

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time—24th October 2021



Readings for 24th October 2021

1st: Jeremiah 31: 7-9

Psalm: 125 R/ What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

2nd: Hebrews 5: 1-6

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52

CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY 25TH—A BANK HOLIDAY—MASS AT 11 AM

preceded by the Rosary at 10.35am

Tuesday—Friday Mass at 10.00am

preceded by the Rosary at 9.35am

The church will open at 9.30am and close at 3pm

Masses for Sunday

Vigil Mass at 7pm (Sat), **Day Mass** at 10.30am* & 12 noon (Sun)

All services available on

www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam

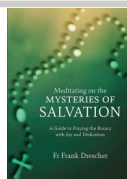
*also available on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM

Confession

Anyone who wishes to receive confession should approach one of the priests after Mass.

Please remember: you still need to wear your mask, sanitise your hands and keep a safe distance.

Conclusion of Rosary month—a week of the Rosary with Fr. Frank from 25th –31st October. Please join us at 4pm each day in person or on the webcam as we spend time meditating on the 'Mysteries of Salvation'



FROM THE PASTORS DESK



The Cry of the Earth—*The Cry of the Poor*

The Climate catastrophe - Creation's urgent call for change

The Archbishop has issued a pastoral for the Season of Creation 2021. Below is the introduction to his letter:

'Which of these three', asked Jesus, 'was neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' (Luke 10:36) Our planet, our common home, has 'fallen into the hands of robbers who have stripped it of its assets, and plundered it, 'and have gone away, leaving it half dead' (see Luke 10:30). We are squeezing the goods of the planet. Squeezing them, like an orange. ... Today, not tomorrow, today, we have to take care of Creation with responsibility.

The parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37) is not some story about goodness, it is a parable about involvement. What sets the Samaritan apart is that he is someone who acts. He sees, he has compassion, he acts, he gets involved. For Jesus, he is the model of our response to the world: he becomes involved in the situation in which he finds himself. Our world is being plundered; we cannot walk away leaving it half dead. In our age 'we are confronted with two interconnected crises: the coronavirus pandemic and the ecological crisis. Both require urgent action, but they also require a sense of purpose which comes from a clear vision.'² In this pastoral letter, I wish to reflect further on this theme so that we may enter our faith more deeply, respond more actively to the situation in which we find ourselves, and live our God-given lives more vibrantly. I do so in a spirit of engagement and dialogue, taking to heart what the Second Vatican Council said when – sixty years ago – it exhorted: 'We must recognise and understand the world in which we live, its vision of itself, its longings, and its often dramatic characteristics.'

Father Michael

SS. Simon and Jude, Apostles – Thursday 28th Oct. St Simon (1st century) is usually called 'the Canaanite' and 'the Zealot'. Suggesting he belonged to the Jewish party of the 'Zealous 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.

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Moving forward – Distribution of Holy Communion

As an act of solidarity and communion with one another we will try **this** weekend to distribute Holy Communion in a different manner so as to maintain as much social distancing as possible when processing forward. In other words we are trying to avoid two lines of people in the centre aisles

Congregation will come up by the side aisles and down the middle

Our Annual Mass of Remembrance for those

whose funerals took place in St. Brigid's during the **last 12 months** will be held on **Thursday 18th November at 7.30 pm.**

If you have a family member or friend

who died in the last year and would like to have them included in this Mass (which you can view on the webcam) please leave their name in the sacristy or office. The names will be read out and a candle, which can be collected at a later date, will be lit for all those on the list.



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 Tuesday 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 .



St Brigid's is part of a diocesan pilot project to offer an alternative "**Tap & Go**" facility for Sunday Mass offerings. The signs guide you through the 3 easy steps

- 1. Select**
- 2. Tap or Insert**
- 3. Confirm**

There are pre-set buttons for standard amounts or you can enter any whole euro amount you want. Donations will be split 60/40 between the 1st Collection (Common Fund) and the 2nd collection (Share).

We will be delighted to get feedback on this pilot. As an alternative you can still avail of envelopes placed around the church to make your donation to the 1st & 2nd collections.

Intentions **23rd/24th**

7pm	Patrick Herlihy Jack Lawless
10.30	Kathleen & Bernard Hall May & Christy Somers & daughter Rita
12 noon	Patrick & Margaret McGregor Anthony Gannon Michael Giles

Children's Corner

In the Gospel this week Bartimaeus wants to see again. Jesus wants to help him and listens to his calls for help. Bartimaeus knows Jesus loves him and he trusts Jesus. As soon as Jesus heals him, Bartimaeus leaves his old life and follows Jesus.

Here is Bartimaeus

He is blind. Bartimaeus has to ask other people for money to buy food. Bartimaeus knows Jesus can help him. Write what you think he is saying in his speech bubble.



Jesus knows Bartimaeus trusts him. He heals Bartimaeus.

Bartimaeus can see!

TRUST JESUS!

Maze

After he was healed Bartimaeus followed Jesus along the road. Help Bartimaeus follow Jesus along the path to eternal life.



A Prayer to say Dear Jesus, thank you for hearing me when I call for help. Help me to trust in you and know that you are always there. Amen.



Scoil Oilibhéir

school enrolment Process will be open from this Monday 18 October until Friday 5 November. All details are available at www.gaelscoiloilibheir.ie or people are always welcome to call the school for a chat.

We welcome our recently Baptised

**Harrison, Daire, Ryan,
Dylan & Dineen**



We remember our recently deceased

Mary Morrison



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