

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

4th Sunday of Easter – 25th April 2021



Readings for the 4th Sunday of Easter

1st: Acts of the Apostles 4: 8-12

Psalm: 117 **R/** The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

2nd: 1 John 3: 1-2

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Gospel: *John 10: 11.18*

A POEM FOR OUR TIMES

Questioning Covid—Úna M Collins

(a Holy Faith sister in Clontarf)

And – what – Master Covid, have you achieved?

A world subdued?

A people humbled and afraid?

Many, many, deaths.....

So much loss, and loss and loss!

Was this your aim Master Covid?

But did you know

That God would move through each of the above?

That a subdued world is also blessed?

That a humbled people would stop and learn

That they could reach out in love

That they could hold each other as you passed through?

Because, Master Covid, you will pass on

But God will still be here

And we have learned, and learned, and learned

To really care.....

Current Arrangements

Join us online for any of our Masses at
www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam

Monday to Friday Mass 10.00am*

Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.00pm

Sunday Mass at 10.30am*

*also broadcast on Phoenix FM— 92.5Mhz

ONLINE HOLY HOUR— Join us on Tuesdays 4pm-5pm for Music, Silence and Reflections. A time to rest with the Lord.

Monday to Friday

Church open for private prayer after Mass **until 3pm**

No bookings for **Baptisms** are being taken at present—these will resume when government guidelines allow, at which stage extra services will be provided to accommodate all.

Dates for **First Communions** and **Confirmations** are not currently available. We await further instruction from the Archdiocese when Government restrictions are relaxed.

Spiritual Sustenance with Fr. Frank & Máirín

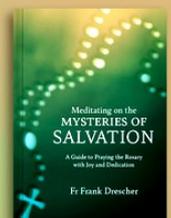
1. Fr. Frank's **Spiritual Reading Circle** is due to re-commence next Thursday, 29th April at 7:30 pm. This time we will focus on the biblical foundations of the Church's veneration of Our Lady. 'Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary, Unveiling the Mother of the Messiah' by Brant Pitre, (€ 24.00) will serve as our reading material. We will discuss the results of our reading and hope to better understand the mysteries of salvation. Register online with: mairin.keegan@dublindiocese.ie by 28th. It would be good if every participant had read the introductory chapter for our first session.

2. **Lectio Divina** on Zoom with Máirín, where we reflect on the Gospel for the coming Sunday, is continuing on Wednesday mornings at 11.00am to 12 noon. No experience necessary, just drop in to see what it's like. All welcome! If you are interested please email Máirín (see above) and she'll send on the link to you.

3. A **Rosary Novena** with Fr. Frank begins 1st May at 9.30am. Fr. Frank's book, **Meditating on the Mysteries of Salvation**, just published, (many congratulations to him) will be used as a guide during the Novena. From 10th May onwards the Rosary will continue to be said each morning until the end of May.

Fr. Frank's book is available to purchase from the parish office.

“This way of praying the Rosary is rich in variety and offers, in a special way, what Romano Guardini called a “participation in the life of Mary, whose focus was Christ”.”



Caring for our Common Home as Brothers and Sisters

Read about Earth Day

<https://www.earthday.org/>



Read about Africa's Great Green Wall

<https://www.greatgreenwall.org/>



Good things are Happening!



Our Parish Project

Coming Soon! Our parish project to provide clean water for school children in Haiti. More details and announcements in the coming weeks.



TEEN HOPE CONNECTED takes place **Wednesdays 6-7pm** via Zoom. Join us for fun, exploring faith and life with other Teens through small group discussions, top class games and prayer. If you are interested in joining, please email: kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie



We remember our recently deceased

**Michael McPartland
Tessie Beirne
Peter Foley**

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

Intentions

24th/25th April

10.30am

Mary & Ces Kubiak
Jim Finnerty
Betty Ganter
Tom Healy MM

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Children's Corner

In the Gospel this week Jesus tells the people that he is the good shepherd and he will protect his sheep.

I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU!

You are one of Jesus' sheep.

He will always look after you.



Find a path together by colouring the circles with numbers you can divide by 5.

Code

Jesus says



A prayer to say Dear Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd and I am one of your sheep. Thank you for loving and looking after me. Amen.

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Bernadette was a little girl from Lourdes. She minded sheep. Our Lady from Heaven brought her messages about helping sick people. Bernadette was a "good shepherd." She did her work well. The Lady asked her to find special water to bless sick and worried people. The water flows today from a big rock, called The Grotto, where people bless, pray and light candles. Lourdes, is a place where smiles are brighter, and hugs are tighter.

.....and another new book

"Air, Sea and Land Memories ----a pilot revisits" by Frank Russell. Written during the lockdown, this is a book of memories and pictures with stories of his time in Air Corps missions, both Air Ambulance and Search and Rescue with some interesting outcomes (including in the Greyhound Bar)!. **Blanchardstown and Castleknock parishes in the 1950's** are also well remembered, there's an unusual take on the Ten Commandments, there's a cancer survival story and other memories.

The book, cost €20 plus postage, is available at Hayes Print, Ennistymon, Co Clare—ph. 065-7071125. All proceeds will go to the LARCC Cancer Support Centre www.cancersupport.ie in Multyfarnham, Co Westmeath.....of which Frank is a Co-Founder. The ongoing support of cancer patients is even more critical in these lockdown days.