

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time—16th October 2022



Pray continually
& never lose heart
Luke 18:1

This Sunday's Readings

1st: Exodus 17:8-13
Psalm: 120 R/ Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.
2nd: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Gospel Acclamation! Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!
Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

CURRENT SCHEDULE

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*

(last Sunday of each month will have a midday Family mass)

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

A Reflective Sentence

Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.
Saint Pope John Paul II



Liturgy of the Eucharist—Send forth your Spirit

The Mass itself is the most intense action of the Holy Spirit. The third divine Person is the One who brings about the communion of the Church and joins us so intimately in Christ that He is the principle of the Church's unity. The invocation of the Spirit during the Eucharistic Prayer is called *epiclesis*. Already in the creation account we hear how the Spirit hovered over the cosmos to bring about the first creation. We know that in the fullness of time the Spirit rested on Mary to bring about the creation of the humanity of Jesus, who was the beginning of the new creation. In the Eucharistic prayer the Spirit is called upon to bring about the marvel of a new creation and grace. It is an important reminder that the action we are celebrating is beyond our capacity. It comes from God. In the *epiclesis* the Church asks the Father to send down the Holy Spirit (or the power of his blessing) to hallow the gifts of bread and wine so that they may be the body and blood of Jesus Christ, and to make of those taking part in the Eucharist one body and one spirit. In the third Eucharistic Prayer we hear it said firstly that the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit gives life and holiness to creation and gathers us together:

'You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, so that you never cease to gather a people to yourself...'

After proclaiming this power of the Spirit as the source of life and universal consecration, the life-giving and sanctifying action of the Spirit is invoked to carry out its culminating activity of the 'sanctification' or consecration of the gifts of bread and wine to become for us the Body and Blood of Christ: 'Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration'. To our blessing and praise in the Preparation of the Gifts, there responds the consecration on the part of the Holy Spirit. Following the institution narrative we then hear proclaimed the *epiclesis* of communion, the invocation of the Spirit upon those gathered for the Eucharist:

"Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognising the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by

the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.'

Through the power of the Spirit, the elements of bread and wine are transformed into the body and blood of Christ but the Spirit is invoked also upon the people because as the body of Christ they must more fully correspond to the gift of communion that God has bestowed upon them 'until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.' (Eph 4:13).

The *epiclesis* tells us something important about our identity. The Church has many external means of organisation as a social body. But the action of the Spirit is vital in bringing about our communion. Without the Holy Spirit our community life is dead. If the action of the Spirit is missing it is 'useless to make plans, organize, issue laws and directions, and have everything foreseen and controlled. We would have a model enterprise, an exemplary society, but a community of men and women can only be said to be the body of Christ when it is sustained and animated by the Spirit of Christ, and this is the sense of the Eucharistic *epiclesis*'. (IEC2012 Theological and Pastoral Preparation Document)

Saints in the Church's Calendar

St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr Monday 17th October. Martyred in Rome (possibly at the Colosseum) 107AD. He urged Christians to unity in and through the Eucharist and around their local bishop.

St. Luke, Evangelist – Tuesday 18th October. He was a physician from a Gentile Christian milieu. He was with St. Paul on his second missionary journey and during his imprisonment in Rome. After Paul's death he is reputed to have worked in Greece. He wrote a gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. In art, he is represented by an ox. Patron of butchers, bookbinders, doctors, surgeons, artists and glassworkers.

St. John Paul II, – Saturday 22nd October Born Karol Josef Wojtyla in Wadowice, Poland May 18th 1920. He was ordained a priest in 1946 and became a bishop in 1958. He was appointed Archbishop of Krakow in 1964 and made a Cardinal in 1967. He was elected first non-Italian Pope in over 450 years in 1978. He visited Ireland in September 1979. He died in 2005 and was beatified, thereby becoming Blessed in 2011. On 27th April he was canonised Saint. His feast day is on the anniversary of the inauguration of his ministry as Universal Pastor of the Church on 22nd Oct.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Altar List of the Dead

These lists are now available in the Church. The new lists will be placed in front of the altar on Wednesday 2nd November – The Feast of All Souls. They will be left in front of the altar for the month of November, the month of the Holy Souls. After that all Masses on the First Friday of the month will be offered for the names on the Altar List of the Dead. The completed envelopes can be returned to the Sacristy or the Parish Office.

The Theme for Mission Month 2022

This year's theme is 'You Will Be My Witnesses' (Acts 1:8). Every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. The Church, the community of Christ's disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. Each baptised person is called to mission, in the Church and by the mandate of the Church.

Donegal tragedy:

Statement of Archbishop Dermot Farrell: Over the weekend, along with people all over Ireland and these islands, I watched with deepening sadness and loss the unfolding events in Creeslough. This tragedy is of huge proportions, not only for the closely-knit community of Creeslough, but for the whole of Ireland. The words of Saint Paul ring true: 'the life and death of each of us has its influence on others' (Romans 14:7)

On my own behalf, and on behalf of the Archdiocese of Dublin, I offer my sympathy to the community in Creeslough, and to the wider community in Co Donegal upon your loss. No words can make sense or explain a tragedy as numbing as yours. In moments such as this when we can only stand in solidarity with each other. I wish to assure you of a place in my prayer, and in the prayer of the parishes and people of Dublin in these tremendously difficult days, and in the weeks and months ahead. May our Lord who knew tragedy, loss, and death from the inside be your consolation and your strength. May his presence among you, and within you, carry you and give you the strength to carry each other (see Matt 11:28–29).

+Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin
Fr Michael Carey PP

Adult Faith Development

An introduction to the basics of our religion*

Wed 19 Oct – 7:30pm – Church Extension.

Please come to whichever sessions you can.

This week – Does God speak to us? What is Revelation? What does it tell us?

(*Using Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults)

Parish Pastoral Council. The PPC met last Tuesday evening to discuss the Parish feedback on the Synod and Building Hope. Our Parish Pastoral Council will be guided over the coming year by the feedback we received. One of the main concerns that was raised was Adult Faith Development. As a response to that, Deacon Michael has organised a series of faith development conversations about our Catholic Faith on Wednesday evenings in October and November at 7.30pm in the Extension. We were surprised at the small number attending the first session and would strongly encourage you to consider attending our future sessions. Please help us strengthen our faith in the Lord together at these difficult times. Kevin Cullen (PPC Member)

Children's Corner

In The Gospel

A widow, a woman whose husband has died, is being treated unfairly and goes to ask the judge for help. The judge ignores her but the widow keeps on asking. Finally, just to stop her pestering him, the judge does what she asks. God the Father is much better than the judge. If the judge answers the widow, God will definitely answer our prayers.

In this grid there are words from today's Gospel. Each word begins with a red letter. Follow the squares up, down or diagonally to find the hidden words. Clue: one red letter starts two different words.



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A WAY TO PRAY

Write your own prayer or draw 'picture words' to Jesus. Some sentences have been started for you.

Dear Jesus,
I want to tell you about.....
Thank you for.....
I've got a problem with.....
I know you can.....
I shall listen carefully to you in my heart.
Love from.....

Financial Matters

Many thanks to all our Standing Order contributors for their continued generosity to the Family Offering. If you have recently changed banks and wish to maintain your contributions, please check with your new bank that the standing order details have been transferred. If not, or you would like to set up a new standing order, you can get a Standing Order form from the office, or you can do it online. Thanks also to all who submitted their CHY3 form for tax refunds - we will shortly submit our final returns for the year 2021. If you have not submitted your form, please drop it into the sacristy or office.



Thank you to all who supported Anne's recent coffee morning. €1,230 was raised for the hospice.

Meetings this coming week

Parish Baptism Team This team will meet on Thursday 20th October at 10.30am in the Pastoral Centre

Teen Hope The teenagers are invited to gather on Friday 21st October at 7.00pm in the Pastoral centre – Pizza, chat, games, reflection and prayer and FUN!

Parents Meeting 1st Holy Communion The parents of all the children in St Brigid's Parish who have registered their child for 1st Holy Communion are asked to attend a meeting in the Church on Thursday 20th October at 7.00pm. The dates of the celebrations will also be given out!!



Mission Sunday Collection
Next Sunday 23rd October is World Mission Sunday. There will be a special collection at Mass replacing the Share collection.



Recently Deceased
Mary Kilcommons

Kate Donohoe and baby Vincent

Mass Intentions 15th / 16th October

Sat 6pm John Ross

Sun 10.30am Jimmy Farrell
Mary Morrison
Bart O'Brien

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