

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time—25th July 2021



### CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday—Friday** Mass at 10.00am  
preceded by the Rosary at 9.35am

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

### Masses for Sunday

**Vigil Mass** at 7.00pm (Sat),

**Day Mass** at 10.30am\* and 12 noon (Sun)

Frequently, each of the three Sunday masses is full to capacity; leading to some people, unfortunately, being turned away. We would ask those who can do so, to please consider attending a weekday mass instead. We remind everyone that Sunday Mass obligation is suspended during the pandemic, and, of course, all Masses can be attended via the webcam.

\*also available on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM

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

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR OTHER CHURCH SERVICES

#### First Communion and Confirmation

will take place for all schools in the parish in September

#### Weddings & Funerals

A maximum of 50 people

As Fr. Frank is away at present, funeral services will take place at the 10am Mass. On these occasions we would kindly ask parishioners to go to the extension to leave room for the mourners (family and friends) in the main Church.

#### Confession

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

#### Remember

All Government Health guidelines apply when attending Mass—Sanitising, Social Distancing and wearing masks. We thank you for your cooperation and apologise for any inconvenience

### Readings for 25th July 2021

**1st:** 2 Kings 4: 42-44

**Psalm:** 144 R/ You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires

**2nd:** Ephesians 4: 1-6

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 6: 1-15

FIRST WORLD DAY FOR  
GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY  
25TH JULY 2021

**The first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** will take place this Sunday 25th July.

Pope Francis says 'we must treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation'. He has granted a plenary indulgence to grandparents, the elderly, and all those who participate in a solemn celebration of this day as well as to those who spend time (actual or virtual) with an elderly brother or sister in need on this day.

This is a great opportunity, especially for young people, to visit their local church, say a prayer and light a candle for a grandparent, elderly relative or friend.

You could also pay a visit or make a phone call.

#### Prayer for Summertime

Loving God, Creator of all times and places, we thank you for the gift of summertime, the days of light, warmth and leisure.

Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look: the multi-colored flowers, the deep blue of the sky, the tranquil surface of lakes, the laughter of children at play, people strolling in parks, families gathered around picnic tables and the more time to spend with family and friends.

As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature and people, open our hearts to receive all as gift. Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist. Help us to realize and appreciate that you are laboring to keep all in existence. Warm our souls with the awareness of your presence.

Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer deepen our awareness of your love so that we may share this with others and enjoy a summertime of re-creation.

AMEN

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**Caring for our Common Home as Brothers and Sisters**



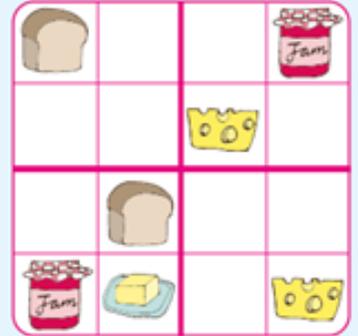
In the churchyard in St Mary's, Clonsilla, the remains of many relatives of local families are interred. Unfortunately, in recent weeks, a lot of vandalism has occurred – graffiti on doors, walls and headstones – and recently a section of the surrounding wall was torn down. This is a National Monument and such action is a criminal offence and is expensive to put right. Anybody with information about who may be involved should contact the Parish Office or have a quiet word with those thought responsible. Gardai have been informed.

**Children's Corner**

**In the Gospel this week** Jesus wants to make sure all the people who have come to see him have something to eat. Only one boy has brought some food with him. He has five barley loaves and two fish. Jesus blesses this food and shares it between five thousand people! There are even twelve baskets of food left after everyone is full.

**Sandwich sudoku**

Can you complete the grid so that every row, column and mini grid each has **one sandwich ingredient**?



**How many?**

The apostles are collecting baskets of left-overs. Add together all the baskets. How many can you count?

One boy has some food to share.

How many fish does he have?

How many barley loaves?



**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje**



**Depart 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Dublin to Mostar

Mostar airport only 30 minutes from Medjugorje

7 Nights: €695pps (insurance included)

9 Nights: €755 pps (insurance included)

Terms & Conditions apply

Professional Guide – Spiritual Director

Tour Operator: Marian Pilgrimages - Fully Bonded - Fully Licenced

Contact Pat & Phil: 087 223 8911

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Departing & returning tests required in absence of Covid passport

Pilgrims must arrange and pay for those tests separately

A Covid test centre has been opened beside the first aid centre in Medjugorje to facilitate people needing a test before returning home



For more information regarding Pilgrimages & Monthly Medjugorje Mass visit Facebook page: Medjugorje Mass Lucan

**A Prayer to say** Dear Jesus, thank you for being generous with your love. Help me to be generous too. Amen.

**Theology of the Arts. Does the Church Need Art?** The Priory Institute week-long online Summer School will run from 8-13 August & again from 22-27 August. The course includes six recorded presentations and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more and register on [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com)

**PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH AS AN ADULT** Pathways is a two-year, Adult Faith Development course on Thursday evenings. Run by the Archdiocese of Dublin in DCU St. Patrick's Campus (MDCCE), Drumcondra Road, late September to May (7.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m). Application now open for September 2021. Early application advised. Contact: Pathways Director, Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or [pathways@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:pathways@dublindiocese.ie). Web: [www.evangelisation.ie](http://www.evangelisation.ie)

**Intentions 24th/25th July July**

Sat 7pm Vera O'Donoghue

Sun. 10.30am Rosaleen Golden  
Joe & Eileen McNally

12 noon Des Higgins  
Michael Brady

**We remember our recently deceased**



**Michael O'Toole  
John Canning  
Louis O'Reilly  
Philomena Holmes**

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