

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## Pentecost—23rd May 2021



### Readings for Pentecost

**1st:** Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11

**Psalm:** 103 R/ Send forth your spirit, O Lord,  
and renew the face of the earth.

**2nd:** 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Come,  
Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and  
enkindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia

**Gospel:** John 20: 19-23

### A New Beginning

The beauty of nature insists on taking its time. Everything is prepared. Nothing is rushed. The rhythm of emergence is a gradual, slow beat; always inching its way forward, change remains faithful to itself until the new unfolds in the full confidence of true arrival. Because nothing is abrupt, the beginning of spring nearly always catches us unawares. It is there before we see it; and then we can look nowhere without seeing it.

~ John O'Donohue

### \*\*\*The Path Ahead\*\*\*

We are delighted to be open for public Mass. Government guidelines allow for a **maximum of 50 persons in each section of the church (total of 100)** with strict adherence to social distancing and sanitising practices.

**At present the following schedule of Masses applies.**

**Monday—Friday Mass** 10.00am preceded the Rosary at 9.35am  
The church will open at 9.30am and close at 3pm for sanitising

**Saturday Vigil Mass** at 7.00pm (no morning Mass)

**Sunday Mass** at 10.30am\* and 12 noon

\*also broadcast on Phoenix FM— 92.5Mhz

**ONLINE HOLY HOUR—** Join us on Tuesdays  
4pm-5pm for Music, Silence and Reflections.

A time to rest with the Lord.



**Join us online for any of our Masses at**

[www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam)

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The following arrangements apply  
to other church services at this time

**Weddings & Funerals** – A maximum of 50 people

**Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation** -  
postponed for the present.

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### Some advice for returning to Mass:

Our experience of Mass will be different for some time yet.

- The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is suspended—due to limited numbers, you might consider attending on a week-day instead.
- Do your best not to block the doors entering & leaving.
- Sanitize your hands on entry—masks are obligatory.
- Please cooperate with volunteer stewards.
- Please follow directions for receiving Holy Communion
- Please leave patiently and promptly after Mass.  
(The Rosary will be said before Mass—9.35am.)
- Please be aware of physical distance at all times.
- Remember—hand sanitiser can be flammable— ensure your hands are completely dry before lighting candles.



This Sunday (Pentecost) the 10.30 Mass we will include the Service of Light for all our confirmation candidates this year who will be participating online. One family from each school will be attending the Church in person to represent their school. Please keep them all in your prayers.

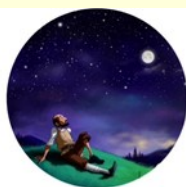
Full details at <https://laudatosiweek.org/>



**“for we know that things  
can change”**

(LS 13)

16-25 May 2021



An **Ignatian Year** opened on Thursday 20 May 2021 the anniversary of Ignatius' injury at Pamplona and conclude on Sunday 31 July 2022, the feast of Saint Ignatius. A highpoint of the celebration will be Saturday 12 March 2022, the fourth centenary of the canonisation of Ignatius and Francis Xavier. The year will be marked in a number of ways. For more information see [www.manresa.ie](http://www.manresa.ie)

## Caring for our Common Home as Brothers and Sisters

*Our Parish Project—May, 2021*



St Brigid's Parish  
Blanchardstown



Parish of St. Louis Marie de  
Montfort, Port-au-Prince



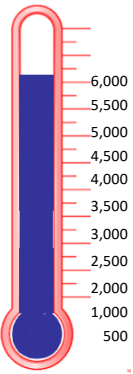
Fraternité Primary School  
Delmas, Port-au-Prince



water, a good for all that requires  
everyone's collaboration

Our aim is to raise €6000 during May, to  
provide clean drinking water for the  
schoolchildren at La Fraternité  
Please Give what you can  
Donations via envelopes in the Church and the  
Parish Office  
On-line Donation via the Parish Website

**Amount collected so far!**  
**€ 6,101.50**



For more information on the water project and the work of  
the sisters in Haiti click on: <https://vimeo.com/545996554>

**Ecumenical Bible Week 2021**, will run from **Pentecost Sunday (23rd May) to Trinity Sunday (30th May) 2021**. EBW will have an opening and closing prayer event organised by Holy Trinity Rathmines on Monday 24th and St Finian's Lutheran Church on Sunday 30th respectively. **Register at [www.bibleweek.ie](http://www.bibleweek.ie)**

**Overseas Volunteers Training Course September 2021 - Open to all!** Viatores Christi, a faith-based development organisation, runs an online volunteer preparation course covering Community Development, Health, Global Awareness, Mission, etc. ! Once completed, participants can be considered for volunteer roles through VC EU Aid Volunteers #EUAVI programmes. To know more, visit the News section of our website [www.vcvolunteers.ie](http://www.vcvolunteers.ie) or email [info@viatoreschristi.com](mailto:info@viatoreschristi.com)

### Intentions

22nd/23rd May

Sat 7pm

Philip Furlong

Sun.  
10.30am

Mary Fahy  
Claire Keating

12 noon

Michael Hilliard

## Children's Corner

**In the Gospel this week** Jesus tells his friends that a special helper will come, called the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will be their teacher and will speak to them just as Jesus did when he was alive and with them. The Holy Spirit will show the disciples what they must do and what they must say in Jesus' name.

# YOU ARE NOT ALONE

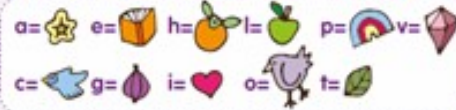
The Holy Spirit helps us every day.  
Let the Holy Spirit guide you to Jesus on the correct path.



### Spirit of truth

Jesus says the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth.

Can you crack the code to discover the truth about Jesus?



**A Prayer to say** Dear Jesus, send us your Spirit to teach, guide and help us. Amen.



### THANK YOU FROM TROCAIRE

Because you kindly chose to give so generously to the work of Trocaire.....

Not long from now, tiny seedlings will emerge from carefully mulched earth in a sustainable garden. The splash of safe clean water will echo in the air. Gentle conversation will carry on the breeze as a family has their meal together, knowing there is enough to eat for everyone.

For your kindness, your generosity, your compassion and your love—a heartfelt thank you

**We remember our recently deceased**



**John Donohoe  
Hilda Baird**

*To live in hearts left behind  
is not to die*

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