

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—28th August 2022

*Blessed are the peacemakers  
Matthew 5:9*

### This Sunday's Readings

**1st:** Ecclesiasticus 3: 17-20, 28-29  
**Psalm:** 67 R/  
**2nd:** Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24  
**Gospel Acclamation!** Alleluia, alleluia! *If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!*  
**Gospel:** Luke 14: 1, 7-14

### 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

Let the Creed be like a mirror for you. Look at yourself in it to see whether you really believe all that you claim to believe. And rejoice everyday in your faith..... St. Augustine 354-430



### FROM THE PASTORS DESK

#### Back to School

I wish all our pupils, teachers and school staff well as it's back to school after the summer holidays. I hope and pray that all are ready and refreshed for the new term.

#### Prayer of a parent for their children

Dear Lord, I thank you for the gift of my children. I thank you for the gift of faith that you have given me. I ask You to keep me faithful and to give me the grace to pass this on to them, so that they grow up loving You and knowing that they are loved by You.

Keep them safe. I worry so much about them because the world in which we live now has so many dangers. I cannot possibly watch over them constantly, and so I ask you to do this.

Give them good friends who will help them mature and develop into caring adults.

I thank You for their health and I ask You to give them continued good health. I know that they are precious in your sight. I know that You love them even more than I do and so I entrust them to Your care. I consecrate myself and all my family to Your divine mercy. Amen

Fr Michael Carey PP

#### Liturgy of the Eucharist - Gifts of Bread and Wine

In last week's newsletter I spoke in general on the "Eucharist". The next few newsletters will focus exclusively on the 'Liturgy of the Eucharist' as we have it in the Mass. "When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them". (Lk.24:30)-from the gospel of "The Road to Emmaus". The Liturgy of the Eucharist corresponds to the words and actions of Christ at the Last Supper that have been handed down to us in Scripture and Tradition. There are four accounts of the institution of the Eucharist in Scripture (Mt.26:17-35; Mk.14:12-21; Lk.22:7-38 and 1.Cor11:23-26).

The Liturgy of the Eucharist consists of the preparation of the gifts, thanksgiving and communion.

#### The Preparation of the Gifts

Here the bread and wine with water are brought to the altar, the same elements that Christ took in his hands. These gifts will become Christ's body and blood. They are simple elements and signs of God's love.

There may be a procession for the presentation of the gifts and these (the bread and wine) are brought to the altar by members of the congregation, thus, the faithful offer the elements Christ took in his hands at the Last Supper. If at all possible they should not come from the front of the Church as the element of procession is lost. The bread and wine are the tokens of our sacrifice, which the priest offers on our behalf.

The priest places the bread and wine on the altar. The wine is poured into a chalice along with a drop of water. The wine represents the divinity of Christ and the water his humanity. The priest then asks God the Father to send his spirit to sanctify these gifts with prayers that are taken from ancient prayers, many of which are still said in the homes of Jews during the celebration of the Sabbath. He then prays a prayer of contrition and a second prayer that accompanies the "washing of hands." This second prayer is "Lord, wash away my iniquity and cleanse me from my sins." This prayer is taken from Psalm 51:2 and the accompanying ritual of hand washing comes from the Jewish law of cleansing that preceded a sacrificial offering. Following the washing of hands the priest invites us to pray with him that God may accept our sacrifice "for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church." The priest then prays one last prayer over the gifts of bread and wine before the Eucharistic prayer begins.

#### Summary

To summarise, in preparing the gifts, we are not only opening ourselves to the action of God who will change the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ, we are making ourselves available to be transformed into instruments of communion. The addition of a drop of water to the chalice can be understood in this sense too as signifying our humanity that is to be united to Jesus Christ's self-offering that we commemorate at the Eucharist and in whom we are made one. (Source: IEC2012 Theological and Pastoral Preparation Document). I will take a break from the Liturgy of the Eucharist for a while as we move next week into the Season of Creation

**We welcome our recently baptised**  
**Aodhan, Laura, Conor & Stella Mae**



September 1st to October 4th

Watch this space over the next few weeks.

To start your involvement you might like to complete the Irish Government's survey as part of **Climate Conversations 2022**. This is a chance to have your say on the next stage of the government's climate action plan. The survey can be found at <https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/0de7f-climate-conversation-climate-action-plan-2022/> and is available until September 9th 2022.

#### World day of Prayer for Creation Thursday 1st September

#### A Prayer

Loving God, Lord of heaven and earth, this earth, our home belongs to you.

Give us grace to love it as you do.

Give us courage to give ourselves, as you do, for the good of all people and all of your creation.

Strengthen us to stand, as you do, with the vulnerable poor.

Give us wisdom to know when we have enough, and the voice to say "enough" to all that harms creation and hurts the poorest.

This earth, our home, belongs to you.

Amen

#### Saints in the Church's Calendar

#### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> – The Passion of St. John the Baptist

The gospels relate how St. John fearlessly condemned Herod Antipas's unlawful marriage to Herodias, who had been previously married to his half-brother. The outraged Herodias had him imprisoned. In a moment of weakness Herod promised to grant the heart's desire of Salome, the daughter of Herodias. She asked for John the Baptist's head, which was promptly fetched for her. Thus the Precursor of the Lord preceded his master through his passion.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. —St. Gregory the Great**— 540-604. Roman noble who was Prefect of the City before becoming a monk. As Pope he established a pattern for the papacy in years to come, calling himself 'servant of the servants of Christ'. He sent missions to Lombardy, Sardinia and England (He sent St. Augustine of Canterbury). He is called 'Apostle of the English'. Patron of musicians

### Children's Corner

**In the Gospel** Jesus is invited for a meal and notices the other guests choose the best places for themselves. Jesus says it is much better to go and sit in the least important place. Then it is a nice surprise when you are asked to move up to a better place! Jesus says that if we put other people before ourselves we will be in the very best place of all – with Jesus!

#### Who needs a friend?

Here is a playground. Who has been left out and needs a friend? Circle all the people you could invite to join you and your friend.



#### Wordsearch

Can you find these words on the table?

FEAST SHARE  
TABLE GIVE  
FIRST PLACE

F	E	A	S	T
I	C	G	H	A
R	A	I	A	B
S	L	V	R	L
T	P	E	E	E

#### Move up higher to be with Jesus

Fill each step with your own ideas of how you can put other people first. Move up higher each time you fill in a step.



Play with someone who is left out

Tidy up after tea

Share my toys

**A prayer to say** Help me, Jesus, to put other people before myself. Amen.

#### Thursday Coffee Mornings

resume next Thursday 1st Sept. after Mass in the Pastoral centre. Do come along and meet some friends.



#### B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Next Coping with Life Alone Programme will take place on 3rd September 2022 from 8.45am -16.00 in St Mary's Priory, Main Street, Dublin 24 D24KA40. Next Residential weekend will take place from 7th - 9th October in St Mary's Priory Main Street Tallaght.

For further information please contact 086 0877379 or email [bedublin@gmail.com](mailto:bedublin@gmail.com).  
<https://beginningexperiencebandi.org/>



**We remember our recently deceased**

**Rose Sinnot**

#### Mass Intentions 27th/28th August

6pm Frieda O'Hara  
Patricia Sheridan-Hahessy  
Juhn (Sonny) & Mary Flynn  
Owen & Donal Garrigan  
Michael Brophy MM

10.30 Aeneas Lane  
Jim Donlon  
Michael Kavanagh

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