

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time—25th October 2020



### Readings for 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** *Exodus 22: 20 - 26*

**Psalm:** *Ps. 17: 2-4, 47, 51*

**Second Reading:** *1 Thess 1: 5 - 10*

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia

**Gospel:** *Matthew 22: 34 - 40*

### \*\*\*Current Arrangements\*\*\*

**Level 5** of the  
**Living with Covid-19 plan**

While in this level we can have no Public Celebration of Mass, but the church is open for private prayer  
Monday—Friday after the 10 Mass until 3

#### Masses available on the webcam

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

#### HOLY HOUR

Join us on Tuesdays 4pm-5pm  
for Music, Silence and Reflections.



### Annual Mass of Remembrance

This special Mass for parishioners, relatives and friends who died during the **last 12 months** will take place on

**Sunday 1st November at 10.30 am**—behind closed doors this year.

If you have a family member or friend who died in the last year and would like to have them included in the Mass, please leave the name in the sacristy or office. A candle will be lit for all those on the list.

We will remember also this year the deceased patients and staff of Elm Green nursing home.

Envelopes for the **Altar List of the Dead** (for **all** our deceased relatives & friends who will be remembered during the month of November and every First Friday) are available in the church. You can return these to the Parish Office or Sacristy during opening hours.



**Office Open 9.30am—1pm. Monday—Friday**

**Sacristy open for a short period after each Mass**

### .....still a vibrant active parish

A huge thank you to all who are helping to keep our church open for private prayer & funerals and for our online Masses & Holy Hour—the sanitisers, cleaners and readers; the music ministry, liturgy group and voluntary sacristans; those who handle our finances (collectors and counters), our pastoral worker and deacon; and above all our priests. Thank you all for your time, your energy, your generosity of spirit and your cheerfulness. We couldn't do it without any one of you; so stay safe and keep well!

**As we seem to be having a severe 'second wave' of covid, our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this anxious time. Here's a little reminder of our... tips for staying sane at this time :**

- Exercise regularly—go for a walk (the trees are in their autumn glory) or dance to your favourite 'golden oldie'
- Maintain regular sleep routines—early to bed, early to rise!
  - Keep a healthy, balanced diet—try something new once a week
  - Avoid excess alcohol—but an occasional glass of wine with your meal is ok.
  - Practice relaxation - breathing exercises, meditation, an afternoon snooze!

- Read a book, try a new craft/skill or language

- Search for online concerts, guided tours, religious services, cookery/gardening tips.

- Stay connected to family and others—by phone calls, texts, video calls, email and/or social media.

*Above all— live every moment, love everybody and be happy. Stay safe*



# Children's Corner

**In the Gospel** Jesus tells us we must do two things – love God with all our hearts, souls and minds, and love others like we love ourselves.

## Love others

Jesus teaches us that we need to love others just like we love ourselves.

There is no difference in how we are going to love them both!



Can you spot the 6 differences between these children?

## The greatest commandment

Can you fit the words into the grid?

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LOVE GOD HEART      MIND NEIGHBOUR SELF

## I can love when I...

Loving others means doing the right thing, even if we don't want to. Find some different ways we can share love with other people by starting at the arrow and following the spiral.



**A prayer to say** Dear Jesus, thank you for telling us how important it is to love God and others. Teach us how to love so that we can always be like you. Amen.

## Teen Hope Presents ALPHA YOUTH ONLINE



ALPHA - YOUTH IS AN 11 SESSION SERIES THAT CREATES A SPACE ONLINE, WHERE TEENS CAN GET TOGETHER WITH OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE FOR A CONVERSATION ABOUT FAITH, LIFE AND GOD.

**BEGINS NOVEMBER 4TH FROM 6-7:30PM**

TO SIGN UP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION: EMAIL [ST.PAULS@DUBLINDIOCESE.IE](mailto:st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie)

Our Teen Hope Parish Team invites you to participate in this, we'll be there leading groups and would love to meet up with you! To all 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> year students and all teens within that age range in the parish, the Diocesan Young Church Dublin Team are inviting you to join them for their online ALPHA YOUTH series. We believe that everyone should have a chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share your point of view. Our ALPHA YOUTH series will be a free 11-session series that will create a space online where you can get together with other young people for that conversation about faith, life and God each week. There is no study or homework involved and participation is purely a choice! Begins Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm via Zoom. You can get a glimpse of ALPHA YOUTH by watching the video at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyjL4NsAfM>. For details or to sign up please email [st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie)

Intentions	24/25th October
7pm	Jack Lawless Patrick Skeehan Patrick & Anne Kavanagh
10.30am	Joe & Mary Santry and Angela Hyland Barry Clarke May & Christy Somers Harry Quinlan Eddie Richardson MM

Many, many thanks to all who continue to contribute so generously to the Family Offering Collection and the Sunday Mass Collections; we really appreciate your support in these anxious and challenging times. The 1st and 2nd collections, normally taken at Sunday Masses are forwarded to the Diocese. The 1st collection goes into a common fund to pay the salaries of all the priests the Diocese. The 2nd collection goes to the supply and support of liturgical and pastoral resources (including pastoral workers), administration of the Diocese and support of struggling parishes.

We are glad to see a number of you contributing through the donate button on our parish website:

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



## Covid-19 Helpline Numbers

**The Irish Hospice Foundation - bereavement Support Line**  
freephone 1800 70 77 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday

**Fingal Community Response** 7 days a week 8am to 8pm.

Freephone: 1-890-459-059 Ph: 01-890-5000

**Alone COVID-19 Support Line for Older People** 7 days a week, 8am - 8pm. Call 0818 222 024.

**Accord – support line** : 10 am-1 pm Mon-Fri 9059555

**Crosscare** Blanchardstown 01-8219892



## Supporting Older People

Check their website for information on supports at this time [www.ageaction.ie](http://www.ageaction.ie)

## Baptisms

Please note, in line with current restrictions, we cannot hold baptisms while we are above Level 2 of the Government's Living with Covid plan.

Baptisms will be rescheduled when the restrictions are lifted.



## We remember our recently deceased

**Hugh Dowling**

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



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