our brothers and sisters in **Haiti**, and in collaboration with the **Sisters of La Sainte Union** our Parish aims to raise **€6000** during May, to provide a **clean water supply** for the schoolchildren at La Fraternité

"The riches we possess are not our own, but theirs as well"  
Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*

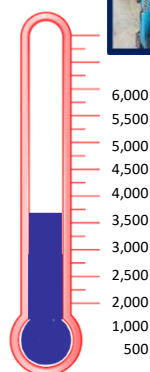
Parish of St. Louis Marie de  
Montfort, Port-au-Prince  
Fraternité Primary School,  
Suburb of Delmas



Donate Via



You can  
donate  
here too ↓



Amount collected so far!  
**€ 3,590**

For more information on the water project and the work of the sisters in Haiti click on: <https://vimeo.com/545996554>

## CHECK-OUT

This May at The Sanctuary Online

## TARSUS SCRIPTURE SCHOOL: PENTECOST 2021

To explore and  
register, [click here](#)

**Ecumenical Bible Week 2021**, will run from **Pentecost Sunday (23rd May) to Trinity Sunday (30th May) 2021**. EBW will have an opening and closing prayer event organised by Holy Trinity Rathmines on Monday 24th and St Finian's Lutheran Church on Sunday 30th respectively. **Register at [www.bibleweek.ie](http://www.bibleweek.ie)**

## Intentions

15/16th May

Sat 7pm	Paddy & Peggy Mee and Paddy & Mary Divilly
Sun. 10.30am	Richard O' Connell Donal Gethin
12 noon	Eileen Digan (Birthday)

**PARISH CONTACTS:** Fr. Mangan: 8213660 Fr. Drescher: 5384969 Jim Adams (Deacon) 0862232411 Michael O'Connor (Deacon) 0872941729 Máirín Keegan (Pastoral Worker) 8115414 Sacristy: 8238354 Parish Office: 8115412 email: [office@blanchardstownparish.ie](mailto:office@blanchardstownparish.ie) website: [www.blanchardstownparish.ie](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie)  
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Brigids-Parish-Blanchardstown-944438662375848/>

## Children's Corner

**In the Gospel this week** Before he leaves them and ascends into heaven to be with Father God, Jesus tells his disciples to go out into the whole world to spread the good news of God's love to everyone.

### What happened then?

Find out what happened after Jesus spoke to his disciples. Start on the red square and read the letters down, across, up and down to make a sentence.

J	E	N	H	E
E	C	D		A
S	S	E	O	V
U	A	D	T	E
S		I	N	N

### All the world

The disciples travelled the world spreading news of God's love. Here are lots of places they travelled through: VALLEYS, HILLS, MOUNTAINS, SEAS, FORESTS, DESERT, TOWNS, CITIES, RIVERS. Look up and down, backwards and forwards to find them.

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

Dear Jesus, thank you for teaching your disciples about God the Father's love. Thank you that they passed on the Good News to all the world and that we can hear about God's love all this time later. Amen.

## Overseas Volunteers Training Course September 2021 - Open to all!

Viatores Christi, a faith-based development organisation has specialised in the recruitment, training and deployment of overseas volunteers since 1960. VC runs an online volunteer preparation course covering Community Development, Health, Global Awareness, Mission, etc. This is open to all! Once completed, participants can be considered for volunteer roles through VC EU Aid Volunteers #EUAVI programmes. If you want to know more, [click here](#) or visit the News section of our website [www.vcvolunteers.ie](http://www.vcvolunteers.ie) or email [info@viatoreschristi.com](mailto:info@viatoreschristi.com)

## We remember our recently deceased



Noel Healy

To live in hearts left behind  
is not to die