

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time—26th June 2022



This Sunday's Readings

1st: 1 Kings 19: 16, 19-21
Psalm: 15 *R/ O Lord, it is you who are my portion*
2nd: Galatians 5: 1, 13-18
Gospel Acclamation! *Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!*
Gospel: Luke 9; 51-62

CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday: Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary at 9.30 church closes at 5pm
Wednesday: Mass also at 7.30pm
Saturday: church opens at 10am Vigil Mass at 7pm
Sunday Mass at 10.30am* & 12 noon
1st Saturday of the month— Mass at 10am followed by confessions
 All available on www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam
 *also on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM
Eucharistic Adoration
 Tues. & Fri. 10.30—5pm
Evening Mass for the Blanchardstown Area
 Mon.—Mulhuddart at 7.30pm
 Tues. & Thurs.—Castleknock at 7.30
 Wed.—Blanchardstown at 7.30pm
 Fri.—Corduff at 7.30pm

Weekday Mass schedule from 4th July:

Monday: 10.00am, 7.30pm (The Evening Mass in the Dublin 15 area)
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 10.00am
Wednesday: No Mass — (maybe 10.00am – Liturgy of the Word)
1st Saturday of the Month: 10.00am followed by confessions
This schedule will require flexibility from time to time

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

NEW WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

The new weekend Mass Schedule (which has effect from **Saturday 9th July**) is as follows:

Saturday: Vigil Mass at **6.00pm** (please note the change in time)

Sunday: Mass at **10.30am**

With effect on the weekend of 9th/10th July

Celebration of Ordained Ministry in Blanchardstown

Next weekend 2nd/3rd July St Brigid's Blanchardstown will celebrate a weekend of Ordained Ministry in our Parish. I recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of my Priestly Ordination. Deacon Jim recently celebrated the 10th anniversary of his Diaconate Ordination and Fr. Frank is saying his last Mass before he departs to his new parish of Kilnamagh/Castleview. **Saturday 7.00pm** will focus on my anniversary
Sunday 10.30am will focus on Deacon Jim's anniversary
Sunday 12noon is Fr. Frank's farewell Mass

After the 12noon Mass on Sunday there will be light refreshments in the Pastoral Centre to celebrate all three occasions. All welcome.

Fr Michael Carey PP

You can contribute to the **Sunday Mass collections** by:

1) **Using the white boxes around the Church or leaving an envelope (provided on seats) in the Parish Office during the week.** You can also have an envelope supply at home for convenience

2) **Using the 'Tap and Go' machines.** Useful for these 'cashless' days.
 The Mass collections are divided: **60%** to the 1st—Common Fund for Priests; **40%** - to the 2nd—Share
The DONATE button on the website can be used for all collections
Thank you so much for your generosity

Parish Events in the Pastoral Centre for the month of June

Lectio Divina—with Máirín 11am—Wednesday mornings
Coffee mornings—after 10am Mass—Thursdays

Saints in the Church's Calendar

Wednesday 29th June—Ss. Peter and Paul, On the day traditionally considered by pagan Rome to be its foundation day by Romulus, we celebrate the twin founders of the Church in Rome. St. Peter died by crucifixion and St. Paul by beheading between 64-67

Peter was a humble fisherman, chosen as the leader of the Twelve, the 'rock' on which the Church was built. **Paul**, a tentmaker from Tarsus, a Pharisee and a Roman citizen, a persecutor of the first Christians, was converted by the Lord on his way to Damascus. He became the Apostle of the Gentiles. But they were chosen to become the pillars of our faith, which they sealed with their martyrdom in Rome.

The Church is like the human person: we are both body and spirit at the one time. The body of Christ – which is what we are – has both a bodily reality (membership, structure and sacraments) and a spiritual reality (the life of faith and prayer, the indwelling Spirit). The institutional and the prophetic dimensions of Church are sometimes in tension and that is really normal. To be part of the living body of Christ is to hear again Jesus' question, who do you say I am? As St. Paul reminds us, no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 12:3). Christ, Son of the living God, you call us to confess your name and to acknowledge you as Lord. Help us to live our faith and find new words for what we believe so that we may proclaim your Gospel to our contemporaries in words they can understand.

Friday 1st July—St. Oliver Plunkett was ordained in Rome in 1654 and became professor of theology from 1654 to 1669, when he was appointed Archbishop of Armagh. He was arrested and tried in Dundalk in 1679 for conspiring against the state. So as not to be convicted in Ireland he was moved to Newgate prison where he was found guilty of high treason 'for promoting the Catholic faith'. He was martyred at Tyburn by being hung, drawn and quartered. He was the last catholic to die for his faith at Tyburn, and the first of the Irish martyrs to be beatified. His head is in St. Peter's Drogheda and most of his body is at Downside Abbey, England.

THE EUCHARIST

Ten Years ago the 50th International Eucharistic Congress (IEC2012) was held in Dublin - June 10th to 17th 2012. I'm sure many of you have fond memories of the occasion. Over the summer weeks and months I thought that the main article in the newsletter should be on the Eucharist. The basis for the next two weeks newsletters is a homily given by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin in February 2012 in the run up to the Congress. It is a lovely discussion on the Eucharist

"The celebration of the Eucharist begins with the nourishment of the word. Week by week the word of God is proclaimed, and broken and indeed prayed. Our psalmody, which is an essential part of the liturgy, reflects the prayer of God's people along the history of salvation. It is a prayer uniquely related with the fundamental anxieties, hopes and aspirations of God's people, as they recalled how God had remained faithful to them over generations. The communal proclamation and prayerful interiorization of the scriptures incorporates us in a special way into the reality of that history of God's people and helps put into focus what our real hopes should be.

You do not simply go to Mass. The liturgy is not a performance but an action in which God's people actively participate. The liturgy is however in the first place the action of God. Active participation is not just about us saying and doing things. There is an active participation which is fostered through silence and reflection and interiorly identifying ourselves with what is taking place. In today's world there is anyway a superabundance of words and a fear of silence. The liturgy must always lead people beyond the superficial and fleeting character of much of contemporary culture.

Where the liturgy becomes performance we can very easily end up with banalities and with what some have called the "disneyisation" of the liturgy. The liturgy is not our work.

Our society today has its many hungers. Eucharist is nourishment on the path of our journey which helps us to encounter something that cannot be encountered in any other way. It is in the Eucharist that we encounter Jesus Christ, who reveals to us who God is. In the Eucharist we encounter Jesus who paradoxically in becoming one of us revealed the total otherness of God from us. Our encounter in the liturgy with transcendence, with that total otherness of God, radically transforms our hungers and our sense of community".

Children's Corner

In the Gospel today Jesus is travelling to Jerusalem. He is determined to show everyone how much God the Father loves them. Jesus' message is so important he has no time to rest. The people who follow Jesus try to live like him. It's not easy, but nothing is more important than following Jesus and loving other people

Match the animal with their home Jesus has no time or place to rest. Where do these animals rest? Draw a line from the animal to the correct home.



Jesus' message Jesus wants to ask us something important. Can you break the code and find out what it is?



Wordsearch

A disciple is someone who is learning. Jesus' disciples are people who are learning to live like him. Can you find these words that describe Jesus' disciples in the wordsearch?



A Prayer to say Thank you, Jesus, for being so determined to show me how much God the Father loves me. I want to follow you and be your disciple. Help me to be kind and loving. Amen.

COME TO WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023



'MARY AROSE AND WENT WITH HASTE'
 LUKE 1:39

Want to know more?
 Get in touch: wjd@dublindioocese.ie
 Archdiocese of Dublin

Last year the Diocese introduced **Summer Dues** for the 1st time to allow parishioners contribute to the Common Fund (income for priests & retired priests). **Summer Dues** envelopes will be left in the Church for a few weeks, if you would like to contribute.

Do you attend Mass regularly? Would you like to participate more fully? New members required to join our current team of readers-no experience needed If interested, contact the Parish Office.

DCU BA in Theology and Religious Studies - Scholarships Available
 This part-time, flexible programme is designed for mature students, and holds lectures on Thursday evenings and a handful of Saturdays throughout the year. For more information see www.dcu.ie/dc300

Part-time Parish Secretary required—to work with the parish team—20 Hours per week. Job description is available on request by email to office@blanchardstownparish.ie. Closing date for applications is July 8. Applications should be sent to the Parish Office

We welcome our recently baptised
JAMES, SEAN, JACK, SADIE, TEAGHAN, ANNE & HOLLY

We remember our recently deceased
NUALA CONDREN

Mass Intentions 25th/26th June

7pm	Dympna & Larry O'Hanlon John O'Kelly and his sister Ann McPartland Patrick & Ann Mullins
10.30	Gilbert Fagan Norah & Donal Doolan Ann Hanley
12 noon	Pat McElroy Kathleen Parkes Adriean Dalton Brigid Forde

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