

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## 4th Sunday in Lent—27th March 2022

**REJOICE** Jerusalem,  
and all who love her,  
Be joyful,  
all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied  
at her consoling breast.

entrance antiphon | Isaiah 66:10-11

rejoice

### This Sunday's Readings

**1st:** Joshua 5: 9-12  
**Psalm:** 33 R/ Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
**2nd:** 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you." Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

### CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday—Friday:** Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary church opens at 9.30am and closes at 5pm  
**Wednesday:** Mass also at 7.30pm

**Thursday** (during Lent): Mass in the Pastoral Centre, Royal Canal Park at 7.30pm  
**Friday** (during Lent): Stations of the Cross 9.30am

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

\*also 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—5pm

### 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

### April Dates for your Diary

**Sunday 10th :** Palm Sunday—Sunshine collection  
**Monday 11th:** Penitential Service  
**Thursday 14th—Saturday 16th:** Easter Triduum  
**Sunday 17th:** Easter Sunday

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### FROM THE PASTORS DESK

*Happy Mother's Day  
May the blessing of the Divine  
Be an especially bright benediction  
Upon mothers everywhere  
On your blessed day*



### First Holy Communion Children

I welcome the boys and girls and their families to our weekend's Masses as part of their preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Their names are listed in our Parish Enrolment Folder which is situated in front of the altar.

### First Penance

The celebration of First Penance/ Confession is continuing for the boys and girls in the Holy Communion classes

On Tuesday 29th March it is turn of the boys and girls from Saint Francis Xavier and in the afternoon we will have the boys and girls from Pelletstown Educate Together School

### Confirmation - Ceremony of Light

The Ceremony of Light is continuing. On Monday 28th March at 7.30pm—the boys and girls from St Francis Xavier

### Stations of the Cross

Next Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 9.30am. This will replace the Rosary.

### African Community

The African Community celebrate Mass in St Brigid's Blanchardstown on the last Sunday of every month at 2.00pm. This Sunday the Archbishop is celebrating the Mass. On behalf of the parish I extend a warm welcome to His Grace the Archbishop.

Fr Michael Carey PP

**Trócaire** boxes are available at the doors of the Church. Please bring one home. For the millions who are starving throughout the world, our Lent would be some luxury. A fast day for us would be a feast day for them. Prolonged hunger can kill more than people. It can kill conscience. It can kill generosity. Hearing so much about starvation has, to some extent, anaesthetised us. If you must put Lent in a box, put it in the Trócaire one. After all it's not every box that one can fill with life and with love!

### Mass Collections

We are still not 'passing baskets'. Instead the two collections at Mass, which are vital, can be made as follows:

- 1) You can put your offerings in the 'white boxes' on tables around the Church.
- 2) You can use the 'Tap and Go' machines.

The collections are divided - **60%** to the 1<sup>st</sup> Collection (Common Fund for Priests); **40%** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Share).  
**Thank you so much for your generous offerings**



### Synod Space

All the responses submitted at the recent parish gatherings are currently being collated for presentation to the Diocese, from where, in due course, they will be forwarded to Rome for the World Synod in 2023.

### Two Mother's Remembered

I had two Mothers—two mothers I claim  
Two different people, yet with the same name.  
Two separate women, diverse by design,  
But I loved them both because they were mine.

The first was the Mother who carried me here,  
Gave birth and nurtured and launched my career,  
She was the one whose features I bear,  
Complete with the facial expressions I wear.

She gave her love which follows me yet,  
Along with the examples in life she set.  
As I got older, she somehow younger grew,  
And we'd laugh just as Mothers and daughters do.

But then came the time that her mind clouded so,  
And I sensed that the Mother I knew would soon go.  
So quickly she changed and turned into the other,  
A stranger who dressed in the clothes of my Mother.

Oh, she looked the same, at least at arms length,  
But she now was the child and I was her strength.  
We'd come full circle, we women three,  
My Mother the first, the second and me.

And if my own children should come to a day,  
When a new mother comes and the old goes away,  
I'd ask of them nothing that I didn't do.  
Love both of your Mothers as both loved you.

By Joan Snow Duncanson

### Happy Mother's Day



**Special Collection for Ukraine:** A Special Collection will be taken up at Masses on 26/27 March to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine, especially the families and children who have had to flee their homeland in advance of the Russian invasion. The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to Caritas Internationalis, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in the Ukraine and the surrounding region.  
**Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.**

Our **SPIRITUAL READING CIRCLE** continues at 7.30pm on Mondays in the Pastoral Centre. This time our focus will be on the spirituality of the Desert Fathers and what we can take from it for our here and now. Reading material: Ronald Rolheiser, Domestic Monastery; Anselm Gruen, Heaven Begins Within You, Wisdom from the Desert Fathers. There's still time to catch up!

### FROM FEAR TO HOPE

An Online Reflection for Lent  
**28<sup>th</sup> March @ 8pm**  
Live from the  
**Monastery of Saint Alphonsus, Drumcondra. Log on to webcam**  
[www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com)

We welcome our recently Baptised

Archie  
Aria &  
Luca

We remember our recently deceased



Urszula Wojtach  
John Murphy

Always loved,  
never forgotten

### Children's Corner

**In the Gospel** The younger son takes his share of the family money and leaves home to have a good time. Sadly, he spends it all and ends up in a mess. This wasteful son knows he has made a mistake and goes

home to say sorry. Despite everything, his loving father is just waiting for the son to come back. The father runs to meet his son and gives him a great big hug. It's time to CELEBRATE!



### How does it feel?

How do you think the older brother felt when his dad made a fuss of the younger, wasteful son by having a big party? Circle the word that describes his feelings.



### Party time

Join the dots to make the party food.



**A Prayer to Say** Thank you, Father God, for loving me so much. Help me to remember that you are always waiting to welcome me home, no matter how far I may go away from you. Help me to be generous when I see other people being loved and rewarded. Amen.

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**St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth**  
With April fast approaching, don't miss your chance to register for "**The Future of Christian Thinking**" - an international conference with numerous international guest speakers. Full conference and day ticket options available.  
See [www.maynoothcollege.ie](http://www.maynoothcollege.ie)

Intentions	26/27th March
7pm	Kathleen & Joseph Duffy Chris Brady Paddy O'Mara
10.30	John & Ellie Killeen Teresa O'Neill Aileen Canning
12 noon	Brendan Kane Anne-Marie & Molly O'Brien