

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

The Feast of the Ascension—29th May 2022



This Sunday's Readings

1st: Acts 1: 1-11
Psalm: 46 R/ *God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast*
2nd: Ephesians 1: 17-23
Gospel Acclamation! *Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes to the end of time. Alleluia!*
Gospel: Luke 24: 46-53

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
Saturday: church opens at 10am **Vigil Mass** at 7pm
Sunday Mass at 10.30am* & 12 noon
1st Saturday of the month— Mass at 10am followed by confessions
 All available on www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam
 *also on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM
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

Other Parish Events

for the month of June

Lectio Divina—with Máirín

Wednesday mornings at 11am
 in the Fr. Dungan Room

Coffee mornings

Thursdays after 10am Mass
 in the Pastoral Centre

Now in its ninth year, **Ecumenical Bible Week**, led by the Archdiocese of Dublin and the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough in collaboration with many other Christian traditions, will run this year from **Pentecost to Trinity Sunday, June 5 to 12**. The overall theme for this year is 'A New Pentecost: Moving to the Edges'.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Congratulations to Fr Frank—The Archbishop has appointed Fr Frank to the Parish of Kilnamanagh – Castlevue, in Dublin 24 as Administrator with effect from weekend 9th/10th July. It is a vote of confidence in Fr Frank by the Archbishop. This gentle 'German Shepherd' has been with St Brigid's for 22 months and he has made an extraordinary impact. On behalf of the Parish I wish him all the best in his new appointment.

Porterstown—I have been appointed as Administrator of Porterstown parish for a year. Fr Paul Ward will remain as resident priest.

Week of Prayer to the Holy Spirit—You are warmly invited to join together in a Week of Prayer to the Holy Spirit for the renewal of the Church in Dublin from May 29 to June 6 – Ascension Sunday through Pentecost to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. We will pray the Building Hope Prayer every day at Mass

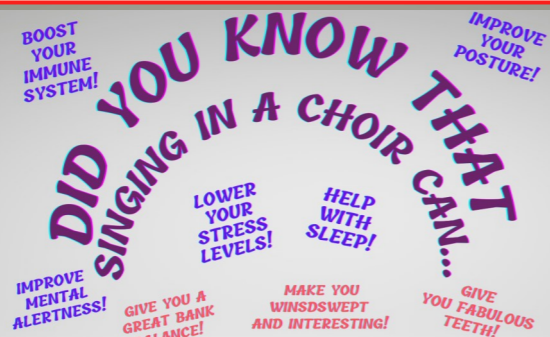
Confirmation Ceremonies—The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for our Parish Schools takes place this coming week. On **Thursday 2nd June** we have the pupils from Scoil Oilibhéir at **11.00am**. I welcome the children and their parents/guardians and wider family circle to this wonderful occasion.
Fr. Michael Carey PP

Parish Gathering – Building Hope

Discussing the Diocesan Project 'Building Hope' in the Church (extension) at 7.30pm on Tues. 31st May.

*'The Church is continually changing and adapting.
 The People of God are a people on the move,
 a people on pilgrimage through life and history.
 This is how the Church actually is; never static,
 but continually responding to a changing cultural context.'*
 Archbishop Dermot Farrell

Please do come along and add your voice to the discussion to determine the future of our changing church.



(Well ...maybe we're exaggerating a little bit towards the end there ...but we do have great fun!)

to find out more about joining our Parish Choir please email:
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it could lead to a whole new you !....

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The Pope's Easter Homily 2022

As we enter the final week of the Easter Season, I thought that you might like to read the Pope's Easter Homily. This will continue in next week's newsletter.

On this night, brothers and sisters, let us allow the women of the Gospel to lead us by the hand, so that, with them, we may glimpse the first rays of the dawn of God's life rising in the darkness of our world. As the shadows of night were dispelled before the quiet coming of the light, the women set out for the tomb, to anoint the body of Jesus. There they had a disconcerting experience. First, they discovered that the tomb was empty; then they saw two figures in dazzling garments who told them that Jesus was risen. Immediately they ran back to proclaim the news to the other disciples (cf. Lk 24:1-10). *They saw, they heard, they proclaimed.* With these three verbs, may we too enter into the passover of the Lord from death to life.

The women saw. The first proclamation of the resurrection was not a statement to be unpacked, but a sign to be contemplated. In a burial ground, near a grave, in a place where everything should be orderly and peaceful, the women "found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they went in, they did not find the body" (vv. 2-3). Easter begins by upsetting our expectations. It comes with the gift of a hope that surprises and amazes us. Yet it is not easy to welcome that gift. At times – we must admit – this hope does not find a place in our hearts. Like the women in the Gospel, we are overtaken by questions and doubts, and our first reaction before the unexpected sign is one of fear: "They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground" (v. 5).

All too often we look at life and reality with downcast eyes; we fix our gaze only on this passing day, disenchanted by the future, concerned only with ourselves and our needs, settled into the prison of our apathy, even as we keep complaining that things will never change. In this way, we halt before the tomb of resignation and fatalism; we bury the joy of living. Yet tonight the Lord wants to give us different eyes, alive with hope that fear, pain and death will not have the last word over us

In the second place, **the women heard.** After they had seen the empty tomb, the two men in dazzling garments said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen" (vv. 5-6). We do well to listen to those words and to repeat them: *He is not here!* Whenever we think we have understood everything there is to know about God, and can pigeonhole him in our own ideas and categories, let us repeat to ourselves: He is not here! Whenever we seek him only in times of trouble and moments of need, only to set him aside and forget about him in the rest of our daily life and decisions, let us repeat: He is not here! And whenever we think we can imprison him in our words and our customary ways of thinking and acting, and neglect to seek him in the darkest corners of life, where people weep, struggle, suffer and hope, let us repeat: He is not here!

May we too hear the question asked of the women: "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" We cannot celebrate Easter if we continue to be dead; if we remain prisoners of the past; if in our lives we lack the courage to let ourselves be forgiven by God who forgives everything; if we fail to change, to break with the works of evil, to decide for Jesus and his love. If we continue to reduce faith to a talisman, making God a lovely memory from times past, instead of encountering him today as the living God who desires to change us and to change our world. the Lord is risen! Let us not tarry among the tombs, but run to find him, the Living One! Nor may we be afraid to seek him also in the faces of our brothers and sisters, in the stories of those who hope and dream, in the pain of those who we suffer: God is there!

Children's Corner

In the Gospel today Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus goes into the wilderness where he is tempted. Although it is hard, Jesus does not give in to temptation but does what he knows is right. Jesus trusts God the Father.



There are 6 letters left. Can you arrange them to make the name of the big day when Lent comes to an end, when Jesus rose again?



A Prayer to say We are thankful you are the God we can know. You are with us here and everywhere we go. *We pray* in Jesus' name. Amen.



Mass Collections

We are still not 'passing baskets'. Instead the two collections at Mass, which are vital for the support of priests can be made by:
 1) Putting your offerings in the 'white boxes' around the Church. Envelopes are also provided.
 2) Using the 'Tap and Go' machines.
 The collections are divided - **60%** to the 1st—Common Fund for Priests; **40%** - to the 2nd—Share
Thank you so much for your generous offerings

We welcome our recently baptised



**Oliver, Kieran, Ruari,
 Dan & Mila**

We remember our recently deceased



Jim Fay

Always loved, never forgotten

Mass Intentions 28th/29th May

7pm	Alacoque Ryan
10.30	Claire Keating Dr. Terence Maguire
12 noon	Andy Meehan Desmond Ellis Michelle Kelly