

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

Third Sunday of Lent - 24th March 2019



## The Deep End 'It may bear fruit next year'

Today's Gospel brings a thorny question for Jesus as the people ask why a number of Galileans were killed by the Romans as they made sacrifices to God. Were they worse offenders than others in Jerusalem? No. The basic question is why do bad things happen to certain people? Jesus' response to the difficult question on suffering is to focus on the living.

The fig tree is blessed, and has received much grace in terms of time and care. Perhaps, like the fig tree, those who are questioning Jesus, need much fertiliser, nourishment and growth so that they can focus on producing fruit for the world, for our communities, our families and for our church.

We are still alive and therefore can produce much fruit.

**Evening Mass during Lent** —  
in Our Lady Mother of the Church,  
Beechpark Lawn, Castleknock  
**7.30 p.m., Monday to Friday**

**Aifreann**  
1.15 p.m.—Luan go hAoine  
Séipéal na Sacraiminte Beannaithe  
Siúlán Bhaitsiléir, BAC 2

**Morning Meditation - Mondays**  
**after the 10am Mass & Rosary**

### **DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP**

Mondays @ 7pm in the  
Fr. Dungan room

**Eucharistic Adoration:**  
**Tues. & Fri. after the 10am Mass**



Check out the parish library



**Supporting our Young People** Teen Hope is a parish based faith outreach to teenagers.

Young people often feel stressed and anxious. Would you agree? Teen Hope is a space where teens can just be themselves – a pressure free zone where, through fun & engaging activities, you can build friendships and encounter an experience of welcome, belonging and discipleship. Each gathering includes hospitality, music & refreshments, team building games, main activity & prayer. We'd like to start this outreach in our parish but **WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

Training will be provided by the Youth Faith Outreach Team of the Dublin Diocese. If you are interested please come to our Information Evening in the Pastoral Centre on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March @ 7.30pm**—find out more of what's involved in becoming a leader.

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## Evening Mass Celebration

on Sunday 31 March at 7pm



With special guests

## Lexington Christian Academy Chamber Choir

Kentucky, USA

Daniel Wesley, Director

*Please join us for this special mass  
Everyone welcome*

Mass will be celebrated this Tuesday at 8 pm in the Church extension by Fr. Lin Yi Paul SJ. Fr Lin is from China and he will speak on the Church in China and his own journey. All welcome.



### Children's weekly rosary group

in the Pastoral Centre—Tuesdays at 3 pm.

(followed by refreshments and play)

Children of all ages welcome with their guardians. For more information contact

Marie - 0877696909



**Please Welcome our  
recently baptised**

**Ada, Jack & Myla**

The choir will perform a short recital afterwards.

### READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

7pm: Marian McCaughley

9am: Margaret Keane

10.30: Kevin Cullen

12 noon: Tony Devlin

7pm: Sheila Gouldson

**Life to Full Book Club** is now a monthly event.

Join other young adults (20's and 30's) on April 4<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 8:30pm in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay. We will be reflecting on Bear Gryll's autobiography, Mud, Sweat and Tears.

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Intentions	24th March	31st March
Sat. 7pm	Kathleen Duffy Conor McGrane	Pat Dixon
Sun 9am	Maria McCarthy	
10.30am	Annie Sheridan Fulgentas Marcernis & the deceased members of his family	Nuala Armstrong Molly & Marie O'Brien
12 noon	Shay O'Meara, Vivien Delaney MM	Diarmuid O'Keeffe Matt Farrell
7pm	-	

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