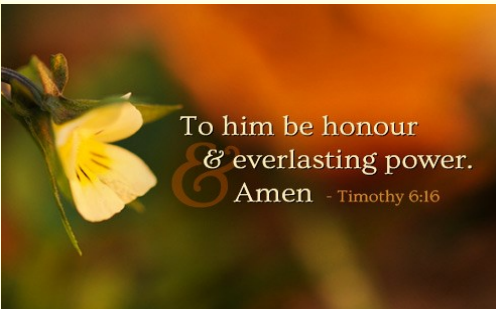


# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time—25th September 2022



To him be honour  
& everlasting power.  
Amen - Timothy 6:16

### This Sunday's Readings

**1st:** Amos 6:1.4-7  
**Psalm:** 145 R/ My soul, give praise to the Lord.  
**2nd:** 1Timothy 6:11-16  
**Gospel Acclamation!** Alleluia, alleluia!  
*The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!*

### CURRENT SCHEDULE

*This schedule will require flexibility from time to time—please check for changes*

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:**

Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary at 9.30 church closes at 5pm

**Monday:** Area Mass at 7.30pm

**Wednesday:** Liturgy of the Word at 10am

**Saturday:** church opens at 10am

**Vigil Mass** at 6pm (note change)

**Sunday Mass** at 10.30am\*

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month—** Mass at 10am followed by confessions

**Last Tuesday of the month—**Prayer Group Mass at 8.00pm, all welcome

**Bank Holidays:** Mass at 11 am only

All services available on [www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam)

\*also on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Tues. & Fri. 10.30—5pm

**Blanchardstown Area evening Mass**

**Mon:** Blanchardstown at 7.30

Tues & Thurs: Castleknock

Wed: Mulhuddart

Fri: Corduff

### A Reflective Sentence

Do you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwell in you (1.Cor.3:16)



**Thursday Coffee Mornings** are back! After Mass in the Pastoral Centre.

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### Safeguarding Sunday – September 25th

This year the theme of the day is "Safeguarding – a Gospel Value". Children occupy a central role in the teachings of Jesus, who pointed to the child as the ultimate symbol of the Kingdom of God. 'Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it' (Lk 18:17). Safeguarding Sunday is now a regular part of the diocesan calendar. It falls each year on the fourth Sunday in September.

Over the past year or so, we have done a lot of talking and a lot of listening, both as part of the Synod and as part of the Building Hope project that I launched at the beginning of 2021.

The talking and the listening in themselves bring us together. One of the things talked about in the synod meetings in the parishes was the sorrow, guilt and helplessness experienced by older parishioners at the lack of involvement of their own children with the Church and the need to reach out to young adults and children. These young adults are often the parents who must decide whether to permit their children participate in the life of our parishes. Some young parents are involved with their local parishes and do permit their children to participate in Church activities. However, some of these young parents have told us that some of their peers express misgivings about this. These parents wonder if it is safe to allow their own children to become involved in Church activities. These are the concerns of loving, responsible parents who are determined to protect their children from abuse. We need to open up a dialogue with these parents. We need to listen to their concerns, acknowledge the failures of the past, and share with them all the many ways that we seek to ensure the safety of their children. We need to find ways to share the good news with them, the good news that God loves their children and that those who work in our parishes—clerics, religious and lay people - are determined to demonstrate God's love for these children by the actions we take to ensure their safety.

In the short film we made for this year's Safeguarding Sunday, Natalie Doherty, Faith Development Worker and member of the diocesan Safeguarding Committee refers to her work as centred "on engaging with families to support faith in the home", and of walking "the wonderful journey of celebrating the sacraments".

We must be ever mindful of the generosity of parents who open their families to us, and the particular responsibility that brings with it. We should remember, our responsibility to the vulnerable members of our community. The Church must be a place of safety for those for whom the world may not always feel secure and welcoming. Finally, I ask you to remember in your prayers all those who have suffered abuse. +Dermot Farrell

### Saints in the Church's Calendar

**St. Vincent de Paul, priest – Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September.** 1580-1660, was born in France and ordained a priest at the early age of 20. After being falsely accused of theft, he dedicated himself to evangelising the poor and the suffering. He founded the Congregation of Priests of the Mission (Vincentians) and, together with St. Louise de Marillac, the Daughters of Charity. These congregations, together with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, continue his charitable work today.

**Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels – Thursday 29th September.** Gabriel (meaning 'Strength of God') brought the message to Mary at the Annunciation (patron of tele-communications, radio and TV workers). Raphael, (meaning 'God heals') guide to Tobias (patron of nurses, physicians, the blind). Michael has been venerated as protector of Christians in general and soldiers in particular. Captain of the heavenly army, victor over Satan, protector of the Church and helper of the sick and dying (patron of radiologists, the sick, paratroopers)

**St. Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church – Friday 30th September.** C. 347-420. Patron of librarians.

**DIVINE MERCY** The Divine Mercy chaplet will be prayed after mass on Tuesdays.

**cross+care** Outdoor Collection CrossCare Annual Appeal takes place this weekend.

### First Saturday of October

Next Saturday is October 1st. Mass will be celebrated at 10am followed by confessions.

### FROM THE PASTORS DESK

#### Season of Creation,



#### St Brigids Burning Bush

At the back of our Church there is a beautiful burning bush (It is a living plant so please be careful). There is a written explanation beside it. The idea is that as the number of red ribbons grow it will be like flames – flames that don't consume the bush!! This symbol calls us to listen to the voice of creation, and faithfully respond through worship, repentance and action. Moses was told to remove his sandals, for he was standing on holy ground in God's presence. May this symbol move us to remove the "sandals" of our unsustainable lifestyles that disconnect us from creation and our Creator, contemplate our connection to the holy ground where we live, and listen for the voice of creation. (Source: Season of Creation 2022 handbook) **On the altar display which will be building up each week you will have noticed sandals and this week we are adding the fruits of the earth which have come from a parishioner's garden reminding us of the sacredness of the food we eat.** Fr Michael Carey PP

#### The Eucharist and Creation

'The Eucharist is an act of cosmic love: yes, cosmic! Because even when it is celebrated on the humble altar of a country church, the Eucharist is always in some way celebrated on the altar of the world.

The Eucharist joins heaven and earth: it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God's hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration. In the bread of the Eucharist creation is projected towards divinisation, towards unification with the Creator himself.' Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* 236

### Something for Adults!

'More Adult Faith Development' has been a constant refrain in our parish. Come to an information evening on **Wed Oct 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**

We are proposing to meet on Wed evenings in October & November. **How do I grow in Faith, Hope and Love?**

**Can I have both faith and doubts together?**

Are there answers to my questions? Please come, join the discussion!

We welcome our recently baptised **Kairyn & Lily**

## Children's Corner

### In The Gospel

A rich man is so busy enjoying his good food he does not even notice Lazarus, a poor man sitting by his gates. Lazarus is very hungry and poorly. God loves Lazarus. When he dies, Lazarus goes to live with God in heaven. God is disappointed with the rich man because God wants everyone to notice people in need and help them.

### Take notice!

Jesus rose from the dead. We want to listen to Jesus when he asks us to love others.



### A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me, Jesus, to see when people need help. Help me to do something about it. Amen.

### Wordsearch

We show Jesus' love to others when we

SHARE HELP  
PLAY CARE

Can you find these words in the puzzle?

T S H A R E  
H E L P S D  
E R P L A Y  
S C A R E R

### Parish Family Day



**SUNDAY September 25th**

You are invited to our Parish Family Day opening with 12 Mass to 4 (ish!)

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Music, fun and games for all. From the youngest to the oldest. ALL WELCOME!



BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH (AND A RUG!) FOR A PICNIC. TEA, COFFEE, JUICE AND ICE-CREAM PROVIDED



### What is the Laudato Si Award?

The Laudato Si Award is a new Parish based award for young people to engage with ecological action, education and spirituality. It is based on Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si. The goal is for young people to learn, lead and inspire the whole parish and community. We are one of the parishes who are piloting this award!

### How The Award is achieved:

**Who:** It takes place with a group of 3 or more young people between the ages 13–17 led by the parish Laudato Si Award team.

**When:** Monthly meetings on Tuesdays at 4.30pm to 5.30pm from October 11th 2022 to 18th of April 2023.

**Where:** St Brigid's Pastoral Centre, Blanchardstown Dublin 15.

If you are interested in participating please contact the team before 8th October at this address: [mairin.keegan@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:mairin.keegan@dublindiocese.ie)

Parental Consent forms will need to be completed before participating.

We remember our recently Deceased

Bryan Mongey



### Mass Intentions 24/25 September

|            |               |                         |                         |
|------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sat. 6pm   | Billy O'Dwyer | Rose Curran (1st Anniv) | Rose Sinnott MM         |
| Sun 1030am | Eithne Conroy | Annie Doolan            | Betty Smyth Bill Murphy |
| 12pm       |               |                         |                         |