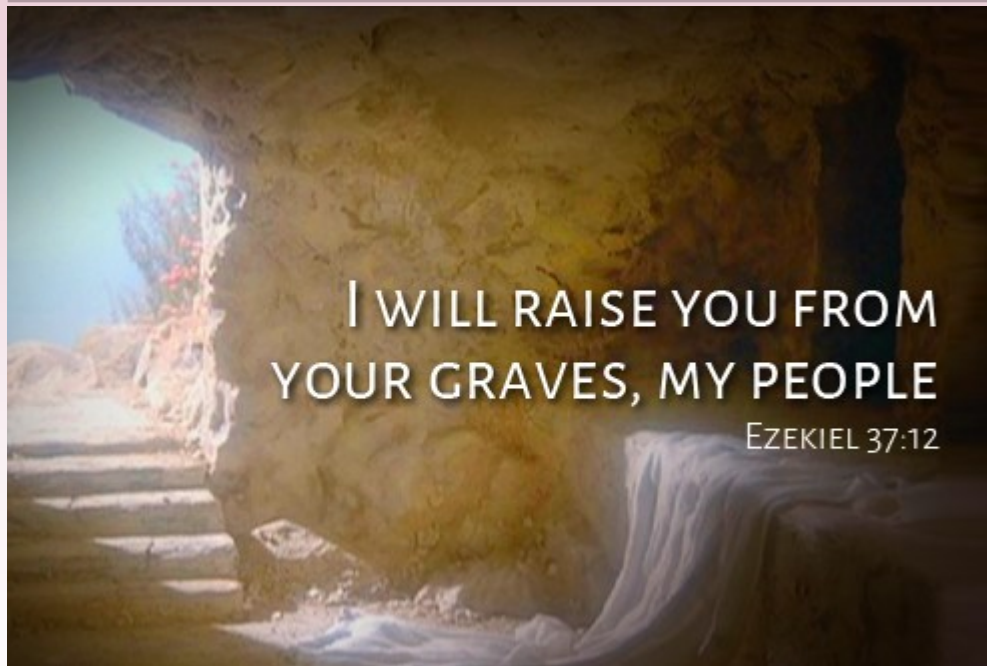


St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

5th Sunday of Lent—21st March 2021



Readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent

1st: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Psalm: 50 R/ A pure heart create for me, O God

2nd: Hebrews 5: 7-9

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; wherever I am, my servant will be there too. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel: John 12: 20-33

Current Arrangements

Join us online for any of our Masses at www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam

Monday to Friday Mass 10.00am*

Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.00pm

Sunday Mass at 10.30am*

*also broadcast on Phoenix FM— 92.5Mhz
ONLINE HOLY HOUR— Join us on Tuesdays
4pm-5pm for Music, Silence and Reflections.
A time to rest with the Lord.

Monday to Friday

Church open for private prayer after Mass **until 3pm**

Stations of the Cross: Friday mornings in Lent—9.30am

No baptisms under current restrictions—these will resume when government guidelines allow.



PALM SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Don't forget to create your Palm Cross for you door—see more crosses/wreaths created last year on our facebook page



The Loyola Institute

TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

PhD Scholarship in Theology and the early Irish Church, Loyola Institute, Trinity College, Dublin

Proposals which focus on the Irish influence in Europe, its migration through monastic networks in continental Europe, and the influence of the gospel of St John on the Irish church and diaspora will be particularly welcome. For more information see <https://www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute/scholarships/>



Saint Joseph, you believed in Mary's word.

Make us a Church that genuinely listens to women's experiences.

May we celebrate the generous heart-space of all families.

Saint Joseph, you raised Jesus to be a peacemaker.

Make us a Church of non-violent resistance to war.

Help us to live the beatitudes of peace in presence with the poor and the marginalised.

St. Joseph, you taught Jesus to engage with the excluded and the downtrodden.

Make us a Church that listens and learns with a new vision of hope,

to welcome with enthusiasm

the new beginnings of promise and possibility. Amen

HOLY WEEK ONLINE RETREAT

Open Access online retreat reflecting on the Passion of Christ.

FREE!

Register Now
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+353 1 404 8124



Vox Hiberniae in conjunction with the Avila Carmelite Centre Donnybrook present "A Celtic Lenten Journey - Harp, Voice and Violin" which reflects in Word and in song on the Passion of Jesus; see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGiFqCswp90>

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Caring for our

Common Home as Brothers and Sisters

'...the organization of societies worldwide is still far from reflecting clearly that women possess the same dignity and identical rights as men. We say one thing with words, but our decisions and reality tell another story.' (Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, par. 23)



"We must shake our conscience free of the rapacious capitalism, racism and patriarchy that will only assure our own self-destruction"



In 2019 Trócaire programs supported 185,000 people across 14 countries to help

Develop women's leadership skills



Promote gender equality in decision-making



Protect women from gender-based violence



Change negative attitudes towards women

Berta Cáceres, the environmental and human rights defender, was assassinated in her home in Honduras on 3 March 2016

For more see <https://www.un.org/en/>



Could you or someone you know benefit from a nutritious meal with a dessert delivered to the door?

We provide Meals on Wheels delivery

Dublin 5, Dublin 7, Dublin 11, Dublin 13, Dublin 15 and Dublin 17.

Main Course & Dessert including delivery for €5

If you are interested please call 018058574 or 0872851280



Behind the Scenes

Work on the new sound system is almost complete. We expect the church to re-open for private prayer early next week.

The Easter Schedule is currently being printed and will be available next week. Volunteer helpers to distribute the cards and Easter program are invited to contact the parish office mid-week.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday; blessed palms will be made available for collection when the church re-opens for private prayer during the week.

Many, many thanks to all parishioners who have continued to support us in many different ways throughout these challenging times. Your generosity and dedicated support are most welcome & much appreciated. We look forward to being together again when government restrictions allow.



We remember our recently deceased

Eily O'Brien

To live in hearts left behind
is not to die

Children's Corner

In the Gospel this week Jesus explains that even though he will die, he will come back to live in an even better way, just like when a little seed dies, and comes back to life as a wonderful plant.

A prayer to say Dear Father in heaven, we know that when we do difficult things we grow braver and stronger. Help us to grow stronger in love by giving up what we want and helping others. Amen.



Finish the story by using these words

flowers leaves disappeared plant seed green

One day the children planted a _____. They were sad because it _____ into the earth. After a while they noticed a little _____ shoot where the seed had been. Mummy said it was the seed growing into a _____. Soon there were more _____. In the end it was a beautiful plant with lots and lots of _____.

Don't forget your Trocaire box

Threshold would like to remind anyone renting in the Blanchardstown area, that if you are experiencing difficulties in renting your home, Threshold continues to provide free, independent, and confidential advice & support to individuals and families via our freephone helpline—1800 454 454 (Mon—Fri, 9am-9pm) or our new webchat service available on our website - threshold.ie (Mon—Friday, 9:30am to 5pm). If you have a query about rent increases, arrears, standards and repairs or ending a tenancy, contact Threshold for advice and support.

Aware - Support & Self Care Groups These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie

Intentions

20th/21st

7pm

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10.30am

Sean Conlon
Sandra Mulholland
James & Margaret Duffy
James, Mary, Edward & Mikey Fay