

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time—29th August 2021

**LISTEN TO ME  
AND UNDERSTAND**  
MARK 7:22

### CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday—Friday** Mass at 10.00am

preceded by the Rosary at 9.35am

The church will open at 9.30am and close at 3pm for sanitising

### Masses for Sunday

**Vigil Mass** at 7.00pm (Sat), **Day Mass** at 10.30am\* & 12 noon (Sun)

### OTHER CHURCH SERVICES

**First Communion and Confirmation**—will take place for all schools in the parish in September—guidelines allowing

**Baptisms**—bookings now being taken for dates from late November onwards

**Weddings** — A maximum of 100 people

**Funerals**— A maximum of 50 people

All services available on

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

\*also available on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM

### Confession

Anyone who wishes to receive confession should approach one of the priests after Mass.

### Remember

All Government Health guidelines apply when attending Mass—Sanitising, Social Distancing and wearing masks. We thank you for your cooperation and apologise for any inconvenience

We remember in our prayers all the children in the parish as they return to school next week. We are mindful particularly of those preparing to receive their First Holy Communion in the second and third week in September and those preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation in the last week in September. We wish them every blessing for their long-awaited special day.

*Study Theology Online, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register now for Autumn 2021. Check the website, [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com) for more information and to see a 2 minute introductory film.*

Copies of the Parish Financial Statement for the Year 2020 are available throughout the church. We would like to thank our parishioners for their continued generous support of the parish particularly during these exceptional times. *r Longley*

### Readings for 29th August 2021

**1st:** Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8

**Psalm:** 14 R/ The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

**2nd:** James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:**

### WELCOME



We would like to extend a warm welcome to Fr. Michael Carey, who takes up his ministry in the parish this weekend.

Though he may be sad to leave his current post, we know he will find a place in the hearts and lives of the faith community here in St. Brigid's.

### A Prayer for Afghanistan and all other countries in Turmoil

For those who are fleeing: Sanctuary

For those who are staying: Safety

For those who are fighting: Peace

For those whose hearts are breaking:

Comfort

For those who see no future: Hope

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The Season of Creation 2021 runs from Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> (the World Day of Prayer for Creation) to Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). The theme for this year's season is

**"Restoring Our Common Home".**

In recent weeks many of us have been overwhelmed by the alarming UN report on climate change. Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'* calls faith communities to respond and reminds us that "All is not lost. Human beings... are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start... [embarking] on new paths to authentic freedom." (LS, 205). The forthcoming Season of Creation is a wonderful opportunity to do just that.



**CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

**0818 222 024**

If you have concerns or queries about COVID-19 call ALONE's dedicated support line everyday, 8am - 8pm. To volunteer your help, visit [www.alone.ie](http://www.alone.ie)

**AgeAction** Supporting Older People  
Check their website for information on supports at this time [www.ageaction.ie](http://www.ageaction.ie)



**We remember our recently deceased**

*To live in hearts left behind is not to die*

Intentions		28th/29th
Sat 7pm	John (Sonny) & Mary Flynn Mabel & Jimmy Farnan Patrick Flood MM	
Sun. 10.30am	James & Bridget Duffy James & Ann Duffy	
12 noon	James Donlon Patricia Sheridan	

**Children's Corner**

**In the Gospel this week** Some Pharisees complain that some of Jesus' disciples are eating without washing their hands in the traditional way. Jesus says that people should do things because they love God and not just because it is what usually happens.



**A Prayer to say**

Dear Jesus, thank you for our good hearts and our wonderful hands which do so many things. Help us to use them wisely and help other people whenever we can. Amen.

**We welcome our recently Baptised**

Anna Bridget,  
Penny Amy, &  
Holly Marie

