

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

Feast of Corpus Christi—19th June 2022



FROM THE PASTORS DESK

NEW WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

As you know, with Fr. Frank's move to Kilnamanagh - Castlevew, St Brigid's, Blanchardstown, will now have only one resident priest. The Parish Pastoral Council has met to consider the practical implications of this new situation. After much discussion and discernment, it was agreed that changes were needed both to the weekday and the weekend Mass Schedules. The new weekday schedule was published in last week's newsletter and can be seen below.

The new weekend Mass Schedule (with effect from Saturday 9th July) is as follows:

Saturday: Vigil Mass at **6.00pm** (please note the change in time)

Sunday: Mass at **10.30am**
Last Sunday of Month for the academic year (September to May) there will be a Family Mass at **12 noon**

Farewell to the Papal Nuncio

The African Chaplaincy is celebrating a farewell Mass in honour of Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, the Papal Nuncio to Ireland who has been reassigned and is therefore departing our shores. The Mass is in our Parish on Sunday 19th at 2pm. CHIEF CELEBRANT: ARCHBISHOP JUDE THADDEUS OKOLO— All are invited.

Fr Michael Carey PP

Sunday Mass Collections

Many thanks for your continued support of these collections which are vital for the support of the priests of the Diocese. You can contribute to the Mass collections by:

- 1) **Putting your offerings in the white boxes around the Church or by leaving an envelope in the Parish Office during the week.** Envelopes are provided on seats or, you can have an envelope supply in your home for convenience
- 2) **Using the 'Tap and Go' machines.** Many parishioners find this quite handy—especially in these 'cashless' days. The Mass collections are divided: **60%** to the 1st—Common Fund for Priests; **40%** - to the 2nd—Share

The **DONATE** button on the website can be used for all collections

Thank you so much for your generosity

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

St. Thomas Aquinas speaks of the bread of angels sent for pilgrims in their banishment. The Eucharist is food for our journey. In the readings today a direct connection is made with the original miraculous bread showered on the people of Israel during their pilgrimage of redemption from slavery in Egypt. The manna that rained down from heaven was quite specific in where it fell. It was not scattered indiscriminately over the desert, but was gathered from around the tents and in the confines of the camp. The manna separated the people from what surrounded them. It marked them out as having a special identity and the privilege of a special mission. It made them into one people. It forged them into one body to be an instrument of God's glory.

The Eucharist is at the heart of the Church. It is the beating heart of the Church. The cardiac cycle is composed of systole and diastole, contraction or concentration and expansion. The Eucharist is dynamic. It draws us together but in order to send us out. The manna ceased to fall when the people crossed the Jordan. It was an anticipation of that life they would enjoy with God in the land. It was food for the journey. The Eucharist is food for our pilgrim journey, which is a procession to the kingdom.

(Source: Fr. Allan White OP, former Prior Provincial of the English Province of the Order of Preachers.)

Weekday Mass schedule from 4th July:

Monday: 10.00am, 7.30pm (The Evening Mass in the Dublin 15 area)
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 10.00am
Wednesday: No Mass — (maybe 10.00am – Liturgy of the Word)
1st Saturday of the Month: 10.00am followed by confessions

This schedule will require flexibility from time to time

Date For Your Diary

2nd/3rd July—Celebration of Ordained Ministry in St. Brigid's (more news next week)

Saints in the Church's Calendar

There are some lovely feasts this coming week:

Monday 20th—The Irish Martyrs in 1992 Saint John Paul II beatified 17 representative martyrs who suffered in Ireland during the 16th and 17th centuries. They include bishops, priests and lay men and women and Blessed Francis Taylor who was born in Swords, Co Dublin, circa 1550. He was elected Dublin's mayor in 1595. Later he was imprisoned for his Catholic faith, and died on 29 January 1621, after seven years of refusing to accept his freedom by giving up his religion. A statue of Blessed Francis Taylor and his grandmother-in-law, Blessed Margaret Ball, who had also died in prison (in 1584), stands outside St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral in Dublin.

Wednesday 22nd—St. Thomas Moore 1478-1535, the first commoner to be Lord Chancellor of England, also suffered martyrdom under Henry VIII. Patron of Lawyers and those in public life. St. John Paul II declared him patron of politicians in 2000

Thursday 24th—Nativity of John the Baptist we rejoice at the coming of St. John the Baptist, a man of self-denial, integrity of life and purpose, and an uncompromising prophetic voice. John means 'The Lord has shown favour.' This feast relates to the summer solstice, when the days begin to grow shorter, recalling John's words, 'He must increase, but I must decrease'. He was the last and the greatest of the prophets and he prepared for the coming of Christ.

Friday 24th—The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – understood in the light of the Scriptures, the term 'Sacred Heart of Jesus' denotes the entire mystery of Christ: Son of God, uncreated wisdom; infinite charity, principle of the salvation and sanctification of mankind.

Summer Dues

Last year summer dues were introduced for the 1st time in the Diocese in order to allow parishioners to assist in contributing to the Common Fund (Income for priests and retired priests). Envelopes for this collection will be left in the Church, if you would like to make a contribution

Mass Intentions 18th/19th June

7pm	Mark O'Connor
10.30	Margaret Duffy John Balfe Sheila Sheils
12 noon	Cáit Donohoe MM Jack O'Mara Patrick O'Leary

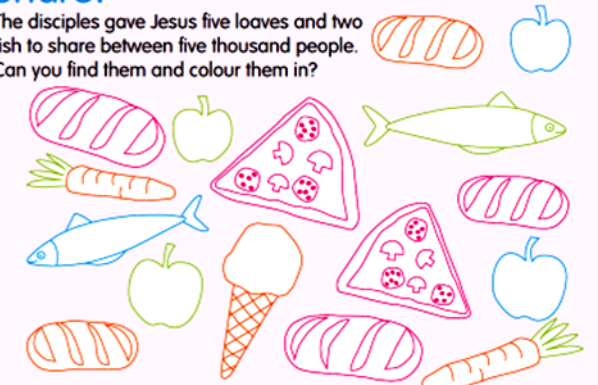
Children's Corner

In the Gospel today

The huge crowd is hungry. The people have been listening to Jesus and now it is late. The apostles only have five loaves and two fish. It is not enough. Jesus asks them to sit people down. He blesses the food and asks his friends to share it out. Everyone eats all they want – and there are twelve baskets of scraps left over!

Share!

The disciples gave Jesus five loaves and two fish to share between five thousand people. Can you find them and colour them in?



My best meal



Can you draw a picture of your favourite food?
Who would you like to share this food with?

(name/s)

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, you fed the people who were hungry. Help me to share with people who are in need. I may not be able to feed 5,000 people, but I can make a difference if I try to be like you. Amen.

Sharing

When I share...

I make others h ____ (yppa).

I feel k ____ (dni) inside.

I am d ____ (gnio) what Jesus did.

This Sunday's Readings

1st: Genesis 14: 18-20
Psalm: 109 R/ *You are a priest forever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.*
2nd: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26
Gospel Acclamation! *Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia!*
Gospel: Luke 9; 11-17

CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday: Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary at 9.30 church 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 the month— Mass at 10am followed by confessions
All available on www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam
*also on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM

Eucharistic Adoration

Tues. & Fri. 10.30—5pm

Evening Mass for the Blanchardstown Area

Mon.—Mulhuddart at 7.30pm
Tues. & Thurs.—Castleknock at 7.30
Wed.—Blanchardstown at 7.30pm
Fri.—Corduff at 7.30pm

Other Parish Events for the month of June

Lectio Divina—with Máirín
Wednesday mornings at 11am, in the Fr. Dungan Room, commencing on 8th June

Coffee mornings
Thursdays after 10am Mass

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COME TO WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023



'MARY AROSE AND WENT WITH HASTE'
LUKE 1:39

Want to know more?
Get in touch: wjd@dublindioocese.ie
Archdiocese of Dublin

Part-time Parish Secretary required

to work with the parish team—20 Hours per week. Job description is available on request by email to office@blanchardstownparish.ie. Closing date for applications is July 8. Applications should be sent to the Parish Office

Do you attend Mass regularly? Would you like to participate more fully? New members required to join our current team of readers. No experience required. If interested, contact the Parish Office.



BLANCHARDSTOWN JUNIOR CHOIR

is currently open to NEW MEMBERS aged 7 - 14 for the 22-23 season to apply and for more info please email

blanchjuniorchoir@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW THAT SINGING IN A CHOIR CAN...

- BOOST YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM!
- IMPROVE YOUR POSTURE!
- IMPROVE MENTAL ALERTNESS!
- GIVE YOU A GREAT BANK BALANCE!
- MAKE YOU WINDSWEEP AND INTERESTING!
- HELP WITH SLEEP!
- LOWER YOUR STRESS LEVELS!
- GIVE YOU FABULOUS TEETH!

(Well ...maybe we're exaggerating a little bit towards the end there ...but we do have great fun!)

to find out more about joining our Parish Choir please email: blanchparishchoir@gmail.com