

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time—2nd October 2022



This Sunday's Readings

1st: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
Psalm: 94 R/ O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.
2nd: 2Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14
Gospel Acclamation! Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!
Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

CURRENT SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:
 Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary at 9.30 church closes at 5pm
Monday: Area Mass at 7.30pm
Wednesday: Liturgy of the Word at 10am
Saturday: church opens at 10am
Vigil Mass at 6pm (note change)
Sunday Mass at 10.30am*
 (last Sunday of each month will have a midday Family mass)
1st Saturday of the month— Mass at 10am followed by confessions
Last Tuesday of the month— Prayer Group Mass at 8.00pm, all welcome
Bank Holidays: Mass at 11 am only
 All services available on www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam
 *also on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM
Eucharistic Adoration
 Tues. & Fri. 10.30—5pm
Blanchardstown Area evening Mass
Mon: Blanchardstown at 7.30
 Tues & Thurs: Castleknock
 Wed: Mulhuddart
 Fri: Corduff

A Reflective Sentence
 Let your religion be less of a theory and more of a love affair.
 (GK Chesterton, Writer 1874-1936)



Season of Creation—Sep 1st to Oct 4th
 This is the last Sunday in our Season of Creation 2022. In Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home, Pope Francis calls our attention to "the three fundamental and closely intertwined relationships with God, with our neighbours and with the earth itself" (LS 66). A constant theme throughout, Laudato Si' is the interconnection between all of life (notably, LS 70 and LS 138). Indeed, Pope Francis, states that the connection between God and all beings is intimate and that our encounters with the beauty of creation lead to mystical experiences that reveal God to us (LS 233/4).
 It is appropriate that on this Day for Life as we raise awareness on the dignity of human life that we situate it within the context of care for all of life. Our particular focus on this Day for Life this year is 'Caring for the Older Person'. Pope Francis speaking to this theme of Care for the Elderly for the Day for Life states, "A greater awareness of the essential contribution the elderly make to the well-being of every society will help counter the throwaway culture"
 Pope Francis in Laudato Si' makes it clear that our preoccupation with progress based solely upon technology and productivity is futile (LS 78). It can lend to the elderly being regarded as dispensable and deem them victims of our throwaway culture. In celebrating our Day for Life this year, we give thanks for how the elderly have nurtured life in the past and on how they continue to be a source of wisdom for us today. Today, we give thanks for the contribution of our elderly to the well-being of our society. Our Gospel of today highlights the value of service as expressed in the concluding verse, "we are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty".
 Our older generation have contributed to our society. We must create opportunities for intergenerational dialogue which will have the beneficial effect of reducing the isolation of our older generations. We have much to learn from our older people who are of a rhythm of life that was not as preoccupied with the frenzy of progress. In entering their rhythm of life, we can be guided in how to live in an appropriate relationship with God, with each other, and with the earth itself. In listening to our older people, we can come to appreciate them as 'living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance (Author: Bishop Martin Hayes of Kilmore Diocese/Source: Season of Creation 2022 handbook)

Saints in the Church's Calendar
Bl. Columba Marmion – Mon 3rd Oct Joseph, his baptismal name, was born in Dublin in 1858 and ordained a priest in Rome in 1881. He served as curate in Dundrum parish, then as professor in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe, before entering the Abbey of Maredsous, Belgium in 1886. Elected as abbot, he received his abbatial blessing in 1909. He died in Jan 1923. He was beatified in Rome on 1st Sept 2000.
St. Francis of Assisi – Tues 4th October, 1181-1226, son of a wealthy merchant and abandoned all things for the love of Christ, founded the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans), and with St. Clare, the Poor Clares. For the last two years of his life he suffered the stigmata. Patron saint of ecologists
St Faustina Kowalska, virgin – Wed 5th October. Born in Poland in 1905, died in Krakow in 1938, a sister of Our Lady of Mercy. Listening to the Lord she understood that no human wretchedness could measure itself against the mercy which ceaselessly pours from the heart of Christ. She inspired the movement dedicated to proclaiming and imploring Divine Mercy.
Our Lady of the Rosary – Friday 7th Oct. This memorial (Our Lady of Victories), commemorates the battle of Lepanto (1571), when a Christian fleet defeated the Turks. The victory was attributed by Pope Pius V to the recitation of the Holy Rosary. Today's celebration urges all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, following the example of the BVM who was in a special manner associated with the incarnation, Passion and glorious Resurrection of the Son of God.

Financial Matters
 Many thanks to all our Standing Order contributors for their continued generosity to the Family Offering. If you have recently changed banks and wish to maintain your contributions, please check with your new bank that the standing order details have been transferred. If not, or you would like to set up a new standing order, you can get a Standing Order form from the office, or you can do it online.
 Thanks also to all who submitted their CHY3 form for tax refunds - we will shortly submit our final returns for the year 2021. If you have not submitted your form, please drop it into the sacristy or office.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Season of Creation

St Brigids Burning Bush
 At the back of our Church there is a beautiful burning bush (It is a living plant so please be careful). There is a written explanation beside it. The idea is that as the number of red ribbons grow it will be like flames – flames that don't consume the bush!! On the altar display are the fruits of the earth which have come from a parishioner's garden reminding us of the sacredness of the food we eat and a reminder of Harvest Time. "Earth's crammed with heaven, And every common bush afire with God, But only he who sees takes off his shoes" E Barrett Browning

Teen Hope
 This event happened on Friday 23rd September. Eight teenagers turned up, a number with which the Team were delighted. Please keep this wonderful initiative in your prayers. I'd like to thank the Teen Hope Team led by Mairin Keegan (PPW), Mairin Murphy, Tom Hannigan, Aine Jordan & Anna Turcanova. Our next gathering will be on Fri 21st October.

Safeguarding Training
 This event was held on Saturday 24th Sept with 21 participants. It was a refresher course which happened to fall on the Dublin Diocesan Safeguarding weekend. I thank all who attended and a special thank you to Aileen Connelly our Parish Safeguarding Representative who organised the day. The instructors were Andrew Fagan, Director of the Diocesan Child Safeguarding and Protection Service, Mary Stringer and our own George Maybury who focused on the legal aspects of safeguarding.

Family Day
 This was a great success. A special thank you to the Hospitality Team who were outstanding and who provided a immense variety of 'goodies'. Thanks to those who provided the entertainment, which was excellent. The Blanchardstown Brass Band, the local Comhlta group and singer Bob. Thank you to Scoil Bhríde Buachailli who provided the chairs and Hula Hoops. To the 'Caged Soccer' crew and to the purveyor of ice-creams which went down a treat with both adults and children alike. A big 'thank you' to all who attended!

Family Mass
 We held our first Family Mass last Sunday. It was an excellent beginning. The Youth Choir under the direction of John White were excellent, as was our young Minister of the Word. Next Family Mass will be on Oct 30th at 12noon
Fr Michael Carey PP

Children's Corner

Jesus tells his friends about the power of faith. Jesus says that if we really believe in him we can do anything. Jesus also says we are God's servants. It is our job to get on with doing what God asks and to love and help other people.

Draw or write some of the amazing things you would like to do with God's help in the leaves of the tree.

Puzzle
 Fill in the words by working out the clues and then see what the word in the purple box spells

The word is
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Clues
 1. Male parent
 2. The day we normally go to church
 3. The person who lived at the top of the beanstalk
 4. A baby cat
 5. Female parent

What God asks
 I can do amazing things when I do what God asks. Find out what God asks us to do. Fill in the blanks with vowels (a,e,i,o,u).
 ☆ L _ v _ G _ d
 ☆ L _ v _ y _ r _ n _ _ g h b _ _ r s
 ☆ L _ v _ y _ _ r s _ l v _ s

Help me, Jesus, to just get on with doing what you ask. Help me to be loving and kind with everyone I meet. I know you will be with me and you will help me. Amen.

What is the Laudato Si Award?
 The Laudato Si Award is a new Parish based award for young people to engage with ecological action, education and spirituality. It is based on Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si. The goal is for young people to learn, lead and inspire the whole parish and community. We are one of the parishes who are piloting this award!
How The Award is achieved:
Who: It takes place with a group of 3 or more young people between the ages 13—17 led by the parish Laudato Si Award team.
When: Monthly meetings on Tuesdays at 4.30pm to 5.30pm from October 11th 2022 to 18th of April 2023.
Where: St Brigid's Pastoral Centre, Blanchardstown
 If you are interested in participating please contact the team before 8th October at this address: mairin.keegan@dublindiocese.ie
 Parental Consent forms will need to be completed before participating.

Something for Adults!
 'More Adult Faith Development' has been a constant refrain in our parish. Come along on **Wed Oct 5th at 7:30pm** We are proposing to meet on Wednesday evenings in October & November.
How do I grow in Faith, Hope and Love
 Please come, join the discussion!

St Francis Xavier Senior School invites applications for the post of School Secretary.
 Applications by email to recruitment.sfxsenior@gmail.com
 For further information : www.educationposts.ie

A most sincere thank you from The Little Sisters of the Poor for their Gate collection amounting to the very generous sum of **€1,545**. Sr Mary sends her thanks.

Mass Intentions Sunday 2nd October
 Maureen O'Hehir (1st Anniv)
 Michael Smyth (1st Anniv)
 Marie Cantwell