

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time—23rd October 2022



This Sunday's Readings

1st: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19
Psalm: 32 R/ This poor man called; the Lord heard him. **2nd:** 2Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18
Gospel Acclamation! Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!
Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

CURRENT SCHEDULE

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*
 (last Sunday of each month will have a midday Family mass)
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
 We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary.... Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI

Liturgy of the Eucharist— The Consecration

The Mass especially in the Eucharistic Prayer is a communitarian 'Calling to Mind'. There is a rich biblical meaning of the notion of 'memory' (*anamnesis*) that lies behind our 'calling to mind' in the liturgy. We remember what Jesus did, not as a history lesson but as an event that involves us now. From the time of the Exodus, the People of God have commemorated the astonishing actions of the Saviour God that formed them as a people. In particular the Passover celebration became the memorial of the foundational event of their history as the People of God. The Passover ritual, celebrated every year, commemorates the passage from slavery to freedom. It is outlined in Ex 12:1-28 where the rite is described as a banquet in which a lamb is eaten. Blood is smeared on the doorpost to ward off the destroying angel who slew the firstborn of the Egyptians. In celebrating the feast, the Jewish people do not simply tell the story of a past event but make effective in the present an event that occurred in the past. Through the celebration they participate in the foundational moments of their identity and so prepare too for the future.

The Last Supper that Jesus celebrated with his disciples the night before his passion and death was the Passover supper (Mt 26: 2, 17-19; Mk 14: 12-17; Lk 22: 7-14). When it came to the moment of eating the paschal lamb, Jesus took the bread and wine, blessed them and proclaimed: 'This is my body, which is given for you' and 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood which will be poured out for you' (Lk 22:19-20). In doing this he interpreted his death on the Cross, as the sacrifice of the lamb. In his case he would save humanity from the condition of slavery to sin with all its division and lack of communion and introduce us into the condition of the freedom of the children of God and so in communion with one another.

The Passover meal that Christ celebrated with his disciples represented a sacramental anticipation of his passion and death that would lead to the resurrection and outpouring of the Spirit. Of the bread, He made a sign of His body given up for us, and of the wine a sign of His blood poured out for us. He told his disciples they were to commemorate His action: 'Do this in memory of me.' (Lk 22:19; 1 Cor 11:25). The Eucharistic memorial is celebrated in fidelity to Jesus' command.

It is no mere calling to mind of a past event. It is the Church's effectual proclamation of God's reconciling action in Christ. Through it, we not only recall Jesus Christ's passion on behalf of the whole Church but we participate 'today' in these benefits and enter into the movement of his self-offering. Through the power of the Spirit, the once for all event of Jesus' death on the Cross, **is made present in our time in each Mass.** Or we could put it another way. We become present to that great event and are bound together in communion by it, not only with those we meet in any particular Mass, but with those gathered around the Eucharist in all corners of the world and throughout time. Therefore every time Mass (the Eucharist) is celebrated and the priest says the words of Consecration in "memory" of Jesus Christ, Calvary becomes present and the sacrificial offering of our Saviour's Body and Blood is made available to us at that moment. Every Mass, then, is that first Mass offered by Jesus himself. This does not mean that Jesus is being sacrificed over and over again. As Scripture says, Christ died "once for all" (Hebrews.10:10). What it does mean is that Christ's sacrifice of himself on Calvary happened in an eternal moment, and that we are present to it every time the Holy Mass (The Eucharist) is celebrated. (Source: IEC2012 Theological and Pastoral Preparation Document)



Date for the diary.....

Annual Mass of Remembrance takes place on Thursday 17th November at 7.30pm

Saints in the Church's Calendar

SS Simon and Jude, Apostles –Friday 28th October St Simon (1st century) is usually called 'the Canaanite' and 'the Zealot'. Suggesting he belonged to the Jewish party of the 'Zealots of the law'. St. Jude or Thaddeus (1st century) has a short epistle in the New Testament ascribed to him, and is popularly invoked as the patron of hopeless causes. Tradition says that after Pentecost they evangelized, Simon in Egypt, Jude in Mesopotamia, and then together in Persia, where they were martyred. Their names appear in the Roman Canon.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Altar List of the Dead

These lists are now available in the Church. The new lists will be placed in front of the altar on Wednesday 2nd November – The Feast of All Souls. They will be left in front of the altar for the month of November, the month of the Holy Souls. After that all Masses on the First Friday of the month will be offered for the names on the Altar List of the Dead. The completed envelopes can be returned to the Sacristy or the Parish Office.

Tap and Go Machines

These machines are now a permanent fixture in our church, in fact in all (most) churches. From January until September the amount contributed was €14,938. This amount is divided 60% to the 1st collection or the 'Common Fund' for the priests of the Archdiocese and 40% for the 2nd collection or the 'Share Collection'. Thank you so much.

Mission Sunday TODAY

This year's theme is 'You Will Be My Witnesses' (Acts 1: 8). Every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. The Church, the community of Christ's disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. Each baptised person is called to mission, in the Church and by the mandate of the Church.

Mass Count

Last weekend and for the next two weekends, the Archdiocese is requesting a Mass count at all weekend Masses. This is useful information for the Building Hope Project. Last weekend we had 469 people at our Vigil (148) and Sunday morning Mass (321).

Fr Michael Carey PP



Mission Sunday Collection

There will be a special collection at Mass replacing the usual Share collection. "Today vast numbers of people still do not know Jesus Christ. For this reason, the mission continues to be most urgent. All the members of the Church are called to participate in this mission, for the Church is missionary by her very nature: she was born 'to go forth'" – Pope Francis.



Adult Faith Development

An introduction to the basics of our religion*

Wed 26th Oct – 7:30pm – Church Extension.

Please come to whichever sessions you can.

This week – Does God speak to us? What is Revelation? What does it tell us?

(*Using Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults)

Children's Corner

In The Gospel

Jesus tells a story about two men praying. One thinks he is much better than everyone else. The other, a tax collector knows he is not perfect and says "sorry" to God. Jesus says God is most pleased with the humble tax collector.

A way to pray

Sometimes it is hard to know how to pray.

Use your hand to help you.

Colour the hand and try to remember the people each finger reminds you to pray for.



Laudato Si Award



This is a parish based award for young people to engage with ecological action, education and spirituality, based on Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si. Monthly meetings on Tuesdays 430-530pm. Looking forward to seeing old and new members on 8th November!



Teen Hope meetings are going really well. Next date is Friday 25th November 7pm. Thanks to all our young people—They are brilliant!!

Financial Matters

Many thanks to all our Standing Order contributors for their continued generosity to the Family Offering. If you have recently changed banks please check with your new bank that the standing order details have been transferred.

The sale of 28 Broadway Road has been completed. Planning Application has now been lodged with Fingal County Council for refurbishment work to the Parochial House.

Mass Intentions 22nd/23rd October

Sat 6pm Joseph & Kathleen McGregor

Bryan Mongey (MM)

Sun 10.30am Kathleen & Bernard Hall

Edward & Eddie Fitzgerald

Communication Group

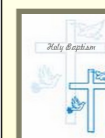
This group will meet on Thursday 27th Oct at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre.

Last Sunday of the Month

Next Sunday 30th October is the Last Sunday of October. As well as the normal weekend Masses we will also have the Family Mass at 12noon

St. Francis Xavier Junior National School, Castleknock, will be enrolling for Junior Infants 2023/2024

Monday 14th – Friday 25th November Application Forms will be available from the Junior School office any day during that period.



Welcome to our recently baptised

Jessica Ollie Oisín
Cillian Saoirse



Recently Deceased

Nicola Donohoe
Bridget Fitzgerald
Valerie Whelan
Katherine Fagan

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