

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

1st Sunday of Advent—28th November 2021



This Week's Readings

1st: Jeremiah 33: 14-16
Psalm: 24 R/ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
2nd: 1 Thessalonians 3: 12-42
Gospel Acclamation:
 Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord your mercy and give us your saving help! Alleluia!
Gospel: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday Mass: 10am preceded by the Rosary at 9.35am church opens at 9.30am and closes at 5pm
Saturday: church opens for private prayer at 10am
Vigil Mass at 7pm
Sunday Mass at 10.30am* & 12 noon
 All services available on www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam
 *also available on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM
Confession—The Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation will be available every Saturday during the Season of Advent beginning on Saturday 4th December 10.30am—11.00am
Eucharistic Adoration—Tuesdays and Fridays after the 10am Mass until 5pm.

New Evening Mass Schedule for the Greater Blanchardstown Area from 1st December at 7.30

Mulhuddart – Monday, Castleknock – Tuesday
 Blanchardstown – Wednesday
 Castleknock – Thursday, Corduff – Friday

Please remember: mask, sanitise, safe distance.

Weekly Candles on Advent Wreath - 1st Week

1st CANDLE – (purple) THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE— We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. "And again, Isaiah says, 'The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:12-13)

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent is a most wonderful time of the year. We rejoice in the first coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ, long for his second, and praise the Father for his coming into our lives. Two features in the Sanctuary for the season of Advent are the Jesse Tree and the Advent wreath. With the Jesse Tree different symbols are added each week and for the Advent Wreath a different candle is lit each week of the four weeks of Advent.

The **Advent Wreath** is significant in that unlike holly or floral wreaths, it has candles standing upright, representing the four Sundays of Advent and the thousands of years that God's people awaited the Messiah.

The round ring of the Advent Wreath represents eternity—time without end. As the circle is never ending, so time with God goes on and on. The evergreens are for eternal life, life without end. Evergreens do not die in the winter and like them God is always fresh and new. The candles remind us of Christ 'Light of the World'.

The **Jesse Tree** is named after Jesse the father of David, the great king of Israel. 'A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse and from his roots a bud shall blossom' (Is 11.7). The symbols represent the promises God made throughout the Old Testament concerning the birth of His Only Son. Some of the most important promises of all were made to Jesse and his son David. They were promised that God's only Son would be born in their family.

Jesse Tree Symbols with Scripture - Advent Week One

- Sun. 28th Nov. – Adam - Male Figure - Genesis 2:7
- Mon. 29th Nov. – Eve - Female Figure - Genesis 2:21-23
- Tues. 30th Nov. – Noah – Rainbow - Genesis 9:11-17
- Wed. 1st Dec. – Abraham – Tree -Genesis 18:1
- Thurs. 2nd Dec. – Sarah – Tent - Genesis 18:9-14
- Fri. 3rd of Dec. – Isaac -Ram- Genesis 22:13-14
- Sat. 4th of Dec. - Rebekah – Camel- Genesis 24:63-67



November Mass for Deceased-2021

On Thursday last, 18th November we celebrated our annual Remembrance Mass and it was a beautiful liturgy. The comforting Liturgy of Remembrance after the Gospel was accompanied by uplifting music and song. It gave all present space to remember their loved ones who died during the past year and perhaps provided some comfort. The evening was a huge undertaking with weeks of preparation. Thanks to everyone involved, for the clean Church, beautiful flowers, the décor, the book of names in front of the altar, and invitations. Not forgetting the Ministry Teams - Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, the Liturgy Team, the volunteer Sacristans, and the Parish Choir. A special thank you to Mairin (PPW) and Christine (Parish Secretary) who co-ordinated the Liturgy & the invitations. **Father Michael**

This weekend begins the **Season of Advent** and I will celebrate Mass in our beautiful Pastoral Centre in Pelletstown at 7.30pm On Thursdays 2nd; 9th; 16th and 23rd December. All are most welcome.

ADVENT SEASON

Blanchardstown Music Ministry Presents

O Night Divine!

a concert of beautiful Christmas Music both Sacred and Secular with

Blanchardstown Parish Choirs
 John White - Conductor

Blanchardstown Brass Band
 Zdeněk Ondrušek - Conductor

Eoin Tierney Organ
 Michael Minnock Piano

Friday 10th December 2021 8.00 p.m.
 Blanchardstown Parish Church
 Donations at door gratefully received - (in aid of Church Funds)

Following on from our previous three years the Liturgy team have put together a pack for you to make your own Advent Wreath at home. The cost of each pack, subsidised by the parish, is €5.00. A Zoom tutorial with Dolores and Mary which will guide you is available on <https://vimeo.com/482573789>
 Email photos of the finished wreath to mairin.keegan@dublindioocese.ie we can post them on our website and on **The wreaths are available for collection in the sacristy or in the parish office.**

Happy Creating!

I Wait, I Watch, I Hope

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Daily Advent inspiration sent by WhatsApp.
 To join, contact Christina Malone, PPW 0857162152

Irish Hospice Foundation
 Living with Loss
 free bereavement information evening. Please join us on Wednesday 8th Dec. at 7pm. Register at: www.hospicefoundation.ie/livingwithloss

Children's Corner

Jesus tells us so often in the Bible, "Do not be afraid" Write down, or draw some things you are afraid of and then find out at the bottom why you don't need to be afraid any more!

I am afraid of

But because God loves me, I am not afraid of these things any more!

In the Gospel this Jesus wants us to stand tall and hold our heads high. Bad things might happen, but we don't need to be afraid, because God is with us.

Word puzzle

Can you fit all these words in the grid?

ADVENT
 AWAKE
 JESUS
 READY
 PRAY

A Prayer to say Please help me, Jesus, to take the time this Advent to get my heart ready to welcome you. Help me to say my prayers and to be kind and loving. Thank you for taking away my fears and always being with me. Amen.

Online Theology Open Evening—
Thursday 2nd December 7pm. The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. To find out more email: enquiries@prioryinstitute.com

We welcome our recently Baptised

Fionnán, Jaime,
 Isabelle & James

We remember our recently deceased

Frank Donovan
 To live in hearts left behind
 is not to die

| Inten-tions | 28th/29th November |
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| 7pm | Barry & Brian Clarke |
| 10.30 | Evelyn Balfe Tom & Marie Russell and their sons Paul Kevin & Fr. Michael OFM |
| 12 noon | Dinny & Nancy Flanagan Edmund Long |

Annual Night Vigil in Knock

In honour of
 The Feast of the Immaculate Conception



Bus leaves Church Ave. Blanchardstown
 Tuesday 7th December at 4.30pm

Booking: Michael Frawley
 086 8650708

Intention: Healing for all those suffering from the virus and an end to the pandemic.

Fr. Peter McVerry

will celebrate Mass in St. Brigid's next Tuesday, 30th November at 8pm.

Food donations for the Fr. McVerry Trust would be most welcome.

Donations can be left into the Pastoral Centre to be collected by Fr. Peter.



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