

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

6th Sunday of Easter—22nd May 2022



This Sunday's Readings

1st: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29
Psalm: 66 R/ *Let the people praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you*
2nd: Apocalypse 21: 10-14, 22-23
Gospel Acclamation! *Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "if anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!"*
Gospel: John 14: 23-29

CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday: Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary church opens at 9.30am and closes at 5pm
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— Mass at 10am followed by confessions
 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.

Other Parish Events

Rosary Novena - with Fr. Frank
Meditating on the mysteries of Salvation
 Commencing on Monday 23rd May
 4.30pm each day
Music ministry provided by Mary & Francis
Lectio Divina—with Máirín
 for the month of June
Wednesday mornings at 11am
in the Fr. Dungan Room

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Sacraments of Confirmation and 1st Eucharist

Confirmation Ceremonies—The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for our Parish Schools continues this coming week. On **Thursday 26th May** we have the boys from Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí at **11.00am**. I welcome the children and their parents/guardians and wider family circle to these wonderful occasions

1st Holy Communion—Next **Saturday 28th May** at 11am the boys and girls from Scoil Oilibhear will receive their 1st Holy Communion and at 1pm, the girls and boys from Educate Together will receive their 1st Holy Communion. I wish the schools well in all their preparation this coming week, and I hope the weather is fantastic on the day.

Sale of 128 Broadway Road—The Parish Finance and Property Committee have approved the sale of the Presbytery on 128 Broadway Rd (*the home of the late much beloved Fr John Casey RIP*). In recent weeks the Finance and Property Committee obtained an Architect's report on the Parochial House situated on the Church grounds. The house is in abysmal condition needing significant funding to bring it back to habitable condition.

The Building Hope Prayer

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.
 You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts.
 We seek your way of loving kindness to walk together as one family.
 Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another, in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of creation.
 May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us.
 May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word, bringing forth truth, justice and peace.
 May the Holy Spirit working in and through us do much more than we can dare to imagine as we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service.
 We make this our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.
 St Laurence O'Toole, pray for us.
 St Kevin, pray for us.
 St Brigid, pray for us.



Now in its ninth year, **Ecumenical Bible Week**, led by the Archdiocese of Dublin and the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough in collaboration with many other Christian traditions, will run this year from **Pentecost to Trinity Sunday, June 5 to 12**. The overall theme for this year is 'A New Pentecost: Moving to the Edges'.

Rosary at the Grottos

The Rosary is being prayed each day during May at hundreds of grottos around the Island of Ireland. To see a list of locations, to register a grotto (or other suitable location) simply visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie
 You can also register by texting 087 278 6552. We are praying for Ireland and for peace in the world.



St Titus Brandsma

(Titus Brandsma O.Carm. was canonised last Sunday, by Pope Francis. St Titus spent time in Dublin in the 1930s. This statue is in the Carmelite church on Whitefriar Street.)

Parish Gathering – Building Hope

You are invited to discuss the Diocesan Project 'Building Hope' in the **Church (extension) at 7.30pm on Tuesday 31st May**. The format of the evening will be similar to when we gathered for the Synod. Please do come along. Our Church in Dublin is changing before our very eyes!



'The Church is continually changing and adapting. The People of God are a people on the move, a people on pilgrimage through life and history. This is how the Church actually is; never static, but continually responding to a changing cultural context.'

Archbishop Dermot Farrell

You might well ask 'What is going on with the church at present? Why so many meetings?' The quick answer is because the church is not a building, or an institution, but is the people of God, the faithful. In the recent past, three separate initiatives have been launched; each, in their own way, trying to renew and reinvigorate the church so each have reached out to the people of God.

1. In Oct 2019 the Parish Pastoral Council held a Parish Assembly to determine the priorities for our parish. These were reported back in Feb 2020 just before Covid struck which effectively delayed matters for nearly 2 years.
2. Archbishop Farrell, appointed to Dublin in early 2021, began a diocesan level consultation process called Building Hope. Phase 1 ended in Oct 2021 with the publication of the Building Hope Task Force Report. This Report, itself based on over 3000 contributions, called for the consultation process to continue, and go deeper.
3. Meanwhile, Pope Francis had announced the 2023 Synod on Synodality and requested that all parishes worldwide should hold Synodal Gatherings in early 2022. Archbishop Farrell immediately postponed his initiative to allow parishes to participate as fully as possible in the Synod. Now that the Synod is completed at parish level, the Building Hope initiative is starting again.

Clearly there is a lot of overlap between these 3 initiatives. But there are also key differences. The Parish Assembly was focused purely on St Brigid's and what we can do locally, in our parish. The Synod focuses on the universal church and provided a sort of SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) at a global level. Building Hope is somewhere in between. It is discussing our parish, but in the context of the parishes around us in Dublin 15 and the challenge of declining resources facing the whole diocese.

Each initiative has its own distinct flavour and approach. As everyone knows, if you are facing a difficult situation, approaching it from different angles allows you to see it in the round and get a much better understanding of what needs to be done. These processes complement each other. And, if we are to be a Synodal church, then consultation and discernment will be an ongoing feature of life in the church. In short, if you want to have your voice heard then please turn up and speak up!

We are holding one meeting **on Tues. 31st May at 7:30 pm in the Church Extension** to review the current situation in the parish, what is working well and what needs to be developed. And we will begin to reflect on how we can best manage and share our gifts, talents, and resources, not only within our own parish, but also in other parishes in the area with whom it might make sense for us to partner in the future. **Do please come along to the meeting.**

Children's Corner

In the Gospel today Jesus says he has to leave his friends, but he is sending a special helper to be with them. Jesus is sending the Holy Spirit. No one needs to be worried or afraid, Jesus is giving us all his peace.



A Prayer to Say Thank you, Jesus, for sending us your Holy Spirit. I know that I can trust you to help me. Be with me always. Amen.



Can you help Sam and Miriam to play peacefully?

Sam wants to play with his car, but Miriam has it. What Sam says is important. If he is mean, they could end up fighting. If Sam says something kind they could play together peacefully. Then they will both be happy.



Choose the best thing for Sam to say to Miriam. Draw a line from the best words to Sam. Match best words to Miriam too.

We welcome our recently baptised



We remember our recently deceased



Jimmy Somers
Dermot Guilfoyle

Always loved, never forgotten
never forgotten

Mass Intentions 21st/22nd May

7pm	Sean Cusack
10.30	Brian Santry Richard O'Connell Michael Flanagan Jaspine Valdez Philip Furlong
12 noon	Michael Dillon Patrick & Margaret McGregor Colm Harty

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