

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time—17th July 2022



This Sunday's Readings

1st: Genesis 18: 1-10
Psalm: 14 R/ *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*
2nd: 1 Colossians 1: 24-28
Gospel Acclamation! *Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the word of your Son. Alleluia!*
Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42

NEW MASS SCHEDULE (FROM 4TH JULY)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary at 9.30 church closes at 5pm
Monday: Area Mass also 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*
1st Saturday of the month— Mass at 10am followed by confessions
Bank Holidays: Mass at 11 am only
 All services available on www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam
 *also on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM
This schedule will require flexibility from time to time
Eucharistic Adoration
 Tues. & Fri. 10.30—5pm
Blanchardstown Area evening Mass
Mon: Blanchardstown at 7.30
 Tues & Thurs: Castlknock
 Wed: Mulhuddart
 Fri: Corduff

A Reflective Sentence

Faith means putting up with God's incomprehensibility for a lifetime. ..Karl Rahner (1904-1984 Theologian)



FROM THE PASTORS DESK

New Mass Schedule

Last weekend was the first weekend of the new schedule and all seemed to go well. Thank you everyone for making a seamless transition. As it turns out I did not have the rest of the morning off as I said the 12.30pm Mass in Laurel Lodge

Mass Intentions

Masses booked for the Saturday evening at 7.00pm will obviously be said at the 6.00pm instead. Mass intentions booked for the 12 noon Mass will be offered as part of the 10.30am Mass. If you wish to change the date on cancel the intention please let the Sacristan know. I apologise if this inconveniences anyone

Finance Committee

This weekend the Parish accounts up to December 2021 are published and are on the tables around the Church. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish Finance Committee: Jim Mc Keon (Chairperson and ex officio member of the Parish Pastoral Council), Philip Furlong and Alan Andrews. This committee is responsible for monitoring and managing the Parish finances and meets quarterly. Thank you also to Christine who turns 'boring accounts' into a work of art.

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THE EUCHARIST—Gathering

Following on from last week's newsletter, I wish go into a little detail on the first part of the Mass, also known as the 'Introductory Rite'

Introductory Rite

Opening Procession

The action of processing signals the beginning of the celebration. The procession – large or small – calls to mind for us the journey dimension of our lives. All of us are on a holy journey together. The people of Israel journeyed in the desert 'on eagle's wings' under the guidance of Moses, Joshua and others, towards the promised land (Ex 19:4). God provided them with manna as food for their journey. Jesus himself gathered disciples around them and together they journeyed up to Jerusalem. As we see in the case of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, after his death and resurrection, the Risen Crucified Christ re-assembled his Messianic community who had been so shattered by the apparent total failure of his mission. He transformed his disciples to become followers of what they soon called 'the Way' (Jesus Christ, himself, being the Way, the Truth and the Life [Jn 14:6]). At every Mass Jesus Christ assembles this people to celebrate the great memorial of his passion, death and resurrection.

Greeting: In the name of the Father...

When the priest reaches the altar he bows and kisses it. The altar is kissed as a sign of veneration because it is a symbol that Christ will make himself present upon it. The priest and the people then make the sign of the cross. The sign of the Cross commends the whole action of the Mass to the two central mysteries of the faith: the cross of Christ and the Holy Trinity. In the very opening greeting when the bishop or priest, acting in the person of Christ says, 'The Lord be with you', and the people respond, 'And also with you' (or 'with your spirit' as the new translation puts it), we are recognising the reality that Jesus Christ is present among us fulfilling and exceeding our every desire to gather together. He has promised: 'where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them' (Mt 18:20). But when we say that Jesus is among us, we also are recalling that he wants us to be where he is – in the very heart of God.

THE EUCHARIST—Gathering (contd.)

Penitential Rite: *I confess...* Preparation for the Liturgy of the Word continues with the Penitential Rite. This rite helps us think of the many ways we have offended God and the great need we have for his mercy. It reminds us that we are all part of the mystical body of Christ and our actions affect all the members. This rite is particularly important today with so many fallen away from the sense of sin. The rite of penance most commonly used is the Confiteor, which means, "I confess" in Latin. This takes the form of a public declaration of our sins where we proclaim before God and everyone in the church that we have sinned through our own fault.

Next follows a plea for God's mercy, the Kyrie Eleison, which is Greek for "Lord, have mercy." Again, the purpose of this prayer is to acknowledge our sinfulness and our need for God's mercy. Like all the prayers in the Mass, The Kyrie is profoundly scriptural. As we read the Gospels, we find many sinners crying out to Jesus asking for his mercy, recognising that he is the one who takes away our sins (CF. Mt 9:27-30; and Mk 10:46-52).

Gloria: *Glory to God...* This is an ancient hymn of thanks, praise and triumph for our redemption. This song used the words the angels sang on the first Christmas morning. The Gloria is sung or said at every Sunday liturgy except during the seasons of Advent or Lent. It is omitted during Advent and Lent because we are "awaiting" the coming of the Saviour. During Lent it is omitted because of the deeply penitential nature of the season.

Opening Prayer: *Let us pray...* This prayer is also called the Collect. It is very well named because it takes all the prayers we have already offered to God, collects them as one and presents them to him. The Collect consists of four parts: calling upon God, recalling some deed he has done, making a request of him and offering the prayer to him through the mediation of Jesus, his Son. The congregation gives its assent to the prayer by responding "Amen." (IEC2012Theological and Pastoral Preparation Document)

Summer Dues envelopes are still available if you would like to make a contribution. Monies from these envelopes go to the Diocesan Common Fund (income for priests & retired priests).

Funeral Ministry

The Diocese is offering training for new members of funeral ministry teams in the Autumn. Have you some time on your hands? Are you looking for a way to become more involved in your parish community? Is this compassionate ministry something you might consider becoming part of? For information please contact Máirín or Christine.

Children's Corner

In the Gospel Jesus is visiting his friends for tea. Martha is very busy preparing the food. Mary is just sitting listening to Jesus. It's not fair! Martha wants Mary to help. Jesus tells Martha to stop worrying. Mary is doing the very best thing. Nothing is more important than listening to Jesus.

In the house of Martha and Mary

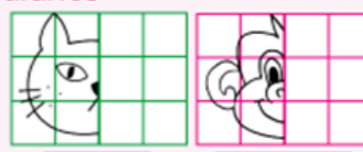
Here is Martha. She is very busy. How many things is she using? Link them to her with a line.



Are you more like Martha or Mary? Put a circle round her.

Finding balance

The church on the holy island of Iona has carvings of a cat and a monkey. The cat represents Mary and her quiet listening. The monkey represents Martha and her busy activity.



The monks knew we needed both. Practise drawing a cat and a monkey to remember today's story.

Listen

Close your eyes for a while and listen really carefully. Draw or write what you heard in the ear shape.



A way to Pray

Be very still and quiet. Relax your arms and legs, your front and your back. Breathe in feelings of calm. Breathe out and let go of anything that is worrying you. Know that God is with you.



18-22? LOOKING FOR A GAP YEAR?

Castlerigg Manor is a Catholic youth retreat centre located in Keswick in the English Lake District. Our work is mostly done by a team of young Catholics who live together as part of a community. We are still looking for people to start the coming year in mid August, so if you're at a loose end and want an amazing, fruitful year, maybe this is for you? It's a voluntary year but food, accommodation and pocket money are provided.

To find out more, contact jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk or google Castlerigg Manor.

PHILOSOPHY OF EDITH STEIN

The annual public lecture of the Philosophy of Edith Stein Reading Group will be presented by Dr Timothy Burns. Dr Burns will speak on the topic "Why We Need Empathy," with specific reference to the writings of Edith Stein. This meeting will take place on Sunday 24, at 3pm in Edith Stein Room, St Teresa's Priory, St Teresa's Carmelite Church, Clarendon Street, D2. Free Admission. For more details contact: 087 1384367 or 087 220 6092.

GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK



The National Grandparents Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock will take place on Sunday, July 24. Pope Francis established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which took place for the first time in 2021.

The Holy See has announced a series of indulgences that can be obtained by those taking part in the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. For more details about the Knock pilgrimage, contact Connie at catholicgrandparents@gmail.com or 085 8704722, or see www.knockshrine.ie/grandparents-pilgrimage-on-world-day-for-grandparents-the-elderly/

We remember our recently deceased



Mass Intentions 16th/17th July

6pm	Frank Leslie, Jo O'Brien, John Canning, Vera O'Donoghue
10.30	Jackie O'Sullivan, Michael O'Toole, Bridget Devitt, the Flanagan family