

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

1st Sunday of Advent—1st December 2019



Welcome to our new look Sunday Missalette/Newsletter

This larger missalette will enable us to provide more legible news and to include more items of interest to our parishioners. Items for inclusion should be forwarded to office@blanchardstownparish.ie
Please feel free to take a copy home with you

Some of our Regular Parish Events

Monday Morning meditation

10.45am in the Fr. Dungan Room
(why not avail of some quiet time over the busy season)

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday and Fridays
Commences after the 10am Mass & Rosary. Continues until church closing (app. 8pm)
All invited to participate.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Tuesdays @ 7pm in the church

Padre Pio Prayer Group

Wednesdays at 8pm in the Jubilee room.

Choir Practice

Thursdays in the Fr. Dungan Room

Junior Choir 6.30pm

Senior Choir 7.45pm

First Fridays

Mass at 10am and 7pm for our deceased relatives and friends. (10am Mass followed by refreshments in the Pastoral Centre)

Rosary Prayer Group for Children & Parents

Join us in the Church for rosary with Adoration of Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at 3.00 pm followed by refreshments, chat and play in the pastoral centre. **All Welcome!**



Blanchardstown Music Ministry
presents...

O Night Divine!

COME AND ENJOY A FEAST OF BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS MUSIC
& SING SOME CAROLS TO START THE FESTIVE SEASON
& IT'S ALL IN A GOOD CAUSE!

Blanchardstown Brass
Band

Mary Mac Gabhann
Soprano

Eoin Tierney
Organ

Blanchardstown Parish Choirs

Thursday December 5th
2019

Blanchardstown Parish
Church - 8.00 p.m.

Donations on door to
St. Francis Hospice -thank you



ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT

Reflect on the great 'O Antiphons' used in Evening Prayer and Mass during the second part of Advent.
Watch an online talk each day from December 16

Register Now!

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Dates for your Diary

December

1st: **Advent Wreath demonstration**—Pelletstown

4th: **Evening of Advent reflection**—Pelletstown

5th: **O Night Divine**—Carol Concert in Church

12th: **Coolmine Therapeutic Centre** concert in Draiocht with Brass Band & Choirs



Will take place at all Masses on the weekend of 7th/8th December. Your donations will be much appreciated

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Parish Assembly—Update

The Parish Pastoral Council would like to thank everyone who took part in the Parish Assembly.

Talking to people, it seems to have been a very positive experience and certainly generated plenty of feedback. It will take us a while to sort through this feedback so it will be into the New Year before we can publish it.

In the meantime, however, we have started to take some actions:

1. **The sound system:** An acoustics engineer has surveyed the church and is drawing up recommendations for the necessary changes.
2. **Improvements to the Newsletter:** A larger format missalette has been sourced to give more space for information.
3. **Funeral Ministry Team:** Two meetings have taken place for interested volunteers. Training will be provided in the New Year.
4. **Provide more family & child centred liturgies:** The vigil mass on Christmas Eve will be aimed at families with young children. It will be held earlier in the evening; 6 pm rather than 7 pm.



Many thanks to all who participated in the Advent wreath demonstrations last Sunday. Our children's Rosary Group also enjoyed the making of the wreaths last Tuesday. The last demonstrations will take place in the Pastoral

Centre in Pelletstown this Sunday at 3pm. Some wreath kits are still available in the sacristy. A special thanks to Dolores and Mary for their wonderful work.



Annual Night Vigil in Knock

In honour of
The Feast of the

Immaculate Conception

Bus leaves Church Ave.,

Blanchardstown Saturday, 7th December at 4 30pm.

Booking: **Michael Frawley 086 8650708**

Intention: *For the protection of Ireland from all evil*

Children's corner

COME LORD JESUS

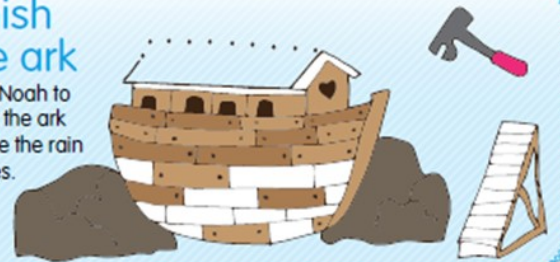
Advent wreath

Today is the start of Advent, when we get ready for Christmas. Count the candles to find out how many weeks we have to wait.



Finish the ark

Help Noah to finish the ark before the rain comes.



Spot the difference

One twin is ready for a party, and the other is not.

Find five things that one twin still has to do.



A prayer to say

Dear Lord Jesus, help us to realise you are with us always, in our hearts and other people. Help us to be ready to do what you would like. Amen

Please Welcome our recently baptised
Anna & Odhrán



We remember our recently deceased

Intentions	30th Nov/1st Dec	7th/8th Dec.
Sat. 7pm	Tom, Marie, Fr. Michael, Kevin & Paul Russell	Katherine + Michael Kelly Patrick Downey MM
Sun. 9am	John & Josephine Brooks	Patrick & Bridget Keane Aileen Madden
10.30am	Terence O'Brien	Kevin Nugent
12 noon	John Dredge Pauline Sheils	Phil & Pat O'Dwyer, Evelyn Balfe Kevin Bernie Richard Wilson MM
7pm	Frank Powell	Pat Mullloy

Teen Hope

Meetings are ongoing about setting up a Teen Hope Group in the parish. We hope to move forward with this project in the new year.

READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Sat. 7pm: Richard Carroll
Sun 9am: Tony Devlin
10.30am: Sheila Gouldson
12noon: Saritha Moras
7pm: Michael Hanratty

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