

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

2nd Sunday of Easter—24th April 2022



This Sunday's Readings

1st: Acts 5: 12-16
Psalm: 117 R/ Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end
2nd: Apocalypse 1: 9-13,17-19
Gospel Acclamation! Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus said "you believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." Alleluia!
Gospel: John 20: 19-31

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 each month—Mass at 10am
 All available on www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam

*also on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM

The Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

Available on the 1st Saturday of each month after 10am Mass, and on request

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

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

The Easter Ceremonies – Thank You

Well the Easter ceremonies are all over for another year! I am delighted to say that they went very well and that is due entirely to the huge amount of work and co-operation by so many people. At the Easter Vigil and Sunday Mass I extensively thanked the Sacristans, Liturgy Group, some individuals, Choirs (and soloists), Music Duo and Ministries. I did so knowing that there is always the danger of forgetting someone or some group. I hope that I didn't and if I did I sincerely apologise and please let me know. I thanked extensively because I really appreciate the hard work and time offered for the good of the Parish

In this newsletter I want to thank all the individuals who responded to a request to do 'a little job', which although 'little' is so necessary and vital for the overall high quality and prayerfulness of the Liturgy. So thank you to all who had their feet washed; who presented the gifts of bread and wine, the holy oils and the different symbols during the Easter Triduum.

Building hope

The invitation below was issued by V Rev. Gareth Byrne, Chair of the Building Hope Pastoral Strategy Implementation Group

'Dear Parish Team, Chair of PPC and Chair of PFC

As confirmed by the 3,000 responses to the Building Hope Task Force consultation, there is a widespread desire for renewal in our faith communities. All the signs around us indicate that, to achieve this, parishes will need to work more formally in partnership with other parishes. Whether in groupings already established, where they are working well, or in new partnerships, finding thought-through and appropriate ways to develop and share personnel and resources will be imperative. Rather than simply seeking to maintain our present outlook and structures, 'new thinking and a shift of mind-set in everyone' are essential (Archdiocese of Dublin, Statement of Mission, February 2022).

Easter reflection and dialogue

With all this in mind, the first phase of the Building Hope implementation will take place in parishes of the Archdiocese this Easter through Pentecost to Corpus Christi – a nine-week period of parish reflection and dialogue. The reading of Archbishop Farrell's Easter Pastoral Letter, Living the Hope of Easter is the first step.'

Easter Dues Envelopes

A sincere thank you to all who have returned their Easter Dues envelopes. Your continued generosity is very much appreciated

- If did not receive an envelope/have not made a return and would like to contribute there are dues envelopes available at the back of the Church
- If you are not a regular contributor to the Parish and would like to do so, please leave your name and contact details with myself or in Sacristy or the Parish Office.

Fr Michael Carey PP

Rosary at the Grottos

The Rosary will be 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.

EUROVISION VOICES

A **CHARITY CONCERT** at **ST MARY'S PRO-CATHEDRAL** on Monday 25th April at 7:30pm in aid of the **Peter McVerry trust, Blossom Ireland and Dogs Aid**. Special performances from Johnny Logan, Lynda Martin, Dana, Niamh Kavanagh..... Tickets are €30 from Eventbrite.ie or the Pro-Cathedral parish office.

LIVING THE HOPE OF EASTER—The Archbishop issued a Pastoral Letter for Easter. This is an extract.

"They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him." (John 20:2). Mary's grief at the death of her Lord, is compounded by the shock of the empty tomb. Someone has taken the body of the one she loves. Like Mary Magdalene and Jesus, we live in brutal times. In our world we see death and destruction all around: we cannot avoid the inhumanity of war in Ukraine and the plight of refugees; we sense the impending disaster of climate change, and our apparent inability to prevent catastrophe; even within the Church there is much that causes sadness. On that first Easter morning, Mary of Magdala's dismay was transformed: she and the apostles realised that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Everything had changed. The story of Easter is the story of a world restored.... Our hope permits us recognise the signs of resurrection in our faith communities: the risen Lord is always at work among us, bringing something new to be experienced, embraced, and lived.

Encountering the Risen Lord

For people of faith, Easter is not just some date, but the meeting with Jesus that restores our lives, and rekindles the hope every person needs. "Hope is the door that opens onto the future" (Pope Francis, April 26, 2017). True hope is neither fatalistic nor naïve; but that which permits us embrace life as it is. True hope, born of the faithfulness of our God, unlocks the imagination of God's people. Over recent weeks, the people and priests of our parishes have been journeying on the Synodal Pathway. We have been discerning how the Spirit is guiding us on our way through life. We have listened carefully to each other and are coming to know the strength that comes from gathering as sisters and brothers in Christ.

Building Hope

It is time now for the whole diocesan family to travel further, by addressing the specific challenges we face as a diocese. The Building Hope Task Force in its Report proposed a strategy by which we can be renewed for the mission which Christ has entrusted to us all. Last February, in response, I issued a Statement of Mission for the Archdiocese emphasising that our primary purpose is to accompany people today towards an encounter with the Lord Jesus. This undoubtedly requires new ways of looking and thinking; it requires a shift in mind-set; and will need responsible stewardship. It will not happen without prayer and dialogue. We will need to discern and make decisions, and make decisions together. (Statement of Mission) This is now our common road.

I am therefore inviting each parish community, as part of our Building Hope strategy, to begin to reflect on how best to respond to the pastoral situation in which we find ourselves. It is very clear that the future will not look like the past. Our world has changed: we cannot return to the past. God is bringing forth something new (see Isaiah 43:19). Our challenge – and it is ours – rather than simply reacting to events, is to shape the future in the light of the gospel. This is the work of God's Spirit among us, but – like Mary – we have to welcome it (see Luke 1:38).

Courageously Journeying Together

Truly, we need to be courageous in moving beyond ways that no longer work in the Ireland of today. We need each other on this road: that means all the baptised, working closely together, with their gifts and talents, sharing their resources and wisdom, in the service of our parishes, and the one mission entrusted to us all by Christ. I ask parish teams, parish pastoral councils and parish finance committees to lead their parish in a discussion of the gifts and talents available to them, the education and formation they need, and the parish partnerships that make most sense in their locality. Resources to support this initial Building Hope conversation over Easter and Pentecost will be made available shortly. While the work we are now beginning will require commitment over the coming year and more, it also gives us a unique opportunity to witness to and renew our own faith and that of our community..... **Dermot Farrell + Archbishop of Dublin**

Children's Corner

In the Gospel The disciples are sad and scared. They are hiding. Suddenly, Jesus is there with them! He gives them all the gift of peace. Thomas had not been with them and cannot believe Jesus really is alive. Jesus comes back and helps Thomas to believe. Thomas knows it really is Jesus because he can see Jesus' wounds. Now everyone is happy!

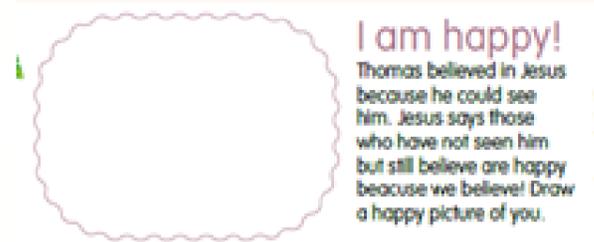
I can bring peace

Jesus gave his peace to his disciples. We can bring peace to people too. Circle something you will do today to spread peace. Cross out all the bad ideas.



Which disciple?

One disciple needed to see Jesus before he could believe it was really him. Write the correct word for each picture. The letters in the dotted squares will tell you which disciple it was.



In the Gospel Thank you, Jesus, for giving us all the gift of peace and the gift of faith. Help me to spread your peace today. Amen.

We welcome our recently Baptised

We remember our recently deceased
Mary McMenamin
Always loved, never forgotten

Older people need your support! ALONE is recruiting volunteers for their Telephone Support & Befriending service for older people. ALONE asks interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months. Visit alone.ie/volunteers or ring 083 065 7629 for more info.

Intentions	24th April
7pm	George Farmer, Simon Hilliard Jean O'Farrell
10.30	Mary & Czes Kubiak, Margaret Egan, Ann Fitzgerald, Betty Ganter
12 noon	Herbie Hughes

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PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES
 FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 15 AUGUST 2022 | 4 NIGHTS

PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHTS
 Mass in Barmes
 Anointing of the Sick
 Torchlight Procession
 Blessed Sacrament Procession
 Trip to Lourdes Lake

INCLUDING
 - Fully escorted pilgrimage
 - Led by Spiritual Director Fr John Kelly
 - Return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
 - 4 nights at Hotel La Solitude
 - Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day
 - Airport transfers
 - 20kg check-in bag per person

FOR DETAILS AND BOOKINGS
 JOAN CAHILL
 TEL: 0876262008

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Wed. 22nd June for 7 nights—Cost €765
Phone James on 087-2202173 for more details.
Spiritual Advisor Fr. Paul Montague