

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time—24th July 2022

**Lord,**  
**teach us to pray**  
Luke 11:1

### This Sunday's Readings

**1st:** Genesis 18: 20-32  
**Psalm:** 137 R/ *On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.*  
**2nd:** Colossians 2: 12-14  
**Gospel Acclamation!** *Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!*  
**Gospel:** Luke 11: 1-13

### CURRENT SCHEDULE

*This schedule will require flexibility from time to time—please check for changes*

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:**

Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary at 9.30 church closes at 5pm

**Monday:** Area Mass also 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\*

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month—** Mass at 10am followed by confessions

Last Tuesday of the month—Prayer Group Mass at 8.00pm, all welcome to attend

**Bank Holidays:** Mass at 11 am only

All services available on

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

I would not believe if I did not realise that it is reasonable to believe. ...St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)



### FROM THE PASTORS DESK

#### Covid and Holidays

As you know I had covid last week and as a Parish we experienced fairly quickly what it means to be a 'one-priest' parish in terms of the celebration of the Mass. It was by God's grace that Fr. Frank was still available and I thank him for celebrating the Mass last weekend and Monday. As you know we also had a funeral on Tuesday and it was great to have Deacon Michael able to preside at the funeral Liturgy. Wednesday through Friday we celebrated the 'Liturgy of the Word'. So, not quite 'business as usual' but it was lovely to see the parishioners taking a lead in ensuring we had a liturgy every day in the church in addition to the Rosary at 9:30 am. Unfortunately, I have a long standing booking for holidays next week; but hopefully it will aid my full recovery from covid. This is the holiday season and other priests are also away which means that there is limited cover available. So, the schedule of Liturgies for the coming week is as follows:

Day	Services taking place
Mon 25th	10:00 am – Liturgy of the Word 7:30 pm – Mass
Tues 26th	10:00 am – Liturgy of the Word Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 5:00 pm 8:00 pm - Monthly Prayer Group Mass—All welcome
Wed 27th	10:00 am – Liturgy of the Word
Thur 28th	10:00 am – Liturgy of the Word
Fri 29th	10:00 am – Liturgy of the Word Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 5:00 pm
Sat 30th	6:00 pm – Vigil Mass
Sun 31st	10:30 pm - Mass

I was originally due to take a fortnight's holidays but with losing Fr. Frank I feel that this is not possible especially as the following week beginning Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July is a week with a First Friday and a First Saturday. So I'll be situ that week and will take the following week off with the similar result for Mass cover as above – detailed in next week's newsletter. Roll on September when the holidays are over! *Fr Michael*

THE EUCHARIST – Liturgy of the Word  
*Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ*

**The Eucharist:** Communion with Christ and with one another. The gospel that will underpin this theme is: the **Disciples on the Road to Emmaus** (Lk.24:13-35).

The parts of the Mass give rise to three 'Communions' –

- \* communion with Christ in our neighbour,
- \* communion with Christ in the Word and
- \* communion with Christ in the sacramental signs of bread and wine.

Stage Two – Liturgy of the Word **Christ gathers us to listen, to hear, to be nourished and to be formed into community by God's Word** which places the emphasis on the how the Liturgy of the Word nourishes our Communion;

### The Word of God

Sacred scripture is the inspired Word of God for the salvation of all humankind. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church (No.104) we read, "In Sacred Scripture, the Church constantly finds her nourishment and her strength, for she welcomes it not as a human word, "but as what it really is, the word of God" (1.Thess.2:13).

In the Emmaus story we hear the Risen Christ rebuke the two disciples for not sufficiently allowing Scripture to nourish their faith 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!' (Lk 24:25). Before opening their eyes to recognise him in the breaking of bread, Jesus opens the Scriptures for the disciples and interprets them. What the Lord is in effect saying to the two disciples is that getting to know him through the scriptures, is intimately linked to their personal encounter with him in faith in the breaking of the bread. The sixth chapter of the Gospel according to John also indicates that receiving the Bread of Life cannot be detached from listening to, believing in, and living out the word of Jesus Christ.

**St. John Damascene - 8<sup>th</sup> Century, has the following reflection on the Word of God.**

**The Word of God is a scented garden.** The Bible is a scented garden, delightful, beautiful. It enchants our ears with bird-song in a sweet, divine and spiritual (contd)

harmony; it touches our heart, comforts us in sorrow, soothes us in a moment of anger, and fills us with eternal joy. Let us knock at its gate with diligence and with perseverance.

Let us not be discouraged from knocking. The latch will be opened. If we have read a page of the bible two or three times and not understood it, let us not be tired of re-reading it and meditating on it.

Let us seek in the fountain of this garden 'a spring of water welling up to eternal life' (Jn.4:14). We shall taste a joy that will never dry up, because the grace of the bible garden is inexhaustible. (Source:IEC2012Theological and Pastoral Preparation Document)

**Our thanks go to all who have been involved our Liturgy of the Word this week—our leaders, readers and sacristans. It was good to reflect on God's Word together and to support one another in prayer. We will continue to grow into this way of praying together as we learn to listen to the Word of God with open hearts and minds.**

### Saints in the Church's Calendar

**Mon. 25<sup>th</sup>—St. James, Apostle** son of Zebedee and brother of John, called the Greater. He was one of the three apostles, along with St. Peter and St. John, who witnessed the Transfiguration (Mt.17:1) and the agony in the Garden (Mt.16:37). He was put to death by Herod Agrippa about the year 44, being the first of the apostles to die for Christ. His shrine is at Compostella in Spain.

**Tues. 26<sup>th</sup>—Ss. Joachim and Anne** parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary & grandparents of the Lord. An old tradition going back to the second century gives these names. They remind us that the Word truly became flesh in a particular family. Our devotion to them is an extension of our love of Mary and her Divine Son. St. Anne is patron of Canada, women in labour, miners, cabinet-makers and home-makers.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup>—St. Martha** Sister of Lazarus and Mary, is a woman of faith who made her profession of faith in Christ as the Son of God, and in the resurrection. In welcoming a guest, we welcome Christ: we show our Christian spirit of service; and we ready ourselves to be welcomed as guests in the Kingdom of God. Patron of innkeepers, cooks and dieticians.

### Funeral Ministry

The Diocese is offering training for new members of funeral ministry teams in the Autumn. Have you some time on your hands? Are you looking for a way to become more involved in your parish community? Is this compassionate ministry something you might consider becoming part of? For information please contact Máirín or Christine.

## Children's Corner

**In the Gospel** Jesus teaches his friends how to pray the Our Father. He tells us that God loves us even more than a really good human father loves his child. God our heavenly Father listens to us and will always be with us,

### God is a good dad

When do you pray to God? Put the hands in the clocks



### A PRAYER TO SAY

**Wordbank** ★  
This is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples.  
Put the missing words in the right place, and then say this prayer.



Our \_\_\_\_\_, who art in \_\_\_\_\_, hallowed be thy \_\_\_\_\_; thy \_\_\_\_\_ come, thy will be done, on \_\_\_\_\_ as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ us our trespasses, as we forgive those who \_\_\_\_\_ against us; and \_\_\_\_\_ us not into temptation, but \_\_\_\_\_ us from \_\_\_\_\_ Amen.

### An open door



Join over 1000 young people between 16 and 35 this August at the **Youth 2000 Summer Festival**. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from **Thursday 11th August to Sunday 14th August 2022**. For more information and to book your place go to [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

**DCU BA in Theology and Religious Studies - Scholarships Available**  
Interested in studying theology, but need a flexible programme to suit your needs? The above course might suit you! This part-time, flexible programme is designed for mature students, holds lectures on Thursday evenings and some Saturdays throughout the year. Classes are small & academic support is provided for all students. Scholarships are available for new students. More info online at [www.dcu.ie/dc300](http://www.dcu.ie/dc300), <https://www.dcu.ie/registry/batrs-c-2>; or contact: [john.murray@dcu.ie](mailto:john.murray@dcu.ie) or 086-0783438.

We welcome our recently baptised  
**Jack, Archie, Mason & Cara**

We remember our recently deceased  
**Esther Mullins, Terrie Fitzpatrick & Stephanie Carlin (nee McBride)**

### GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK



The National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday, July 24. The Holy See has announced a set of indulgences that can be obtained by those taking part in the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. For more details about the Knock pilgrimage, contact Connie at [catholicgrandparents@gmail.com](mailto:catholicgrandparents@gmail.com) or 085 8704722, or see [www.knockshrine.ie/grandparents-pilgrimage-on-world-day-for-grandparents-the-elderly/](http://www.knockshrine.ie/grandparents-pilgrimage-on-world-day-for-grandparents-the-elderly/)

### Mass Intentions 23rd/24th July

6pm	Tony Hortonn Margaret Bishop
10.30	Mary O'Brien MM Nuala Condren MM Philomena Holmes Michael Brady Eilish Murphy Nagendran (Thanksgiving R.I.P)

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