

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## Feast of Christ the King - Sunday 20th November 2022



### This Sunday's Readings

**1st:** Samuel 5:1-3  
**Psalm:** 121 R/ I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house."  
**2nd:** Colossians 1:12-20  
**Gospel Acclamation!** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!  
**Gospel:** Luke 23:35-43

### CURRENT SCHEDULE

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:**  
 Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary at 9.30 church closes at 5pm  
**Monday:** Area Mass at 7.30pm  
**Wednesday:** Liturgy of the Word at 10am  
**Saturday:** church opens at 10am  
**Vigil Mass** at 6pm (note change)  
**Sunday** Mass at 10.30am\*  
 (last Sunday of each month will have a midday Family mass)  
**1st Saturday of the month**— Mass at 10am followed by confessions  
**Last Tuesday of the month**—Prayer Group Mass at 8.00pm, all welcome  
**Bank Holidays:** Mass at 11 am only  
 All services available on [www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam)  
 \*also on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM  
**Eucharistic Adoration**  
 Tues. & Fri. 10.30—5pm  
**Blanchardstown Area evening Mass**  
**Mon:** Blanchardstown at 7.30  
 Tues & Thurs: Castleknock  
 Wed: Mulhuddart Fri: Corduff

**A Reflective Sentence**  
 Jesus Christ is the centre of all things and the foundation for all things; he/she who does not know him knows nothing about the world and nothing about himself/herself.... Blaise Pascal



### POSTURE DURING THE MASS

With the new chairs in the Extension, I thought I'd do a newsletter on posture during Mass. (Fr Damian McNeice (PP-Castleknock)-wrote this when he was in the Liturgy Office and Master of Ceremonies to the Archbishop). We show our unity as an assembled people not only by our sung and said responses during Mass, but also externally. We worship the Lord with our whole being; with our hands, feet and bodies as well as with our eyes, ears and mouth. Because of their unspoken power, gestures and posture in the liturgy deserve as much care as the words we use. God calls us together as members of Christ's body, as members of an organic whole and not as disparate individuals. Therefore, a Christian assembly that believes 'with one heart and soul' (Acts 4:32) adopts common postures as signs of its unity in worship. These postures both express and foster the spiritual attitude of those taking part. There are many actions and gestures that we do together during Mass: we make the Sign of the Cross, we stand to pray, sit to listen, bow to show reverence, we move forward to present gifts and to receive, we exchange the sign of peace.

When Mass begins we stand. We stand up to greet people, to honour someone important, to express our readiness for action, and when gripped by excitement! For example, we stand when the national anthem is played. In terms of the Eucharist we stand before God as a **Resurrection People**, lifted up to greet our Risen Lord, called to stand in God's presence and serve through the celebration of the Eucharist – a **Priestly People** fully engaged in the liturgical action. In this way, standing reflects the assembly at work actively given to participation. There are appropriate times during the Liturgy when **standing** reflects this reality. So when does the General Instruction on the Roman Missal recommend we stand during Mass?  
 -To begin with **we stand for the entire 'Introductory Rite'** - that is from the beginning until we respond 'Amen' to the Opening Prayer.  
 -Then **we sit to listen** to God's word.  
 -The next time **we stand** is at the Gospel acclamation **to greet the Lord's words in the Gospel**. After it is proclaimed we sit.  
 -**We stand together for the Profession of Faith and the Prayer of the Faithful**. Then we sit as the gifts of bread and wine are prepared.  
 -**We stand at the Prayer over the Gifts** and for the preface of the Eucharistic Prayer (the reason why we are giving thanks and praise) until the end of the 'Sanctus' – the Holy, Holy. **Then we KNEEL for the remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer.**

-We stand to pray the 'Our Father' together, and right through until after the Lamb of God. **Then we KNEEL** as we are shown the Body and Blood of the Lord and respond: 'Lord I am not worthy...'  
 -After receiving Holy Communion, **we may sit or kneel in silent thanksgiving.**  
**-Finally we stand for the 'Prayer after Communion'**, the Final Blessing and Hymn. Another important element during Mass is sacred **Silence**. Silence allows us to truly listen to the Lord, to hear what's going on in our hearts and minds and to gather on a deeper level. This should especially happen after the priest says 'Let us Pray' before the Opening Prayer/Collect and before the 'Prayer after Communion'. This silence only takes a few seconds but can greatly help our prayer, just as in any piece of music, we need silence in which to hear the separate notes. I hope this newsletter highlights and helps you to appreciate the importance of Posture and silence and we will do our best with the new configuration in the Extension. Christ's sacrifice present on the altar makes it possible for all generations of Christians to be united with his offering. What is it we can offer? We give to God our sufferings and prayers, works and acts of love. Uniting them with Christ and his total offering gives new value to everything. Even the smallest thing offered takes on new value. We are allowing Jesus Christ's self-sacrificing love to touch and transform all our limited efforts at building communion with others- Communion with Christ and with One another.  
 (Source:IEC2012Theological and Pastoral Preparation Document)

**Saints in the Church's Calendar**  
**The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Mon 21<sup>st</sup>**, On this day was the dedication in the year 543 of the Church of Our Lady near to the Temple in Jerusalem. This feast celebrates Mary in her grace filled life, wholly given over to the Holy Spirit. This feast prepares for Advent and Christmas.  
**St. Columban (Columbanus), abbot and missionary – Wed 23rd** was born in 543. He became a monk of Bangor and later principal teacher. In 591, desiring to 'go on pilgrimage for Christ', he set out with twelve companions and came to Burgundy. He established monasteries at Annegray, Luxeuil and Fontaine, Bregenz in Austria and at Bobbio. He is remembered as one of the greatest of the Irish missionary monks.

### FROM THE PASTORS DESK



### Feast of Christ the King

*The promise of the kingdom.* On the cross, Christ the King promises his kingdom to the penitent thief. We, like the repentant criminal, receive redemption and forgiveness of our sins through Christ, who gives us the strength to bear all things joyfully. If we suffer with him, we will reign with him. He is the firstborn from the dead, never to die again. (Source: Redemptorist Publications – Your Sunday Missal)

### Altar List of the Dead

Thank you to all who have returned their altar list of the dead. There are envelopes around the church if you would like to complete one. The Mass is 'offered' for all names on these lists on the First Friday of every month and the lists will be in the Sanctuary area in front of the altar for the month of November.

### Advent

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the Church's calendar, a new Liturgical Year

### Mass Booking Diary

The 2023 Diary is now available in the Sacristy if anyone wishes to 'book' Masses for next year.

**November..... We remember our own dead and our own sadness this November. Tears speak out our grief, but they also witness to our love and we are glad to have loved so much that we can cry. May those we have loved rest in your embrace, O Lord**

### Mountview Christmas Fair

St Philip the Apostle Clonsilla



Saturday 26th Nov 10-7pm

Sunday 27th November 10am-1pm

Crafts, gifts, decorations and more....

Please support and enjoy!

### Adult Faith Development

An introduction to the basics of our religion\*

Wed 23rd Nov – 8pm  
 In the Church Sacristy.

Last session in current series.  
 NB \* 8PM START \*

This week – Who is Jesus?  
 What is the Incarnation?

(\*Using Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults)

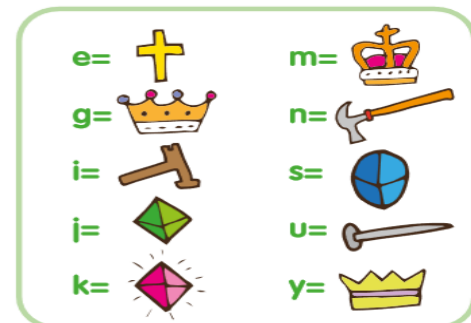
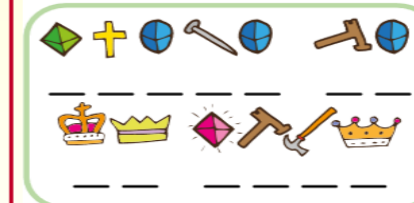
## Children's Corner

### In The Gospel

Jesus is a king like no other. Jesus is a king who shows us how to love, by serving other people. Some people do not believe a king would die on a cross. They laugh at Jesus. An unexpected person, a criminal, believes in Jesus. This thief will enjoy life with Jesus.

### Code

Find the hidden message by cracking the code.



### Parish Calendar this week:

Apart from the existing scheduled events there are a few 'extras' this coming week:

#### Teen Hope

The teenagers are invited to gather on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm in the Pastoral centre – Pizza, chat, games, reflection and prayer .....and FUN!

#### Family Mass – next Sunday

Next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November is the last Sunday of November. To that end the Family Mass will be at 12 noon

#### Enrolment Mass for Confirmation Classes

The Enrolment Mass for the boys and girls receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2023 will take place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.00pm

### Advent wreaths



The Liturgy team have put together a pack for you to make your own Advent Wreath at home. The cost of each pack is €7 which is subsidised by the parish. If you need some expert help, Dolores and Mary will do a demonstration in the centre after 10.30 Mass today. There will be another demonstration at 1.30pm in our Pastoral Centre in **Royal Canal. The wreaths are available for collection in the sacristy or in the parish office. Happy Creating!**



Welcome to our recently Baptised:  
 Pennie Powell



### Upcoming events.....

'O Night Divine' Christmas Concert on Friday 9th December at 8pm.



Coolmine Therapeutic Centre Gala Concert featuring Blanchardstown Brass band and parish choirs. Draocht—15 December at 8pm

### Mass Intentions 19th/20th November

**Sat 6pm** Pat Carr  
 Gerard Madden  
 Valerie Whelan (MM)  
**Sun 10.30am** Denis Pride  
 Tommy & Terese Thornton  
 Dermot Monaghan  
 Margaret Reid



### Recently Deceased

Clare Breen  
 Maurice (Mossie) Hennessy

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