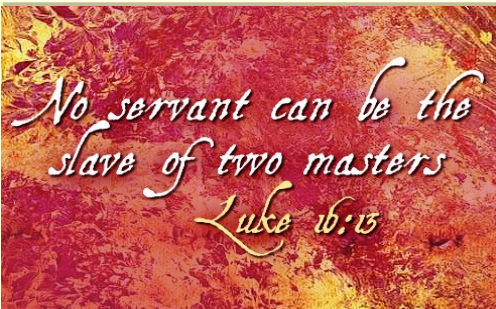


St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time—18th September 2022



This Sunday's Readings

1st: Amos 8:4-7
Psalm: 112 R/ Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.
2nd: 1 Timothy 2:1-8
Gospel Acclamation! Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!
Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

CURRENT SCHEDULE

This schedule will require flexibility from time to time—please check for changes

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*

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

Wherever there is love, there is trinity: a lover, a beloved, and a fountain of love. (St. Augustine 354-430)



(Author: Jane Mellet - Season of Creation 2022 handbook)

Season of Creation – September 1st to October 4th

If you think that all the parables of Jesus are pleasant stories about people of integrity, then today's gospel might make you think again. In this story, a manager has been given his notice by his CEO and decides, while he still can, to even up the tables for those who are struggling to pay their debts to the company.

He uses the power he still has to change the future for these debtors – and for himself. He is happy to make better arrangements for the debtors. The manager is free-spirited, a bit of a scoundrel yes, but Jesus liked scoundrels, once their efforts were put to good use. The only value the money really has is in the way it is used. He is squandering money, but not opportunities.

When it comes to the reality of our environmental crisis, change is urgently needed at all levels of society. The science is clear: our world is warming because of human activity, giving rise to drought, famine, devastating wildfires, extreme weather events, a rise in sea levels and the displacement of millions of people. There is an urgent hunger crisis affecting 13 million people in the Horn of Africa at present, due to a drought fuelled by climate change. On our current trajectory, many parts of our world will be uninhabitable in the decades to come.....

in Laudato Si' – On Care for Our Common Home, Pope Francis inspires us by reminding us of our vocation to protect God's handiwork. He says, Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience." (Laudato Si' §217). Pope Francis reminds us that we can all do something to solve the world's problems, that each of us have a role to play, using our gifts and talents. Pope Francis tells us to never underestimate the power of small actions, those things we do in our daily lives in our homes, schools and parishes to try to live more sustainably, to walk more gently on this earth. These small actions have a ripple affect across a community and can become experiences of grace. They witness to a greater vision for our world..... (Author: Jane Mellet - Season of Creation 2022 handbook)

Prayer for Vocations

In the letter from St. Paul to Timothy today, Paul advises Timothy that there should be prayers offered for everyone in authority. We pray for those in positions of leadership and authority in our church, for those with responsibility for the formation of seminarians and novices, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit. We pray too for those called to live their lives as priests, deacons and religious, that

Saints in the Church's Calendar

Wednesday 21st—St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist – tax collector, Patron of accountants, book-keepers, tax-collectors, customs officers and security guards

Friday 23rd—St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), priest—1887-1968, was born in Italy. He joined the Capuchian community and was ordained in 1910. Bearing the wounds of Christ's passion on his body (known as stigmata), he became famous for his ministry in the confessional, his spiritual direction and his miracles. In 1956 he opened the 'Home to Relieve Suffering' near his friary. Despite his popularity, he faced much opposition, even from Church authorities. He was canonized in 2002.

Outdoor Collections

The Little Sisters of the Poor collection will take place after all masses this weekend 17th/18th

CrossCare Annual Appeal Collections will take place next weekend 24th/25th

Edmund Rice College, Phoenix Park Racecourse, Castleknock, invites 5th and 6th class students and their parents/guardians to our OPEN EVENING on Wednesday 28th Sept from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

ANNE'S BIG coffee morning (in aid of the Hospice)

St. Brigid's Community Centre
Tuesday 20th Sept. from 10:00am
Please come along and support

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Season of Creation,



St Brigids Burning Bush

At the back of our Church there is a beautiful burning bush (*It is a living plant so please be careful*).

There is a written explanation beside it. The idea is that as the number of red ribbons grow it will be like flames – flames that don't consume the bush! This symbol calls us to listen to the voice of creation, and faithfully respond through worship, repentance and action. Moses was told to remove his sandals, for he was standing on holy ground in God's presence. May this symbol move us to remove the "sandals" of our unsustainable lifestyles that disconnect us from creation and our Creator, contemplate our connection to the holy ground where we live, and listen for the voice of creation. (Source: Season of Creation 2022 handbook)

"Earth's crammed with heaven, And every common bush afire with God, But only he who sees takes off his shoes;" (Elizabeth Barrett Browning)
Fr Michael Carey PP

The Hazel Nut by Julian of Norwich

God showed me a little thing, the size of a hazel nut, lying in the palm of my hand. I looked upon it and wondered, "What might this be?" I was answered, "It is all Creation." I marveled how it could last, for I thought it might suddenly fall to nothing, it was so small. I was answered, "It lasts and ever shall last, for God loves it." In this little hazel nut I saw three truths: the first is that God made it; the second is that God loves it; and the third is that God keeps it safe.'

Something for Adults!

'More Adult Faith Development' has been a constant refrain in our parish. St Brigid's is keen to respond. Come to an information evening on **Wed Oct 5th at 7:30pm** in the Church Extension. We are proposing to meet on Wed evenings in October & November. **How do I grow in Faith, Hope and Love?** Can I have both faith and doubts together? We will consider these, and many other questions, using a marvellous resource - **"Opening the Catechism"** – is an invitation to open and explore what the catechism is saying to us as Christians, as Catholics. Are there answers to my questions? Please come, join the discussion!

Children's Corner

In the Gospel

Jesus tells us that it is good if we can be trusted to look after our money and the things we own. If we want to be given responsibility for big things, we need to show we can be trusted with small things. Jesus does not want us to think too much about money and possessions. *Jesus wants us to use the things we have to help other people.*

A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for all the good gifts you have given to me. Help me to take care of my things and to use what I have well. Help me to be generous and to share what I have. Amen.

What can I share?

When we are generous and share our things and our time, we store up treasure for ourselves in heaven. Draw, or write about, something you could share with your friends inside the money bag.



Who needs help?

Jack has lots of things. How can he help his friends? Draw a line from his things to the person he can share with.



Parish Family Day

SUNDAY September 25th
 You are invited to our Parish Family Day opening with 12 Mass to 4 (ish!)

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
 Music, fun and games for all. From the youngest to the oldest. ALL WELCOME!

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH (AND A RUG!) FOR A PICNIC.
 TEA, COFFEE, JUICE AND ICE-CREAM PROVIDED

What is the Laudato Si Award?
 The Laudato Si Award is a new Parish based award for young people to engage with ecological action, education and spirituality. It is based on Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si. The goal is for young people to learn, lead and inspire the whole parish and community. We are one of the parishes who are piloting this award!

How The Award is achieved:
Who: It takes place with a group of 3 or more young people between the ages 13–17 led by the parish Laudato Si Award team.
When: Monthly meetings on Tuesdays at 4.30pm to 5.30pm from October 11th 2022 to 18th of April 2023.
Where: St Brigid's Pastoral Centre, Blanchardstown Dublin 15.
 If you are interested in participating please contact the team before 8th October at this address: mairin.keegan@dublindiocese.ie

Parental Consent forms will need to be completed before participating.

We remember our recently Deceased
Terry Cunningham

Mass Intentions 17/18 September	
Sat. 6pm	Stephanie Leslie, Gerard Dromey, Catherine Farrell, Mary & Gerard Durr
Sun. 10.30	Eugene Hickey, William Ryan, Eileen & Jim Fitzpatrick

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