

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

Easter Sunday—17th April 2022

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Resurrexit sicut dixit

‘He has risen as he said’. Risen Lord, kindle again in our hearts the fire of faith. May we be bearers of the light and joy of Easter faith to all whom we meet. The Lord is risen – he is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Easter Sunday

Our Easter celebration calls us to seek to strengthen our belief that new Life comes from an empty tomb. Our Easter celebration calls us to seek encounters with the risen Lord and believing that we in turn can be that presence of new Life for others. Our Easter amazement does not centre so much on whether or not we believe in Jesus’ resurrection – we do! Our amazement is over the fact that we can encounter the risen Lord ourselves, that Jesus’ new life is our own Life, and that he works through us to bring his risen Life to others

Easter Blessing

On behalf of myself, the Parish Team, the Parish Staff and the Parish Pastoral Council, I would like to extend to all Parishioners of St. Brigid’s Blanchardstown and readers of this newsletter, the grace and blessings of the Easter Season. Happy Easter – the Lord is Risen. Alleluia!

Thank You

Thank you to the Sacristans, to John White and the Choir (*and the Junior Choir on Palm Sunday*) and the music duo of Mary and Frances and to the so many Ministry Teams and parishioners who volunteered their time and energy to help prepare the Church’s for the Easter Ceremonies and to all who exercised a Liturgical Ministry during these self same ceremonies. Thank you also to all attended the ceremonies during this Easter/Paschal Triduum

Easter Cards

Thank you to all who helped distribute the Easter Cards. It takes time to deliver and it is much appreciated – it makes a difference!

Easter Offerings

A sincere thank you to all who have returned their Easter Dues envelopes. Your continued generosity is very much appreciated

- If did not receive an envelope/have not made a return and would like to contribute there are dues envelopes available at the back of the Church
- If you are not a regular contributor to the Parish and would like to do so, please leave your name and contact details with myself or in Sacristy or the Parish Office.

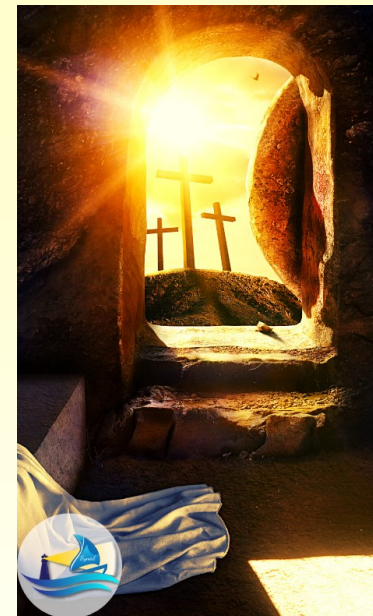
First Holy Communion children

Thank you to the boys and girls and their families who came to our Masses last weekend. Your beautiful artwork will be on display for the coming weeks. Their next Mass is scheduled for weekend 30th April/1st May.

Fr Michael Carey PP



Thanks to all who contributed to the Sunshine Fund last weekend. In excess of €1,250 was collected.



Christ is risen! We are risen!

Each year, we celebrate the great events that give us new life in Christ and, each year, Easter is different because *we are different*. The great adventure of the synodal pathways has already begun to shape our way of being a community of faith and a solid foundation has been laid. Ultimately, it is not all about “church” but instead all about the Good News and how we may better proclaim the “yes” of God in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 1:19).

We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song!

The Power of Love

“The Lord is truly risen, alleluia”

Love reveals the resurrection; the resurrection reveals love. Easter is our encounter with the love of God revealed in the resurrection of Jesus. This is eternal love, exceeding any earthly estimation or evaluation we can even imagine. Obedient to the Father’s will in the offering of himself on the cross, the Father is faithful to his beloved Son, bringing him back from death and bestowing him upon the world as its Lord and Saviour forever.

The love that goes between Father and Son gives us the Spirit, who generates the energy for us to become evangelisers and gathers us into the holiness of God.

The contrast between Christ’s ‘powerful life’ and ‘our fragile lives’ is the cause of our Easter joy. The risen life of the Lord Jesus is not predicated on the political way of doing things in the world. His resurrection is not a prize and Jesus is not a victor in a winner-takes-all game. The resurrection is the noonday of the Good News, the Gospel of God’s reign whose power which possesses and oppresses is repudiated and replaced by the presence of ‘the risen Lord’ who remains with us to share, serve and save. This is the power of love, God’s love and not some general principle that of goodness that guides life.

As eternal Son and earthly brother the risen Jesus holds out the hope that that faith can fashion ‘our fragile lives’ into forms of holiness in the Spirit even here and now. Having immersed himself in our fragility, we can imitate his glory because, as Pope Francis states, ‘in the end, it is Christ who loves in us’. Easter reminds us that, today and every day, this is the reason to **REJOICE AND BE GLAD**.

(Source: *Journeying in Joy and Gladness*, by Kevin O’Gorman SMA – *the Sacred Heart Messenger*)

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES
FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

15 AUGUST 2022 | 4 NIGHTS

PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHTS
Mass in Barres
Anointing of the Sick
Torchlight Procession
Blessed Sacrament Procession
Trip to Lourdes Lake

INCLUDING
- Fully escorted pilgrimage
- Led by Spiritual Director Fr John Kelly
- Return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- 4 nights at Hotel La Saluda
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day
- Airport transfers
- 20kg check-in bag per person

FOR DETAILS AND BOOKINGS
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FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Rosary at the Grottos
The Rosary will be prayed each day during the month of May at hundreds of grottos around the Island of Ireland. To see a list of locations, or to register a grotto (or other suitable location) simply visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie
You can also register by texting 087 278 6552. We are praying for Ireland and for peace in the world.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE
Wed. 22nd June for 7 nights
Cost €765—Phone James on 087-2202173 for more details.
Spiritual Advisor Fr. Paul Montague

Children's Corner

In the Gospel

Light the Paschal Candle
Colour the candle to look like the one you see in church.

Mary Magdalen comes to the tomb and sees the stone has been rolled away. She rushes to tell the other disciples, who run to see what she is talking about. Mary is right – the tomb is empty. Going inside, the disciples see the grave cloths on the floor. Now they understand – Jesus is alive! He is risen!

Alleluia!

Help Mary Magdalene, Peter and John get to the empty tomb.

Easter Eggs

Some children roll their Easter eggs, to remind them of the stone that was rolled away from the tomb. How many Easter eggs are rolling around this page?

A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for rising from the dead and bringing life and hope into the world! Now I know that good can come even from the worst things that happen. Amen!

Which stone fits?

Put a circle around the stone that fits the entrance to the tomb.



We welcome our recently Baptised

**Reilly
Brodie
Bebhinn**

We remember our recently deceased

**Tom Heffernan
Brid McGinn
Christina Downey**

Always loved, never forgotten

Older people need your support! **ALONE** is recruiting volunteers for their **Telephone Support & Befriending** service for older people. **ALONE** asks interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months. Visit alone.ie/volunteers or ring 083 065 7629 for more information.

Intentions	17th April
7pm	-
10.30	Dermot Gannon
12 noon	Peggy Kavanagh MM

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This Sunday's Readings

1st: Acts 10: 34, 37-43
Psalm: 117 R/ This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.
2nd: Colossians 3: 1-4
Gospel Acclamation! Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ, our Passover has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!
Gospel: John 20: 1-9

CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday: Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary church opens at 9.30am and closes at 5pm
Wednesday: Mass also at 7.30pm
Saturday: church opens at 10am **Vigil Mass** at 7pm
Sunday Mass at 10.30am* & 12 noon
1st Saturday of each month—Mass at 10am
All available on www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam

*also on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM

The Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

Available on the 1st Saturday of each month after 10am Mass, and on request

Eucharistic Adoration Tues. & Fri. 10.30—5pm

Evening Mass for the Blanchardstown Area

Mondays—Mulhuddart at 7.30pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays—Castleknock at 7.30

Wednesday—Blanchardstown at 7.30pm

Friday—Corduff at 7.30pm

Face Coverings Can I ask that people wear face masks in the Church. Covid has not gone away and out of care and consideration for other people including yourselves, I think it a good idea

Many thanks to all who attended the zoom Confirmation sessions last Monday. We look forward to seeing you again next week.

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wed. 20th April at 7:15pm** in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This is a free event, open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.