

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time—27th February 2022



This Sunday's Readings

1st: Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7
Psalm: 91 R/ It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.
2nd: 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia
 Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.
 Alleluia!
Gospel: Luke 6: 39-45

CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday: Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary church opens at 9.30am and closes at 4pm
Wednesday: Mass also at 7.30pm
Thursday (during Lent): Mass in the Pastoral Centre, Royal Canal Park at 7.30pm
Saturday: church opens at 10am Vigil Mass at 7pm
Sunday Mass at 10.30am* & 12 noon
1st Saturday of each month—Mass at 10am
 All available on www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam

*available on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM

The Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

Available on the 1st Saturday of each month after 10am Mass, and on request

Eucharistic Adoration—Tues. & Fri. 10.30—4pm

Evening Mass for the Blanchardstown Area

Mondays—Mulhuddart at 7.30pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays—Castleknock at 7.30
Wednesday—Blanchardstown at 7.30pm
Friday—Corduff at 7.30pm

Dates for your Diary

2nd March—Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Masses on this day are at 10.00am & 7.30pm in St. Brigid's
5th March—the 1st Saturday of March. Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am immediately followed by Confessions – The Sacrament of Reconciliation.
4th—12th March—Novena of Grace
17th March—St. Patrick's Day
Remember also:
1st March & 15th March—Parish Synod Gatherings

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Children's Choir It was great to see and listen to the choir who sang at the 12noon Mass last Sunday. They will sing at this Mass once a month. Thanks also to their musical director John White. If anyone is interested in joining they can contact the Parish Office for further information. Mary Kelly & Frances Timmins will continue their beautiful singing for the other Sundays.

Novena of Grace I welcome Sr. Anne Neylon (Daughter of Charity) who will conduct this year's Novena of Grace in St Brigid's Blanchardstown. She will speak at Mass for the 9 days of the Novena and the St Francis Xavier Novena Prayer will be recited at all the Masses on the 4th – 12th March inclusive.

Synod I thank the animators and members of the PPC who spoke at the Masses last weekend and all who helped distributing the invitations after each Mass. It was a very efficient and professional effort. All the ground work has been done by the Team and the rest is over to you, so to speak! Please come to our meeting on Tuesday 1st March next for 7.30pm in St Brigid's GAA – Russell Park.

Synod Logo A sincere thank you to Mary Ronayne and Delores O'Leary our resident liturgical artists who created the beautiful Diocesan Synod Logo in front of the altar. The gold threads are a particular feature. The meaning of the Logo itself is as follows:

- The **lighthouse** represents the guiding light of the Holy Spirit who guides us on our synodal path.
- The **boat** represents the Church, we are all in the same boat together.
- The **water** represents the waters of baptism, sustaining us on our way.

Ash Wednesday – 2nd March is a day of fast and abstinence and the beginning of the Season of Lent.

Why do we put ash on our forehead? - Ashes are applied to our forehead in the sign of the cross as the words, "Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return" are spoken to us. The other formula which is used, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" emphasizes our call to continual conversion and holiness of life. This act symbolises our mortality as well as our need for ongoing repentance. It is a reminder that this life is short and merely a foreshadowing of what we shall become through the redemption of Jesus Christ on the cross. The work of our redemption will not be complete until we are raised from the dead, in resurrected bodies like His own and called to the eternal communion of heaven.
Fr Michael Carey PP

Fr. Frank's book recommendations for Lent
 Introduction to the Spiritual Life: Walking the Path of Prayer with Jesus—Brant Pitre,
 Intimacy with God: An Introduction to Centering Prayer—Thomas Keating

Spiritual Direction: Wisdom for the Long Walk of Faith—Henri Nouwen
 Wrestling with God: Finding Hope and Meaning in Our Daily Struggles to Be Human—Ronald Rolheiser

Continuing Covid Protective Measures

The Archbishop has requested that the following protective measures remain in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the vulnerable or anxious members of the congregation. The archbishop will review towards the end of March

- The wearing of face coverings inside Church buildings;
- Good sanitising and cleaning arrangements;
- Suspension of a handshake as the Sign of Peace
- Holy Communion to be received in the hand
- Holy water to be used in asperges but not yet restored to fonts for communal use at the entrances to Church buildings



Synod Space

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate' (Luke 6:36)

As Synodal gatherings begin in parishes, this line from the Gospels reminds us that the quality of our attention to one another will be crucial in the Synodal pathway. Careful listening helps us to understand the other person, to stand in their shoes. When we really listen, we listen to understand in an open, loving and compassionate way. Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name. Guide our listening that we may receive others with respect, for we are to love our neighbour as ourselves. Synodal Resources available at: www.dublindiocese.ie
To assist with managing seating arrangements etc, please notify us of your intention to attend—by phone, email or by dropping into the sacristy or office.

Trocaire

Lent is synonymous with Trocaire or is it the other way around! The Trociare boxes are available in the Church along with included information. **Please take a box home - it can be quite amazing how much loose change can amount to.**

Trócaire was established in 1973 as the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. The organisation was created as a response to the widening gap between rich and poor and our collective duty to reduce it. Trócaire's work is rooted in Catholic social teaching, based on the belief that God has a plan for creation, a plan to build his kingdom of peace, love and justice.

Food Shortage and Scarcity – Courage, Hope and Strength Needed

This Lent, we hear about how communities who were already facing huge challenges due to drought and food shortages, caused by climate change, were further impacted by Covid-19. This is seen in how Covid-19 impacted people's livelihoods and access to education and food security. We here in Ireland are also very familiar with the impact of Covid-19. We will learn more about the impact of the pandemic through the story of Thandekile and her two children, Nomatter and Forward, who live in Zimbabwe. (Source: Trocaire Resource Pack 2022)

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Saint Vincent de Paul monthly collection last Weekend

We are delighted at the relaxing of Covid restrictions, though we still have protective measures in place; we look forward to the return of our regular parish events. A note of caution however: as this will mean increased use of the carpark, we advise parishioners to **park in designated parking spaces only**. We would encourage you to park in the carpark areas at the Castleknock Road entrance, or at the boys school and leave the section at the 'circle' for those with mobility issues.

We welcome our recently Baptised
 Nevaeh, Róisín, Sadie, Lana & Ethan

We remember our recently deceased
Always loved, never for-

Children's Corner

In the Gospel Jesus tells us to look at ourselves before we try to point out other people's faults. We can't see a splinter in someone else's eye if we have a plank of wood in our own eye!

What fills our hearts?
 Jesus said if our hearts are full of goodness, we will say and do good things.



My Ash Wednesday Prayer
 Think about Ash Wednesday and what it means to you. Write a prayer for Ash Wednesday.

Look carefully
 Can you find the tiny speck in this eye?
 We need to look very carefully if we are going to see clearly.



Look very carefully and copy the eye into the grid.

A Prayer to Say Thank you, Jesus, for filling my heart with love. Help me to share your love and goodness by treating the people I meet with kindness, especially if they annoy me. Help me to follow your example. Amen.

MEDJUGORJE
 Easter Pilgrimage
 Depart Dublin 17th April
 For 7 Days
 Group Leader: Eleanor Healy
 Accompanied by a Spiritual Director
 €765 per person inclusive
 Accommodation in superb guesthouse
 We are looking forward to restoring our Easter visits to Medjugorje after a two-year absence. Hoping this is a very special pilgrimage
 Information from
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ALONE ALONE supports older people to age at home, combatting loneliness and isolation. Would you like to volunteer from the comfort of your own home? We are seeking volunteers to make Support & Befriending calls to older people. Please visit our website at www.alone.ie or call our National Support and Referral line - **0818 222 024** to find out more about volunteering with ALONE.

Intentions	26th/27th February
7pm	Chris Brady Mary Griffin Susan Monaghan
10.30	Mary Hehir Elizabeth (Lily) Molloy MM
12 noon	Graham Vickery Joe Coghlan

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