

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time—22nd August 2021

Spirit That Gives Life
John 6:60-69

CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday Mass at 10.00am
preceded by the Rosary at 9.35am

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

Masses for Sunday

Vigil Mass at 7.00pm (Sat), **Day Mass** at 10.30am* & 12 noon (Sun)

OTHER CHURCH SERVICES

First Communion and Confirmation

will take place for all schools in the parish in September

Baptisms— bookings now being taken for dates from late October onwards

Weddings — A maximum of 100 people

Funerals— A maximum of 50 people

All services available on

www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam

*also available on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM

Confession

Anyone who wishes to receive confession should approach one of the priests after Mass.

Remember

All Government Health guidelines apply when attending Mass—Sanitising, Social Distancing and wearing masks. We thank you for your cooperation and apologise for any inconvenience

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Readings for 22nd August 2021

1st: Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18

Psalm: 33 R/ Taste and see that the Lord is good.

2nd: Ephesians 5:25-32

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit Lord, and they are life;
you have the message of eternal life
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6: 60-69



Fr. Cyril will say his final Masses in St. Brigid's this weekend. A sad occasion as he will be missed by all. But also a time to reflect on his achievements in the parish over the last 9 years.

Reflection

The deepest loves are the loves which say 'forever', as in marriage and many other relationships. Jesus in the gospel today is saying that his gift is forever. His love shown in death and resurrection is for all time, for all of us. This can be said to be the meaning of the Eucharist.

Each time we take part in the Mass we are 'present' at the death and resurrection of the Lord. Mass is not just a social gathering, or an ordinary prayer meeting. It is the highest point of Christian prayer, as we join in this love of God in Jesus, given for all time.

This gift of love is received or rejected. Jesus was in a way testing his disciples by asking them 'will you too go away?' knowing that they would stay even though there would be unfaithfulness and one would leave him. They would find out that staying with him would mean trying to share and live out love like he did.

The 'Holy One of God' is the One who loves all God's people to the end. Our Mass is also our thanks to God for this love and for God's call to be part of this love, sharing in his death and resurrection.

Donal Neary SJ (editor Sacred Heart Messenger)

Copies of the Parish Financial Statement for the Year 2020 are available throughout the church. We would like to thank our parishioners for their continued generous support of the parish particularly during these exceptional times.

Robert Longley

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Intentions		21st/22nd August	
Sat 7pm		Josephine & Thomas Cronin	
Sun. 10.30am		Philomena Holmes	MM 1st A
		Kathleen Somers	
12 noon		Michael McPartland MM	

Children's Corner

In the Gospel this week Simon Peter tells Jesus that his close friends will never leave him. They have faith in him and know that he is the Holy One of God. What Jesus teaches his friends is true.

True or false?

The disciples knew that what Jesus taught them was true. Are these statements true or false?

- We need water to live.
- All birds have wings.
- Jesus teaches us about God.
- Apples are vegetables.
- Football are square.
- All fish have legs.

Tick the ones that are true.

True friends

Jesus' friends loved him very much. True friends stay with you no matter what happens.

Friends are **FUN** and **KIND**. They **CARE**, **SHARE**, **UNDERSTAND**, **LISTEN** and **LOVE**. Fit these words into the grid. What word can you read down the red column?

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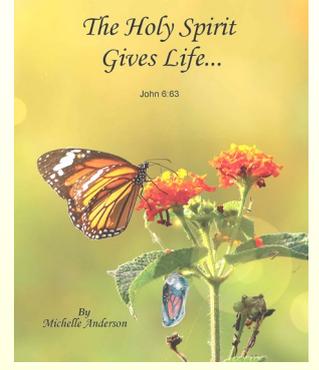
Something special

Fill in the spaces with the first letter of each picture.

The disciples had _____ in Jesus

A Prayer to say

Dear Jesus, help us to always have faith in you and what you teach us about God our Father. May we be like the disciples and stay with you no matter what happens. Amen.



We remember our recently deceased



To live in hearts left behind is not to die