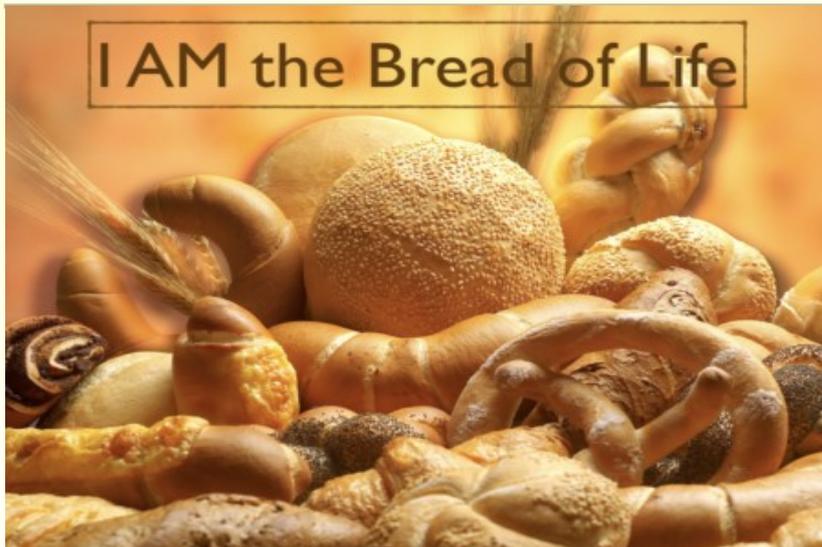


# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time—1st August 2021



### CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday—Friday** Mass at 10.00am  
preceded by the Rosary at 9.35am

The church will open at 9.30am and close at 3pm for sanitising

### Masses for Sunday

**Vigil Mass** at 7.00pm (Sat),

**Day Mass** at 10.30am\* and 12 noon (Sun)

Frequently, each of the three Sunday masses is full to capacity; leading to some people, unfortunately, being turned away. We would ask those who can do so, to please consider attending a weekday mass instead. We remind everyone that Sunday Mass obligation is suspended during the pandemic, and, of course, all Masses can be attended via the webcam.

\*also available on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM

[www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam)

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR OTHER CHURCH SERVICES

#### First Communion and Confirmation

will take place for all schools in the parish in September

**Baptisms**— new bookings will be taken from Monday 2nd August for dates from October onwards

**Weddings** — A maximum of 100 people

**Funerals**— A maximum of 50 people

As Fr. Frank is away at present, funeral services will take place at the 10am Mass. On these occasions we would kindly ask parishioners to go to the extension to leave room for the mourners (family and friends) in the main Church.

#### Confession

Any one who wishes to receive confession should approach one of the priests after Mass.

#### Remember

All Government Health guidelines apply when attending Mass—Sanitising, Social Distancing and wearing masks. We thank you for your cooperation and apologise for any inconvenience

### Readings for 1st August 2021

**1st:** Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15

**Psalm:** 77 R/ The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

**2nd:** Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come through the Father except through me. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 6: 24-35

### THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIM PATH

The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path on the lough shore is now open daily. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option, and several information boards highlight features of particular interest. Leaflets are available at the Visitors Centre. A guided walk experience will be offered on Sat. 31st July, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. Further dates for these guided walks will follow for late August and early September. Bookings and information email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518



### Prayer for Summertime

Loving God, Creator of all times and places, we thank you for the gift of summertime, the days of light, warmth and leisure.

Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look: the multi-colored flowers, the deep blue of the sky, the tranquil surface of lakes, the laughter of children at play, people strolling in parks, families gathered around picnic tables and the more time to spend with family and friends.

As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature and people, open our hearts to receive all as gift. Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist. Help us to realize and appreciate that you are laboring to keep all in existence. Warm our souls with the awareness of your presence.

Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer deepen our awareness of your love so that we may share this with others and enjoy a summertime of re-creation.

AMEN

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Caring for our common home as brothers and sisters

**More about Haiti**

Extract from a letter from Archbishop Eugene Nugent, Papal Nuncio to Kuwait & Qatar

*'Dear....., I was delighted to receive your letter with the newspaper cutting on the Water Supply Project in Port-au-Prince. Well done!*

*I now this parish well and worked with Sr. Helen Ryder. May the good Lord reward you and the people of Blanchardstown for your generosity. United in Prayer #Eugene Nugent'*



In his recent interview on his new appointment he said 'serving in Haiti has been a rewarding and "intense spiritual experience" for him, marked by the wonderful people he has met during his years of service there. "Haiti is a very poor country," he said. "It gets a lot of negative publicity in the media because of the natural disasters, the political instability, and the violence." But Archbishop Nugent said that is only one aspect of the country. "What I discovered here was an enormously gifted people, very creative artists, musicians, writers, and poets." Adding that he will miss his many friends in Haiti, the Archbishop said he hopes that Haitians will see improved conditions, "because they really deserve a better future."

**Children's Corner**

**In the Gospel this week** Jesus tells the people that he is the bread of life and if we believe in him we can live forever and be happy with him.

**Jesus fills us with good things!**

Here are some things which may make you feel joyful. Look up and down, backwards and forwards to find them:

A	D	K	X	L
H	J	O	Y	O
O	V	G	Z	V
P	E	A	C	E
E	F	I	L	M

HOPE LOVE  
JOY PEACE  
LIFE

**I will follow Jesus when I...**

How can you follow in Jesus' footsteps?

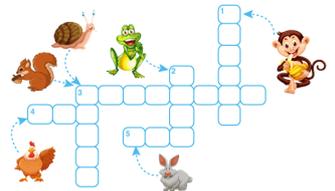


Draw a picture of yourself inside the footprint doing something kind and loving.

**A Prayer to say**

Dear Jesus, thank you for feeding me with your love. When things bother me, help me to remember that the one thing that never changes is that you love me and that I can be happy with you forever. Amen.

Animal Names  
Animal Word Puzzle



**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje**



Depart 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dublin to Mostar

Mostar airport only 30 minutes from Medjugorje

7 Nights: €695pps (insurance included)

9 Nights: €755 pps (insurance included)

Terms & Conditions apply

Professional Guide - Spiritual Director

Tour Operator: Marian Pilgrimages - Fully Bonded - Fully Licenced

Contact Pat & Phil: 087 223 8911

Email: pat32colgan@gmail.com

Departing & returning tests required in absence of Covid passport

Pilgrims must arrange and pay for those tests separately

A Covid test centre has been opened beside the first aid centre in Medjugorje to facilitate people needing a test before returning home



For more information regarding Pilgrimages & Monthly Medjugorje Mass visit Facebook page: Medjugorje Mass Lucan

**Intentions**

**31st July/1st August**

Sat 7pm

Paul Russell  
Freddy Brooks

Sun.  
10.30am

Antonio Ramirez  
Herbie Hughes (birthday remembrance)

12 noon

Gilbert Fagan MM

**PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS** - Archbishop Farrell is asking for people and priests to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life on a regular basis. As you are well aware, the need is great, so let's answer God's call and "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest"

**PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH AS AN ADULT**

Pathways is a two-year, Adult Faith Development course on Thursday evenings. Run by the Archdiocese of Dublin in DCU St. Patrick's Campus (MDCCE), Drumcondra Road, late September to May (7.00 p.m. - 9.30 p.m). Application now open for September 2021. Early application advised. Contact: Pathways Director, Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or [pathways@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:pathways@dublindiocese.ie). Web: [www.evangelisation.ie](http://www.evangelisation.ie)

**We remember our recently deceased**

Rose Smyth  
Patrick Flood



To live in hearts left behind  
is not to die