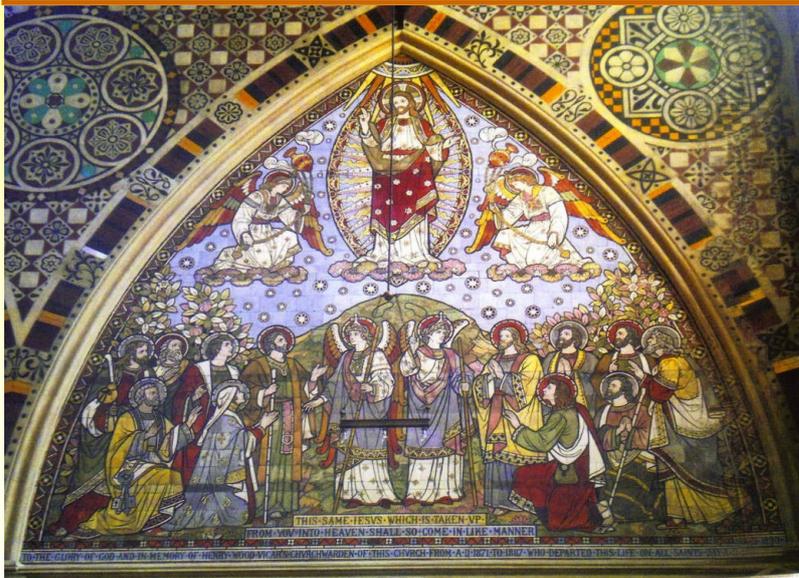


# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## Feast of the Ascension—24th May 2020



### Readings for the Ascension

**First Reading:** Acts 1:1-11

**Psalm:** 46

**Second Reading:** Ep 1:17-23

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia (2)

Go, make disciples of all the nations;  
I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 28:16-20



Dublin Diocese  
Scripture Summer School 2020

Because of the C-19 crisis,  
the SSS will be held online

Dates: June 22-26

Cost: €40 per household

Details: [www.tarsus.ie](http://www.tarsus.ie)

Each presenter is offering 6  
lectures on their chosen topic.

All lectures will be available on  
Zoom from June 15 onwards

With Zoom, we will bring the par-  
ticipants together for live Q+A  
discussions

*We hope the summer school  
will still be an enjoyable learning  
experience for everyone.*



**Church now open weekdays for prayer  
after Mass until 3pm**  
**Physical distance and sanitising  
measures in place**

### Webcam Masses

**Monday to Saturday Mass 10.00am**

**Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.00pm**

**\*Sunday Mass at 10.30am**

**\*also broadcast on Phoenix FM— 92.5Mhz**

### HOLY HOUR

a wonderful, peaceful experience  
—a restful quiet time.

Join us on Tuesdays 4pm

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

### Laudato Si, mi Signore

Reading Laudato Si' Together Online  
Thursdays 8pm

### JESSIE ROGERS

"In the days to come..."  
Wisdom from the Old Testament  
Prophets for living in the light of  
the future.

### SEAN GOAN

"He will not break a bruised reed  
nor quench a smouldering  
wick" (Matthew 12:20) Jesus as  
the Servant of God in Matthew's  
Gospel

### KIERAN O'MAHONY

"In him, all things hold together"  
Cosmology and Christ in  
Colossians and Ephesians

Office for Evangelisation and  
Ecumenism, Holy Cross Centre,  
Dublin

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Belfast, BT1 6AD

Or check with your local parish  
for the safest way to return it.

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### Covid-19 Helpline Numbers

**The Fingal Community Response** 7 days a week 8am to 8pm. Freephone:  
1-890-459-059 Ph: 01-890-5000

Email: [covidsupport@fingal.ie](mailto:covidsupport@fingal.ie) info: [www.fingal.ie](http://www.fingal.ie)

### Alone COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm. Call **0818 222 024**.

**Accord – support line** for people struggling with relationships issues :  
10 am-1 pm Mon-Fri Ph **01 9059555** . More info: [www.accorddublin.ie](http://www.accorddublin.ie)

**Crosscare** emergency food bank in Blanchardstown delivering  
emergency Food Parcels—Ph: **01-8219892**.

## Jesus

Light bringer.  
Hope instiller.  
Peace giver.

Don't ever doubt or fear that He's not with you. He hasn't lost control. He hasn't forgotten you. Not ever.

We don't have to be afraid of the storms, uncertainty of the future, or changing times.

For He knows our way, and He goes before us. Pure light shining greatness against skies of dark.

Hope rises most powerfully in stormy gales. He still whispers His calm assurance today...

"Peace." *(extracts—Debbie McDaniel)*



THE SANCTUARY

### Online Weekly Meditations

Monday: 10.00am – 10.30am  
Wednesday: 7.30pm – 8.00pm  
Thursday: 1.15pm – 1.45pm

[www.sanctuary.ie](http://www.sanctuary.ie)



### Our First Communions

During the month of May we would have been celebrating our First Communions with the children of our parish schools and with their families. This weekend we remember the pupils of Scoil Oilibhéir and Educate Together, Castleknock. We ask them to pray for us and as a parish we will pray for them and look forward to celebrating together when it is safe for everyone to do so.

### Many thanks to all who have sent in Easter Dues.

We appreciate your continued support of the Parish and the Diocese in these difficult times.

If you wish, you can donate to the *Sunday Mass 1st & 2nd Collections* directly on [www.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.dublindiocese.ie).

Your *Family Offering Envelope* contributions may be retained by you until the current crisis is over.



### We remember our recently deceased

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

#### Intentions

**23rd/24th May**

Sat. 7pm

Jack Neary

10.30am

Herbie Hughes MM  
Mary Fahy  
Richard O'Connell  
Frieda Alwright

## Children's Corner

### Which path?

Eleven disciples went to meet Jesus at the mountain.



Which path adds up to eleven and will get the disciples to Jesus?

### Growing love

When I am kind and thoughtful I am sharing God's love. Colour in the petals of the things you will try to do.



## GOOD NEWS!

Jesus promises his friends that he will always be with them, even when he goes to heaven. How can we keep in touch with Jesus?

BIX ZCBAXNZ PBRXAZY BTXOZ BXJEZSBXUZS

Cross out all the letters B, X, Z to find out!



## In the Gospel Today

Jesus meets his friends on a mountain where he asks them to go and spread the Good News. Jesus tells his friends that he will always be with them, to the end of time.

### A Prayer to Say

Dear Jesus, help me to share your message of love. Amen.

## An invite to all who are preparing for First Communion in our Parish

May is the month for Communions and we miss all the families and especially the girls and boys who would have made their First Communion this month. We are keeping you all in prayer and we hope that you're doing ok. We were trying to think of a way of keeping in touch and came up with this plan. We're asking the girls and boys to do the following.



Can you draw or paint a picture for us entitled "Me and Jesus". You can

also write a short prayer on the same page if you like.



When completed sign the picture with your first name, take a photo of the picture and email it to Máirín at [mairin.keegan@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:mairin.keegan@dublindiocese.ie) before May 29th and we'll post them on our website.

*We hope your First Holy Communion will take place in the future, when the situation improves.*

*We look forward to seeing your lovely creations!*

