St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time—20th February 2022

This Sunday's Readings

1st: 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Psalm: 102 **R/** The Lord is compassion and love.
2nd: 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluiaOpen your heart, O Lord,to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!
Gospel: Luke 6: 27-38

CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday: Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary
church opens at 9.30am and closes at 4pm
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 each month—Mass at 10am
All available on www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam

*available on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM

The Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation
Available on the 1st Saturday of each month after 10am Mass, and on request

Eucharistic Adoration—Tues. & Fri. 10.30—4pm

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

Saints in the Church's Calendar

The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle - Tuesday 22nd February This ancient feast relates to the early Roman custom at this time of year of remembering the ancestors of the family, those who presided over the family fortunes. The feast celebrates Peter as bishop of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith.

Dates for your Diary

1st March—1st Parish Synod Gathering
2nd March—Ash Wednesday
4th-12th March—Novena of Grace
15th March—2nd Parish Synod Gathering
17th March—St. Patrick's Day

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.

Confirmation Retreats

These took place over the past fortnight with the boys and girls from the 6th classes. I thank our excellent Confirmation Team: Pat Cummins; Margaret Hill and Aine Jordan who were ably assisted by the Parish Team

Synod

The preparatory work in St Brigid's is gathering apace with the first gathering to be held in less than 10 days on Tuesday March 1st. So again a reminder: What is a Synod –
It is is **a council of a church**, usually convened to decide an issue of doctrine, administration or application. The word synod comes from the Greek meaning "assembly" or "meeting" and is analogous with the Latin word concilium meaning "council". Regarding the upcoming Synod in Rome in 2023 every parish in the entire Catholic Church throughout the world is invited to participate so that *"By walking together, and together reflecting on the journey made, the Church will be able to learn from what it will experience which processes can help it to live communion, to achieve participation, to open itself to mission."*

Exploring Priesthood – Zoom with Seminarians and Priests

On Tuesday 1st March @ 8pm there will be an opportunity for young men to join in on a Zoom to find out more about priesthood and to hear directly from two young men who are currently studying for the priesthood in our National Seminary in Maynooth. The event is being run by the National Vocations Office. Further information and registration details can be obtained by emailing info@vocations.ie alternatively by logging onto info@vocations.ie/zoom

The key elements of the event which runs for about 90mins, will comprise: Some short YouTube videos on priesthood and vocation, Testimony and vocation story from a priest, Testimony and vocation story from two seminarians as well as an opportunity for Q&A with the seminarians and panel.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Saint Vincent de Paul monthly outdoor will take place after all Masses this Weekend

Continuing Covid Protective Measures

The Archbishop has requested that the following protective measures remain in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the vulnerable or anxious members of the congregation. The archbishop will review towards the end of March

- The wearing of face coverings inside Church buildings;
- Good sanitising and cleaning arrangements;
- Suspension of a handshake as the Sign of Peace
- Holy Communion to be received in the hand
- Holy water to be used in asperges but not yet restored to fonts for communal use at the entrances to Church buildings

Synod Space

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate' (Luke 6:36)

As Synodal gatherings begin in parishes, this line from today's Gospel reminds us that the quality of our attention to one another will be crucial in the Synodal pathway. Careful listening helps us to understand the other person, to stand in their shoes. When we really listen, we listen to understand in an open, loving and compassionate way.

Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name. Guide our listening that we may receive others with respect, for we are to love our neighbour as ourselves. Synodal Resources are available at: **www.dublindiocese.ie**

JUST A THOUGHT

Those who will receive the energy rebate over coming weeks, but don't actually need it to cover their expenses, have the opportunity to direct it to those in greater need. I urge those who can to donate some, or all of that rebate, to the Society of St Vincent de Paul, or other charities, who are supporting the many who are not so fortunate.

Archbishop Dermot Farrell

Children's Corner

In the Gospel Jesus tells us to treat everyone we meet with kindness and to love our neighbour, just as much as God loves each one of us.

A Prayer to Say Dear Jesus,
please help me to
love other people, especially when it is hard and they are not being kind to me. Help me to remember how much you love me and to know that you are with me. Amen.

TROCAIRE LENT WORKSHOP

Trócaire will be hosting four Lent workshops again this year.

Our first workshop is on Tuesday, 22nd of February at 2pm and this workshop is on our Lent parish resources and the context in Zimbabwe. We will be privileged to be joined by our colleague Yvonne who is based in our country office in Zimbabwe.

You can register here on this link for our workshops- https://forms.gle/jbb8mxLt8t1NpSzu8

MEĐJUGORJE
Easter Pilgrimage

Depart Dublin 17th April
For 7 Days

Group Leader: Eleanor Healy
Accompanied by a Spiritual Director

€765 per person inclusive
Accommodation in superb guesthouse

We are looking forward to restoring our Easter visits to Medjugorje after a two-year absence. Hoping this is a very special pilgrimage

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ALONE supports older people to age at home, combatting loneliness and isolation. Would you like to volunteer from the comfort of your own home? We are seeking volunteers to make Support & Befriending calls to older people. Please visit our website at www.alone.ie or call our National Support and Referral line - 0818 222 024 to find out more about volunteering with ALONE.

We welcome our recently Baptised

We remember our recently deceased

Evelyn Hobbs

Pauline Sweeney

Always loved, never forgotten

Intentions	19th/20th February
7pm	Maureen Ryan Sheila Gouldson MM
10.30	Eoin O'Byrne Patrick & Ann Mullins Carmel
12 noon	Patrick Doolin Séamus McGuinness

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