

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

3rd Sunday of Easter—1st May 2022



This Sunday's Readings

1st: Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41
Psalm: 29 R/ I will praise you Lord, you have rescued me
2nd: Apocalypse 5: 11-14
Gospel Acclamation! Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!
Gospel: John 21: 1-19

CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday: Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary church opens at 9.30am and closes at 5pm
Bank Holiday Monday, 2nd May Mass will be celebrated at 11am (no 10am Mass)
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— 7th May There will be no 10am Mass nor confessions on this day as we have a 1st Holy Communion ceremony at 11am
 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
 Mondays—Mulhuddart at 7.30pm
 Tuesdays & Thursdays—Castleknock at 7.30
Wednesday—Blanchardstown at 7.30pm
 Friday—Corduff at 7.30pm
 *Please be aware that rehearsals for the sacraments of 1st Communion and Confirmation will take place in the church on some weekdays during the month of May.



ANNUAL HEALING MASS

Our Mass of healing—Mind, Body and Spirit will take place next **SUNDAY 8TH MAY 2022 @ 3PM**
 Carers hands will also be blessed.

NO PARKING FEES

ALL WELCOME—If you need transport, please contact the parish office—8115412

(If you are available on the day, your help would be very much appreciated. Please leave your name in the sacristy or office.)

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

First Holy Communion Children

I welcome the boys and girls and their families to this weekend's Masses as part of their preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Their names are listed in our Parish Enrolment Folder which is at the Sacred Heart Altar during the weekend Masses.

Sacraments of Confirmation and 1st Eucharist

Confirmation Ceremonies—for our Parish Schools begin this coming week. On **Thursday 5th May** the boys and girls of St Francis Xavier School will celebrate the sacrament of confirmation at **11.00am**. I welcome the children and their parents/guardians and wider family circle to these wonderful occasions.

1st Holy Communion—Next Saturday 7th May at 11am, the girls from Scoil Bhríde Cailini will receive their 1st Holy Communion. I wish the school well in all their preparation this coming week, and I hope the weather is fantastic on the day.

Easter Dues Envelopes

A sincere thank you to all who have returned their Easter Dues envelopes. Your continued generosity is very much appreciated

- If did not receive an envelope/have not made a return and would like to contribute there are dues envelopes available at the back of the Church
 - If you are not a regular contributor to the Parish and would like to do so, please leave your name and contact details with myself or in Sacristy or the Parish Office.
- Fr Michael Carey PP**

Archbishop's Easter Homily

Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here... he has been raised. (Luke 24:5)

Over this week and next I will print an extract of the Archbishop's Easter Homily.

"My friends, in Holy Week we live anew—in ritual and symbol—the defining events of the life of Christ, not only to know them, but to make them our own; not merely to look at them, but to enter into them. Not just to recount what happened to our Lord, but to realise what happens to us. "Why do you seek the living among the dead? is far more a question about where we need to go and what we have to do, than a question about where we've come from. *Amor Christi urget nos*—the love of Christ empowers us to move forward (2 Cor 5:14)—is how St Paul captured the mystery into which we are called.

At the beginning of this week—on Palm Sunday—we read St Luke's account of the passion and death of our Lord.... The Lord's words are not only an expression of acceptance, but—like all his words—are words of prophecy. They reveal to us the nature of the world. "This is *your* hour, and the power of darkness." We live in the 'hour' of the oppressor, in a time when the "power of darkness" holds sway not only in Ukraine, but in many parts of our world. You don't need me to bring home to you the horror and darkness of these days ... the graves of the innocent victims butchered in this "repugnant war," and the victims of violence, despotism and hunger in so many other conflicts: let the horrors of recent weeks not blind us to the brutal conflicts in Yemen, or in Ethiopia.

"This is *your* hour, and the power of darkness," or as St John puts it, "and it was night" (John 13:30). It is night *right now*. And in *this* night, we gather to

proclaim that darkness and its power do not have the last word. Our Easter candles and the *Exultet*—our Easter song—proclaim that the light of the risen Christ overcomes the darkness of sin and death. In these days when darkness and death appear to reign, let us consider afresh, the significance of our faith in Christ's victory over death, and its darkness, and what that means for how we live day-in-day out.

Saint Luke's passion account is a story of many encounters: Jesus meets the disciples, Pilate, Herod, and the women of Jerusalem. But one of the most extraordinary encounters must be that between Jesus and the two wrongdoers crucified *along with him*. These two are *every* one of us! The so-called 'bad' thief and the 'good' thief are in *every* person, in the hearts of *every* person of faith. While one berates him, the other—knowing that death is unavoidable—turns to Jesus with an extraordinary request, an extraordinary prayer: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom" (23:42).

Jesus answers with an even more extraordinary promise, "Today, you will be with me in Paradise" (23:43). Today! Today—this day, April 16, 2022—is the still the day Jesus is crucified. Crucified in the streets and villages of Ukraine—but crucified also in the streets and alleys of Dublin. Christ is mocked and beaten today: mocked in the cynicism and apparent untouchability of those who take advantage of the poor and the vulnerable, who use the weakness and disadvantage of others for their advantage and gain. Beaten: beaten today, this very night... prisoners, hostages, women and children in their own homes, and women and children trafficked. Christ is crucified today, this very hour.

But Christ is also raised today! In this Vigil tonight and in our hearts, God says death and destruction, are not the last word. "Today you will be with me ..." are Jesus' words to the "good thief." And they are the Lord's words to us. The women went to the tomb to attend to the body of the one they loved. But the one they loved was not there. "Why do you seek among the dead the one who is alive? He is not here, but he has been raised." Trying to be faithful, we too return to where Jesus was. But he is not where he was! Christ has been raised, raised to life, raised into life, raised into our lives and into our hearts, raised into today.

The faithful Father has rescued his Son from the power of death, of darkness, and of sin. In rescuing him, He has rescued us—Christ's sisters and brothers. It is this that the "Good Thief" somehow sees. This is the hope he places in Jesus who is crucified with him. Not a vain, naïve hope that they will all be taken down from their crosses, but a true hope that death is not God's final word, that the darkness is not ultimate, and that violence, oppression, and sin do not hold sway.

This, my sisters and brothers, is the reality of the Resurrection. This Easter hope is the foundation and substance of *our* faith. (continued next week)

CASTLEKNOCK GAA—Sports in Tir na nÓg Park (D15 A996) every Thursday from 6.30pm to 7.30pm for Children recently arrived from Ukraine aged 5years+ (must be accompanied by an adult or guardian). On arrival sign up at registration table. Minibus leaves travel Lodge at 6pm or from Blanchardstown Shopping Centre take 37 Dublin Bus to stop 4893. Looking forward to welcoming you.

Northside Homecare Services provide a meals on wheels service to the elderly and vulnerable in the local area. We are looking for volunteer drivers to help us provide this valuable service. Could you spare 1 hour one day a week between 11.45 and 12.45 to help us deliver a hot nutritious meal in the local area. Please contact Catherine 018058574

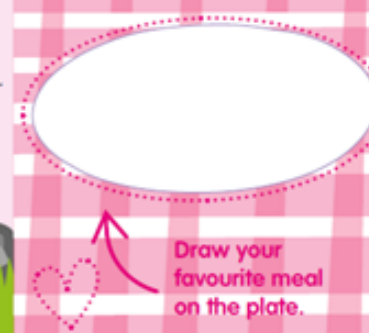
Children's Corner

In the Gospel The disciples have been fishing all night and not caught a single thing. A man on the shore tells them where to fish. They have so many fish they can't fit them all into their boat – now they know it is Jesus! Everyone shares a breakfast of fish and bread on the shore. Jesus tells Peter that if he loves him, he must look after his sheep



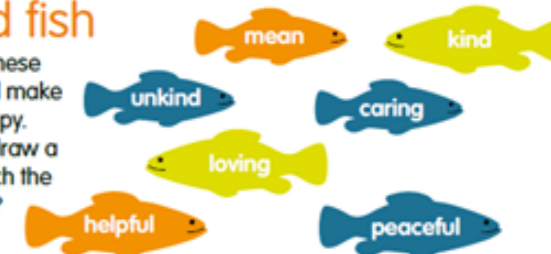
Fine food

Jesus cooked fish for the disciples.



Good fish

Some of these fish would make Jesus happy. Can you draw a net to catch the good fish?



A Prayer to Say I love you, Jesus! Please help me to show you how much I love you by the way I treat my family and friends. Help me to be kind, loving and helpful today. Amen.



We welcome our recently Baptised

Jackson, Kai, Sonny & Evie



We remember our recently deceased

Cáit Donohoe

Always loved, never forgotten

Older people need your support! **ALONE** is recruiting volunteers for their Telephone Support & Befriending service for older people. **ALONE** asks interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months. Visit alone.ie/volunteers or ring **083 065 7629** for more info.

Intentions	1st May
7pm	Josie Logue, Noel Wright
10.30	Kay Mc Nally, Monica O'Neill,
12 noon	Wilem Meere

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