

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time—21st August 2022

I COME TO GATHER THE
NATIONS

ISAIAH 66:18

This Sunday's Readings

1st: Isaiah 66: 18-21
Psalm: 116 R/ *Go out to the whole world; proclaim the good news*
2nd: Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13
Gospel Acclamation! *Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!*
Gospel: Luke 13: 22-30

CURRENT SCHEDULE

This schedule will require flexibility from time to time—please check for changes

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*

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

*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

What we believe is important, but even more important is the One in whom we believe...
Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI



FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Liturgy of the Eucharist - The Bread of Life

The parts of the Mass give rise to three 'Communions':

- communion with Christ in our neighbour,
- communion with Christ in the Word and
- communion with Christ in the sacramental signs of bread and wine.

In the previous newsletters I have dealt with the first two. Now we come to the third 'Communion' - **communion with Christ in the sacramental signs of bread and wine**, sometimes referred to in the Scriptures as the "Breaking of Bread".

Before going into detail on the section of the Mass referred to as the 'Liturgy of the Eucharist', I will give an overview of the Eucharist or rather I will use part of a homily given by the Archbishop Diarmuid Martin on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

It is the Eucharist which builds up the Church making us the Body of Christ and therefore a people consecrated to God. The Church becomes the People of God through becoming the Body of Christ.

It is Jesus who shapes his Church. In the Eucharist, Jesus pours out his life for us. We are called to nourish ourselves with the bread of life and to drink the chalice of the new covenant. And we are called to witness to that covenant in our lives, through self-giving love and in the joyful hope that the Lord will come again to fulfil his reign of love.

From the beginnings of the Church the disciples gathered; they came together to listen to the word of God and for the prayers and for the breaking of bread. (Acts.2:42) The Eucharist was the central and distinctive event of their lives as Christians. It was out of this coming together for the breaking of bread, however, that the disciples developed a particular life-style, a Eucharistic life-style, where having shared in the one Eucharistic bread they then shared all things among themselves and with those in need.

The Eucharist is not just a personal possession. It shapes a new form of living. I can never be a Christian just on my own uncaring and un-thoughtful about those around me or what is going on around me. A Eucharistic life-style is always one which reaches out to others, especially to those who may be in

need or who are troubled. "Communion with Christ and with one another".

Our world is a world of contradictions. Social media and new technological means of coming closer to each other abound - and yet there is still much loneliness. Our interdependence as peoples and nations and economies is so evident, - and yet we still think that self-centeredness and political isolationism can protect us. The fragility of human solidarity is so evident as new conflicts and ideologies arise - and yet we find it difficult to embrace tolerance and respect for others. Our young people long for peace and the ability to realise their talents - and yet violence and exclusion still abound.

A Eucharistic life-style is one where the notions of caring and sharing dominate, where self-giving love is the mark of how we live, and how we base our choices and how we interact with others.

The Church will be renewed only when believers in Jesus Christ truly come together regularly to listen to the word of God and to share in the bread of life and when from that nourishment they develop a new way of living and witnessing to their faith, in the Church and in society.

At the beginnings of the Church, as the Acts of the Apostles remind us: "Day by day, the Lord added to their number". (Acts.2:47) Today, the Lord will renew the Church and add to our number as believers in the measure in which we live that life-style which only our sharing in the body and blood of Christ can enable and foster.

(Source:IEC2012Theological and Pastoral Preparation Document)



Saints in the Church's Calendar

Monday 22nd - The Queenship of Mary

During the middle ages, Mary was venerated as queen of the angels and saints. Pope Pius XII prescribed the memorial for the universal Church at the close of the Marian Year 1955. It is placed on this date to stress the connection of Mary's queenship and with the Assumption

Wednesday 24th—St. Bartholomew, Apostle—originally from Cana in Galilee and is usually identified with Nathanael, who was introduced to the Lord by St. Philip. According to Tradition, after Pentecost he preached the Gospel in Arabia, India and Armenia, where he was flayed alive. He is this patron of tanners, plasterers and leather-workers

Saturday 27th—St. Monica c332-87, converted her pagan husband, Patricius to the faith, and by her prayers and tears brought her son St. Augustine to Christianity and a moral life. Patron saint of mothers.

Upgrade of the Church Extension

The extension is a wonderful space with the possibility of being so much more. With refurbishment it can become an ideal space for holding liturgical services, sacramental preparation, faith formation etc., part of our 'Building Hope' program in the parish.

It has recently been repainted (first time in over 40 years) and had the lighting upgraded. There has long been a desire to replace the pews, which are in a state of disrepair, with more suitable seating. The cost of replacing the pews with 200 chairs and providing some suitable tables for the main body of the church will be somewhere in the region of €45,000. We are also in the process of getting quotes for recarpeting the extension and the altar. We expect work to proceed in the autumn.

B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Few people are able to cope alone with the pain of loss. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge - not weakness. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. Coping effectively with bereavement is a skill we can all learn. Next Coping with Life Alone Programme will take place on 3rd September 2022 from 8.45am - 16.00 in St Mary's Priory, Main Street, Dublin 24 D24KA40. Next Residential weekend will take place from 7th - 9th October in St Mary's Priory Main Street Tallaght.

For further information please contact 086 0877379 or email bedublin@gmail.com.
<https://beginningexperiencegbandi.org/dublin-1>, booking form on website.

Children's Corner

In the Gospel Jesus invites everyone to come to his party! We can get to the party through a narrow door. We go through the narrow door when we follow Jesus and put

Come to the party! Which door?

Jesus invites us to enter his kingdom through a narrow door. Which door is the right one to go through? Follow the paths and work out which door to knock on.



Jesus' kingdom is like a big party. Have a look through the keyhole in the narrow door. Jesus invites everyone to his party, even the people no one else might want to invite. Who would you invite to a party? Draw what you can see of the fabulous party you'd like to join. Draw the people you'd let through the narrow door.

other people before ourselves.

A prayer to say

Thank you, Jesus, for inviting me to your party. Help me to follow your example and put other people before myself. Help me to share your love with everyone I meet today by speaking kindly and helping out at home. Amen.



Age Action



Care & Repair can remove trip hazards, install handrails,

replace toilet seats and other small DIY jobs free of charge for older people to help them maintain their homes and independence. If you would like help, contact: 01 4756989



Feeling left behind? Out of the internet loop? Next course in digital skills begins in Blanchardstown

Library on 16th Sept. This course is free of charge and provides you with one to one tuition for 10 hours over 5 weeks—11.30-13:30 each Friday. Interested? Call 01 4756989



We remember our recently deceased

Mass Intentions 20th/21st August

6pm	Con Hegarty Josephine & Thomas Cronin
10.30	Terrie Fitzpatrick MM Kathleen Somers Jim & Millie Fay and their niece Portia



BLANCHARDSTOWN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

We offer friendship, amusement, sports, activities, organized outings and holidays; the rest is up to you. We meet every Tue. & Thurs. 2—4pm in Blanchardstown Community Centre Contact: Nora (Chairperson) 087 6756142

Alma (Secretary) 086 8152333

Email: barablanchardstown@icloud.ie

Fingal Older Peoples Council (FOPC) supported by Fingal's Age Friendly team are publishing a Memory Maker Recipe Book (2022).



We are seeking submissions from older people living in Fingal, of family recipes accompanied by a short story, poem, picture/photo or anecdote that sums up the memories or feelings the recipe recalls, for inclusion in the book. A copy of the publication will be presented to all those whose recipes/stories are included.

Closing date for receipt of submission is 31st August 2022 For more info, contact: Cathrina Murphy on 087 063 0224 or email: cathrina.murphy@fingal.ie

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