

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—23rd January 2022



This Sunday's Readings

1st: Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10
Psalm: 18 R/ Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are truth
2nd: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives Alleluia!
Gospel: Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21

CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday Mass: 10am preceded by the Rosary church opens at 9.30am and closes at 4pm
Saturday: church opens for private prayer at 10am
Vigil Mass at 7pm
Sunday Mass at 10.30am* & 12 noon
 *available on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM
 All Parish services available on www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam

The Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation
 Available on the 1st Saturday of each month 10.30-11am and on request

Eucharistic Adoration—Tuesdays & Fridays after the 10am Mass until 4pm

Evening Mass for the Greater Blanchardstown Area
 Mondays—Mulhuddart at 7.30pm
 Tuesdays & Thursdays—Castleknock at 7.30
 Wednesday—Blanchardstown at 7.30pm
 Friday—Corduff at 7.30pm

Please remember: mask, sanitise, safe distance.

Saints in the Church's Calendar

Saints Fabian and Sebastian—20th Jan.
 St. Fabian was a pope and St. Sebastian a soldier, both martyred for their faith.
St. Agnes—21st Jan. Wealthy and beautiful, also martyred. Patron of betrothed couples, gardeners and young girls.
St. Vincent—22nd Jan. Deacon and martyr.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Sunday of the Word of God – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In his Apostolic Letter of 30 September 2019, *Aperuit illis* Pope Francis established that the **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** is to be the Sunday of the Word of God. He already proposed something similar at the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. It is a day to be devoted to the celebration, study, and spreading of the Word of God. Pope Francis is clear from the very first paragraph of this letter that the relationship between the Risen Lord, a community of believers, and sacred Scripture is essential to who we are as Christians.

What is the Word of God?

We often identify the Bible as the Word of God. This is not wrong, but God speaks to our hearts in many different ways. For instance, he speaks to us in prayer and through our conscience, and often through other people. Hence, the Word of God covers much more than a printed book. Nevertheless, the Bible is the privileged collection of communications between God and his people. These stories and poems have nourished the lives of the people of Israel and the Christian Church right through the centuries, and they continue to nourish us today. They tell the story of God's love and our salvation from ancient times onwards. The scriptural texts offer us both challenge and encouragement for our lives, and are especially valuable to us through the hope they offer us at dark moments.

Father Michael PP

Pope Francis' Prayer to: MARY – Woman of Listening



Mary, woman of listening, open our ears; grant us to know how to listen to the word of your Son Jesus among the thousands of words of this world; grant that we may listen to the reality in which we live, to every person we encounter, especially those who are poor, in need, in hardship.

Mary, woman of decision, illuminate our mind and our heart, so that we may obey, unhesitating, the word of your Son Jesus; give us the courage to decide, not to let ourselves be dragged along, letting others direct our life.

Mary, woman of action, obtain that our hands and feet move "with haste" toward others, to bring them the charity and love of your Son Jesus, to bring the light of the Gospel to the world, as you did.

Amen.

Parish Assembly

One of the outcomes of the Parish Assembly held prior to Covid was the recognition that more Volunteers are needed if St. Brigid's Blanchardstown is to effectively carry out its mission of preaching/building the Kingdom Of God in our Parish and beyond. To that end members of The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will speak at all Masses this weekend about the need for Volunteers and if the Spirit moves you, you can volunteer your name the following Sunday.

"There is a variety of gifts, but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose" (1 Cor 12: 4-7)

Week of Christian Unity-2022 - Concludes

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity concludes this Tuesday 25th January on the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. The week is a privileged moment of prayer, encounter and dialogue. It is an opportunity to recognise and receive the richness and value that are present in the other, the different, and to ask God for the gift of unity. Pope Francis in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel) writes: "The immense numbers of people who have not received the Gospel of Jesus Christ cannot leave us indifferent. Consequently, commitment to a unity which helps them to accept Jesus Christ can no longer be a matter of mere diplomacy or forced compliance, but rather an indispensable path to evangelisation" (E.G 246) *Fr Michael Carey PP*

Spiritual Reading Circle with Fr Frank Our next spiritual reading circle will commence on Thursday, the 27th of January at 7:30 pm. In weekly Zoom meetings we will collect and discuss the results of our reading. Our reading material will be: Richard Rohr, *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For and Believe*, London 2019, ca. € 10.00. Registrations, by 26th January, to Mairin.Keegan@dublindiocese.ie **It would be good if all participants had read pages 1-37 in the book for our first session, so we can get straight into our very interesting topic.**

While baskets are not being circulated, donations to the **Sunday Mass Collections** can be placed in the envelopes throughout the church (and left in the baskets on the way out), or by using the new 'Tap & Go' facility - signs guide you through 3 easy steps. Donations will be split—60% to the 1st Collection (Common Fund for priests) 40% to the 2nd collection (Share). Many thanks for your generous support.

Check out new mindfulness courses at The Sanctuary

Growing Old Gracefully- The Spirituality of Ageing with Dominic Cogan
 5-week course, Wednesday, 16th February 2022 7.00pm-8.00pm

Self-Compassion for Wellbeing with Barry Lee
 5-week course, Monday, 17th January 2022 7.00pm-8.30pm

Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction with Niamh Bruce
 8-week course, Tuesday, 18th January 2022 7.00pm-9.30pm

Alone—COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE - 0818 222 024

The line is open seven days a week, **8am - 8pm** **AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS.** Find more information about all groups and services on www.aware.ie

fit The Advanced Manufacturing Talent Pipeline

Course run by FIT will be starting early January. We still have places available. For further information please contact Rachael at FIT on rachelwall@fit.ie

Study Theology Online, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before 8 February for Spring 2022. Find out more and see to see a 2 minute introductory film on our website prioryinstitute.com

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Children's Corner

"the spirit of the Lord has been _____ to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to _____ bring _____ to the poor, to proclaim _____ to prisoners and new sight to the _____"

Scrolls
 Jewish holy writings are written on scrolls. Put these missing words from Isaiah in the right spaces.

freedom good news
 blind
 given

We are anointed

I was anointed when I was baptised. That means I am like Jesus. I can share his work. Tick what you will do this week to bring good news to someone.

help in the kitchen
 play nicely
 tidy my room

We welcome our recently Baptised

Orla
 Chloe

In the Gospel Jesus comes to the synagogue in his hometown and begins to read from the scroll. He reads God's promise that the anointed Messiah will bring good news and freedom to everyone, especially people who are poor or suffering. Then Jesus tells everyone that he is the promised Messiah!

A prayer to say What great news, Jesus! You are God's promise for us! Help me to spread the good news of God's promise by the loving things I do and say today. Amen.

CASTLEKNOCK CELTIC FC Children's Academy
 Restarting Sat 12th February
 9.30am - 10.30am
 Porterstown Park
FIRST WEEK FREE
 All New Members Welcome
 For 4 to 7 Year Old
BOYS & GIRLS
 Text Kieran on 086-8091699
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We remember our recently deceased

Patricia Dunne
Sheila Gouldson
Always loved, never forgotten

Intentions	22nd/23rd January
Sat 7pm	Patrick & Liam Briody and Katie Whelan John Ennis MM
10.30	Patrick Murray and also his wife Anna
12 noon	Patsy Barden