

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time—20th June 2021



### \*\*\*The Path Ahead\*\*\*

At present the following schedule of Masses applies.

**Monday—Friday Mass 10.00am**

**preceded by the Rosary at 9.35am**

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

**Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.00pm** (no morning Mass)

**Sunday Mass at 10.30am\* and 12 noon**

Sunday Mass obligation is suspended—due to number restrictions (max. 50 in each section of the church)—please consider a week-day instead.

\*also broadcast on Phoenix FM— 92.5Mhz

**Join us online for any of our Masses at**

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

#### ARRANGEMENTS FOR OTHER CHURCH SERVICES

**Weddings & Funerals** – A maximum of 50 people  
**Baptisms**—resume in July

**First Communion and Confirmation**—preparations are being made for these to take place from September onwards

#### Some advice for returning to Mass:

- Do your best not to block the doors entering & leaving.
- Sanitize your hands on entry—masks are obligatory.
- Please cooperate with volunteer stewards and follow directions for receiving Holy Communion
- Please leave patiently and promptly after Mass.
- Please be aware of physical distance at all times.
- Remember: hand sanitiser can be flammable— ensure your hands are completely dry before lighting candles.

**Fr. Frank's Reading Circle—Wednesdays at 7.30pm** Current book—*Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist, Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper, Brant Pitre*— € 10.00.

**Máirín's Lectio Divina also continues on Wednesday mornings at 11 am**

#### Readings for 20th June 2021

**1st:** Job 38: 1, 8-11

**Psalm:** 106 R/ O give thanks to the Lord for his love endures forever.

**2nd:** 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 4: 35-41

#### REFLECTION

At times we may feel that our church is not as vibrant as it was in the past. Today the apostles feared that they would be overwhelmed by the storm. Like us, they wondered when would Jesus come to their aid?

The multiple challenges we face as a church; lack of faith in Jesus, the shortage of priests and religious, lack of respect for God's creation and the effects of Covid may all weaken our faith today. There can be a harking back to what seems now to have been better times. We look for hope, needing hope. Our hope is in Christ, even as he was sleeping on the boat. No matter what the fear, the apostles seemed to know he would care as they said, 'Master we are going down'.

Their faith was both challenged and rewarded. Jesus is letting them know in the crises of their lives and of the persecution of the Church at the time, that he can help them overcome fear. The storm at the sea was the storm of persecution. The way forward was to trust in him. It is the same for us; the future of the Church is in our closeness and faith in Jesus. We are the Church; our faith is its strength. As Jesus found hope in his life so can we. Good words from Archbishop Desmond Tutu: *Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.*

*Donal Neary SJ, editor, Sacred Heart Messenger*

#### What will 'Synodality' mean for Catholicism in Ireland?

ACI Zoom Meeting June 24, 2021 at 8.00 p.m.

**Fr Brendan Hoban** to speak to ACI on Killala Diocese's three-year listening process

'*Placing Faith in Hope*' and Ireland's 'Synodal Pathway', to begin this year.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88336880163?pwd=d0V5QXZ2dHhycTJyRVZtaTYxYkRRdz09>

Meeting ID: 883 3688 0163

*Robert Longley*

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**REDUCE INEQUALITY WITHIN AND AMONG COUNTRIES**



**10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES**



How wonderful would it be, even as we discover faraway planets, to rediscover the needs of the brothers and sisters who orbit around us. Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, par. 31



**BOOK LAUNCH – DIPPING INTO LIFE BY ALAN HILIARD**

The loss, fear, and isolation of COVID-29 have caused many of us to pause and take stock of what really matters in our life. Dipping Into Life, a new book by Alan Hilliard comes at a perfect time to help us see beyond the turmoil to the goodness and simple beauty that can be found in everyday interactions. Dipping Into Life facilitates the reader as they 'dip' into life's mysteries in a gentle and thought-provoking way.

Join us for an Online Book Launch - **7:00pm, MONDAY 21 JUNE 2021**. Special Guest Archbishop Dermot Farrell. To register for the launch, please email

[c.henry@messenger.ie](mailto:c.henry@messenger.ie)

**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)

**Intentions**

**19th/20th June**

Sat 7pm Jack O'Mara A  
John Donohoe MM

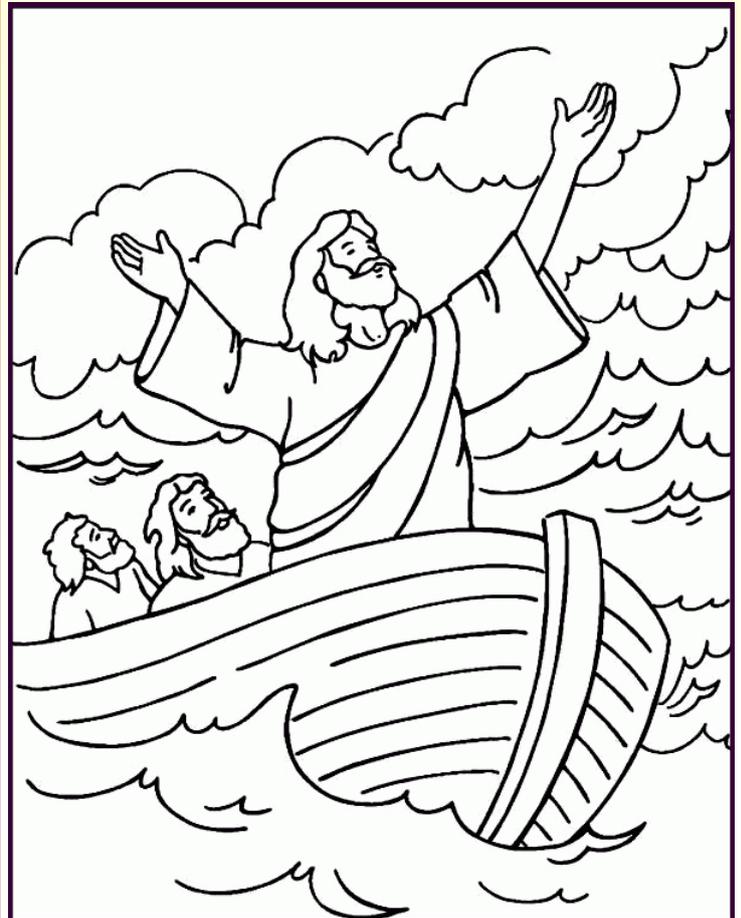
Sun. 10.30am John Balfe  
Michael Flanagan MM  
Kumar family—thanksgiving

12 noon Margaret Duffy  
Michael Dillon

**Children's Corner**

**In the Gospel this week** Jesus and his disciples sail across a lake but are hit by a terrible storm along the way. The disciples are so frightened they wake Jesus up. Jesus calms the storm and wonders why his friends did not have more faith.

**A Picture to Colour**



**A Prayer to say** Dear Jesus, sometimes I am afraid of things I think will happen to me. Sometimes it is only my mind telling me these things. Help me remember that I am loved and that, no matter what, you are always at my side. Amen.

**“Northside Home Care Services, Meals on Wheels** is a seven day service that delivers meals Monday-Friday, to clients in their homes. Would you like us to deliver a meal to a family member or neighbour that could benefit from a nutritious meal and a dessert for €5 per day. Contact Ad or Catherine 018058574”



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**We remember our recently deceased**



*To live in hearts left behind  
is not to die*