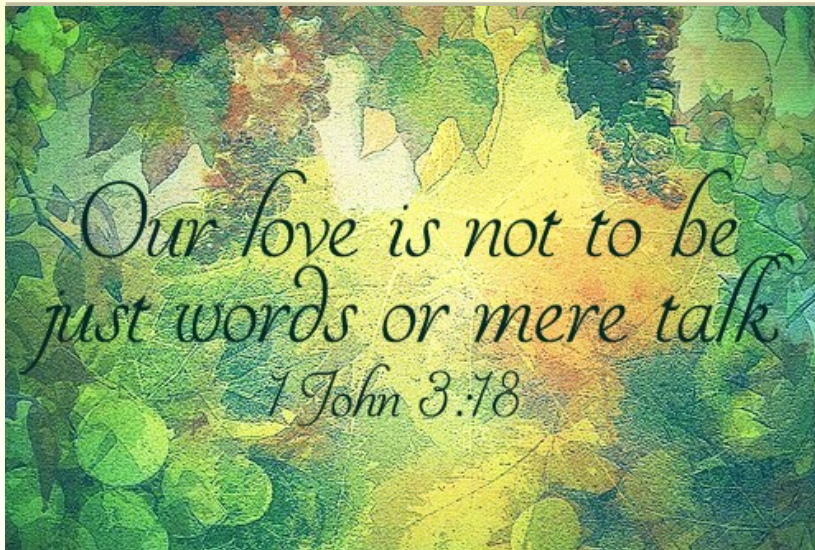


St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

5th Sunday of Easter – 2nd May 2021



Readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter

1st: Acts of the Apostles 9: 26-31

Psalm: 21 R/ You, Lord are my praise in the great assembly

2nd: 1 John 3: 18-24

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty Alleluia!

Gospel: 1 John 3: 18-24

A POEM FOR OUR TIMES

Questioning Covid—Úna M Collins

And – what – Master Covid, have you achieved?
A world subdued?
A people humbled and afraid?
Many, many, deaths.....
So much loss, and loss and loss!

Was this your aim Master Covid?
But did you know
That God would move through each of the above?
That a subdued world is also blessed?
That a humbled people would stop and learn
That they could reach out in love
That they could hold each other as you passed through?

Because, Master Covid, you will pass on
But God will still be here
And we have learned, and learned, and learned
To really care.....

Current Arrangements

Join us online for any of our Masses at www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam

Monday to Friday Mass 10.00am*

Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.00pm

Sunday Mass at 10.30am*

*also broadcast on Phoenix FM— 92.5Mhz

ONLINE HOLY HOUR— Join us on Tuesdays 4pm-5pm for Music, Silence and Reflections. A time to rest with the Lord.

Monday to Friday

Church open for private prayer after Mass until 3pm

No bookings for **Baptisms** are being taken at present—these will resume when government guidelines allow, at which stage extra services will be provided to accommodate all.

Dates for **First Communion**s and **Confirmations** are not currently available. We await further instruction from the Archdiocese when Government restrictions are relaxed.



Our Parish Project—May, 2021

water, a good for all that requires everyone's collaboration



St Brigid's Parish
Blanchardstown

Parish of St. Louis Marie de
Montfort, Port-au-Prince

Fraternité Primary School
Delmas, Port-au-Prince



Our aim is to raise €6000 during May to provide clean drinking water for the schoolchildren at La Fraternité.

Please Give what you can.

Donations via envelopes in the Church and the Parish Office or On-line Donation via the Parish Website



You are invited to attend a webinar with further background to this project via Zoom on Wednesday the 5th of May at 8.00pm. Please register with Máirín at mairin.keegan@dublindiocese.ie before Tuesday if you wish to attend.

Caring for our Common Home as Brothers and Sisters

Eliminating inequality requires an economic growth that can help to tap each region's potential and thus guarantee a sustainable equality. At the same time, it follows that "welfare projects, which meet certain urgent needs, should be considered merely temporary responses" (Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, par. 161)



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation



Micro Finance
(empowering communities and women entrepreneurs)



Research for Sustainable Development



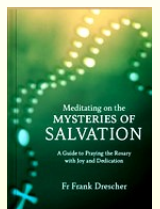
Youth Innovation



TRÓCAIRE wish to express their sincere gratitude to all parishioners for their most generous donations to their Lenten campaign. The amount donated so far by the parish is approx. €3,500 (included some sterling). Many thanks.

Spiritual Sustenance with Fr. Frank & Máirín

1. Fr. Frank's [Spiritual Reading Circle](#) continues Thursdays 1 May at 7:30 pm. Reading material — 'Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary, Unveiling the Mother of the Messiah'.
2. [Lectio Divina](#) on Zoom with Máirín, where we reflect on the Gospel for the coming Sunday, is continuing Wednesdays 11.00am to 12 noon. No experience necessary, just drop in to see what it's like. All welcome! If you are interested please email Máirín (see above) and she'll send on the link to you.
3. [Rosary Novena](#) with Fr. Frank begins 1st May at 9.30am. Fr. Frank's book, [Meditating on the Mysteries of Salvation](#), will be used as a guide during the Novena. From 10th May onwards the Rosary will continue to be said at 9.30 each morning until the end of May. Fr. Frank's book, which will be officially launched by Archbishop Dermot Farrell later this month, is available from the parish office — €8



Intentions

1st/2nd May

Sat. 7pm

Noel Wright

Sun.
10.30am

Madge & Bert Taylor
Kay McNally

We remember our recently deceased



Paul Csendes
Mary Mc Donnell

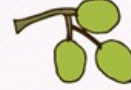
To live in hearts left behind
is not to die

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Children's Corner

Which fruit?

Here is a vine, a tree and a bush. Which fruit grows on which plant?



Draw a line to match each fruit to the right plant.

In the Gospel this week Jesus tells the people that he is like a vine. Father, God in heaven, is like the gardener who looks after the vine, and we are like the branches that the grapes grow on.

Bearing good fruit

The good things we do are "good fruit". How will you share God's love and grow good fruit this week? Add some of your own ideas.



Colour in the grape when you complete the mission.

A prayer to say

Dear Jesus, thank you for giving me everything I need to grow. Please help me to grow in your love and bear good fruit. Amen.

