

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

1st Sunday of Advent—29th November 2020



Current Arrangements

for **Level 5** of the **Living with Covid-19 plan**

Masses & services available on the webcam
www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam

Monday to Friday Mass 10.00am
church open for private prayer after Mass until 3pm

Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.00pm

Sunday Mass at 10.30am*

*also broadcast on Phoenix FM— 92.5Mhz

HOLY HOUR

Join us on Tuesdays 4pm-5pm for Music,
Silence and Reflections.

A time out to rest with the Lord.



Also in the parish.....

Thanks to all who participated in the Zoom Advent Wreath making demonstration last Sunday. A special thanks to Dolores and Mary for such a professional tutorial and to Máirín for organising it. The tutorial can be accessed on <https://vimeo.com/482573789>. A few wreath packs are still available in the parish centre. **Happy foraging and crafting**

Keep yourself informed on Irish and international church matters—copies of the **Irish Catholic** weekly newspaper are available in the Pastoral Centre—price €2.

Copies of the printed newsletter are available in the Pastoral Centre—you could collect one for a relative, neighbour or friend, especially if they don't have access to the internet.

Cards containing Schedule of Masses over the Christmas weekend will be delivered throughout the parish over the coming week—these will also be available in the Pastoral Centre.

Also, checkout our facebook page (see over for link) for daily Advent reflections.

Readings for the First Sunday of Advent

First Reading:

Isaiah 63: 16-17, 64: 1, 3-8

Psalm: 79

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew 13: 33-37*

Advent online preparation Courses

Priory Retreat:

Reflecting on the Gospels of Advent

We are taking registrations now for our Advent Retreat. It's a series of filmed reflections on the Sunday gospel readings of Advent. The cost of the retreat (subsidised) is €40. Register online by Friday, November 27 at: <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/2020-advent-retreat>

I wait. I watch. I hope. If you are looking for something different this advent, why not join a WhatsApp group to receive an Advent reflection every day. For more details and if you'd like to join contact Christina Malone at the Diocese on **085 716 2152**

Mini Advent Retreat on Zoom

For three sessions, during Advent, you are invited to take part in a mini-retreat that will explore the themes of Faith, Hope and Love. Fr Billy Swan will lead the retreat; St Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy and will take place **from Tuesday 1st to Thursday 3 December beginning at 8pm**. To take part, all you need to do is send an email to thehook-offaith@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link. Come and join us to prepare for Christmas.

Parish Office and Pastoral Centre

Open 9.30am—1pm. Monday—Friday

JOURNEY (Sr. Teresa Healy) REFLECTION FOR ADVENT

Mother of love
Oh star filled night
You gaze on the face of light
You hope for the child,
The child to come
The child of ancient years

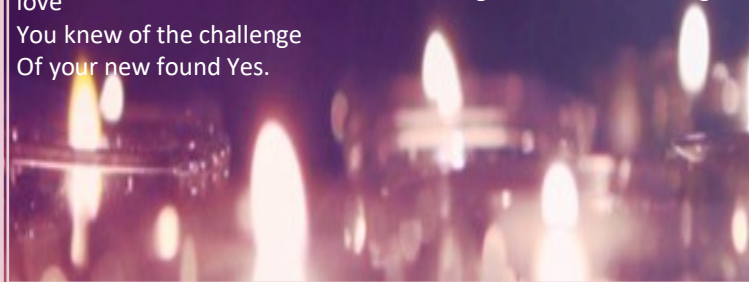
Mother of courage
On a desert path
Journeying and searching
For a sheltered home
A place of hope
To rest and to birth

Mother of hope
Of deepening peace
Your heart so listened to the call
of light
The call of a future king

Gently and quietly, you call us
too
On a journey of faith, a path of
hope
A hope that journeys on
And as our hearts, too, listen
To the call of love

Mother of truth, of gazing light
Caring and hoping, oh mother of
love
You knew of the challenge
Of your new found Yes.

We will gaze on the face of light.



Children's Corner

In the Gospel Jesus wants his friends to be ready to welcome him. Jesus tells a story about a man who leaves his servants in charge while he is away travelling. They will be ready to welcome their master home, whatever time of the day or night he comes back. Jesus' friends are getting ready to welcome him too!

Our tasks
The master left his servants in charge. Each has their own job. God has given all of us jobs too.

Follow the spiral to see some of the tasks God has given us.

Draw yourself doing one of these things in the centre.

Our tasks spiral: LOVE OTHERS. SHARE AND TAKE CARE OF OTHERS. BE KIND AND TAKE CARE OF OTHERS. BE GENEROUS AND TAKE CARE OF OTHERS. PRAY. BE STEWARD AND TAKE CARE OF OTHERS.

Advent wreath
Colour three candles purple and one pink. Light this week's candle by colouring the flame.

Find the following words:
The wr ____ (htea) is a never ending c_r_c ____ (lel) of evergreen _e_v_ ____ (sae) because God's ____ (velo) will never ____ (nde), with c_d_ ____ (nase) for the f_ ____ (ruo) weeks of A_v_ ____ (end) to show Jesus brings _gh_ (lit) to our dark w__l_ (dro).

A prayer to say Thank you, Jesus, for promising to come to us. Help us to be ready to welcome you with open and loving hearts.

Baptisms

In line with current restrictions, we cannot hold baptisms while we are above Level 2 of the Government's Living with Covid plan. Baptisms will be rescheduled when the restrictions are lifted.

Covid-19 Helpline Numbers

The Irish Hospice Foundation - bereavement Support Line
freephone 1800 70 77 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday
Alone COVID-19 Support Line for Older People
7 days a week, 8am - 8pm. Call 0818 222 024.
Accord – support line : 10 am-1 pm Mon-Fri 9059555
Crosscare Blanchardstown 01-8219892

AgeAction Supporting Older People
Check their website for information on supports at this time www.ageaction.ie

We remember our recently deceased



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

A simple way communities can support each other



We need donations of toiletries

soaps - shampoos - toothpaste - hand soaps - baby hygiene products

A message from: **Community Food Banks**

Times are difficult for everyone at the moment particularly the most vulnerable people in our community.

As the need for people to access our services increases, we are finding it more difficult to keep our stocks at a level that can cope with the demand.



Donations of new toiletry products, in their original packaging

Many, many thanks to all who continue to contribute so generously to the Family Offering Collection and the Sunday Mass Collections; we really appreciate your support in these anxious and challenging times.

We are glad to see a number of you contributing through the donate button on our parish website: www.blanchardstownparish.ie



| Intentions | 29th November |
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| 7pm | John & Josephine Brooks |
| 10.30am | Tom & Marie Russell and their sons Fr. Micheál, Paul & Kevin Margaret Frank & Herbie Hughes |



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