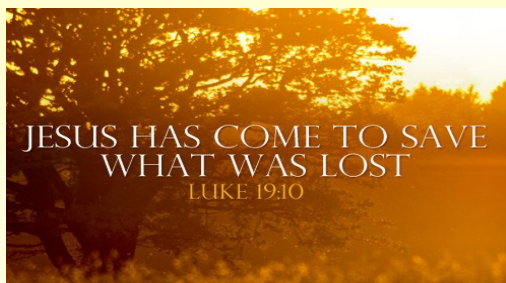


# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time—30th October 2022



JESUS HAS COME TO SAVE  
WHAT WAS LOST  
LUKE 19:10

### This Sunday's Readings

**1st:** Wisdom 11:22-12:2  
**Psalm:** 32 R/ I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.  
**2nd:** 2Thessalonians 1:11-2:2  
**Gospel Acclamation!** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in Heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!  
**Gospel:** Luke 19:1-10

### 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)

**1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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

it is not a time to be lamenting; it is a time to be rising to the challenge with courage and Christian enthusiasm. Emeritus Archbishop Diarmuid Martin



### Liturgy of the Eucharist— The Consecration

In the liturgy of the Church, it is principally his own Paschal mystery that Christ signifies and makes present. During his earthly life Jesus announced his Paschal mystery by his teaching and anticipated it by his actions. When his Hour comes, he lives out the unique event of history, which does not pass away: Jesus dies, is buried, rises from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father 'once for all.' His Paschal mystery is a real event that occurred in our history, but it is unique: all other historical events happen once, and then they pass away, swallowed up in the past. The Paschal mystery of Christ, by contrast, cannot remain only in the past, because by his death he destroyed death, and all that Christ is - all that he did and suffered for all people - participates in the divine eternity, and so transcends all times while being made present in them all. The event of the Cross and Resurrection abides and draws everything toward life.

Each Mass, is a real foretaste here and now of the final banquet foretold by the prophets (cf. Is 25:6-9) and described in the New Testament as 'the marriage-feast of the Lamb' (Rev 19:7-9). In the Third Eucharistic Prayer, after calling to mind Jesus' ascension into heaven, when the celebrant says the words 'and ready to greet him when he comes again' we are invited to recognise that our 'calling to mind' of the foundational events of our faith brings us into contact with our shared future in the coming of Christ. For this reason, in proclaiming the mystery of faith, we acclaim that 'Christ will come again'. At every Mass we remember our future and are drawn towards it.

Because of the dynamic Eucharistic sense of 'memorial' where past and future are in some way already present to us here and now, we are never as close to our departed brothers and sisters as we are at the Mass. Our communion with those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith is renewed. 'Celebrating the Eucharistic sacrifice therefore, we are most closely united to the Church in heaven.' In this context we understand St. Monica's words to her sons, St. Augustine and his brother, before her death: 'I simply ask you to remember me at the Lord's altar wherever you are. (Source: IEC2012Theological and Pastoral Preparation Document)

### Parish calendar for this coming week

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October** is a Bank Holiday - Mass is at 11am

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** - All Saints Day - Mass at 10am. There is no Vigil Mass as the Monday is a Bank Holiday. Evening Mass is in Castleknock at 7.30pm

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** - Feast of All Souls - Mass at 10am

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** - No Mass - Liturgy of the Word at 10am

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November** - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month. Mass at 10am followed by Confessions

### Mass of Remembrance



On Thursday 17th November at 7.30pm, the Parish will celebrate its Annual Mass to remember and pray for all parishioners and friends who died during the past year. During this Mass each person will be remembered by name. All welcome especially family and friends.

*If a family member or friend died during this past year but whose funeral was held in another parish and you would like their name called out, please leave with Jean in the Parish Office.*

### November....

*We remember our own dead and our own sadness this November. Tears speak out our grief, but they also witness to our love and we are glad to have loved so much that we can cry. May those we have loved rest in your embrace, O Lord.*

### Refurbishment Works to Extension

The extension will be closed for the week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> November. The existing benches will be removed on that date. The carpet will be replaced and the new seats installed during the week.

### Saints in the Church's Calendar

**All Saints - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** This Feast Day celebrates all those who are in Heaven, in the light of God's face - both those recognized by the Church as saints and those known only to the Lord. We ask for their intercession as we strive to follow their example, so that we too can fulfill our vocation to be saints.

**All Souls - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

### FROM THE PASTORS DESK

#### Altar List of the Dead

These lists are now available in the Church. The new lists will be placed in front of the altar on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - The Feast of All Souls. They will be left in front of the altar for the month of November, the month of the Holy Souls. After that all Masses on the First Friday of the month will be offered for the names on the Altar List of the Dead. The completed envelopes can be returned to the Sacristy or the Parish Office.

#### Teen Hope

The group met on Friday 21st Oct for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time. It went very well. Seven teenagers turned up, a number with which the Team were delighted. Next meeting is 25th November. 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 and Anna Turcanova.

#### Mass Count

The count last weekend was 422. At our Vigil (174) and Sunday morning Mass (248).

### All Souls Day—November 2nd

The custom of remembering the faithful departed goes back to the early days of the church, when their names were posted in the church so they could be remembered. As early as the sixth century, monasteries held special days of remembrance for the dead from their community and by the ninth century they were commemorating all the faithful departed.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, citing Pope St Gregory the Great, explains: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." "The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. ( Cf. 1 Cor 3:15; 1 Pet 1:7). The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent.

The days of commemoration varied although, over time, most began to use November 2. In the fifteenth century, the Dominicans began offering three Masses on the Feast of All Souls. Then, in 1748, Pope Benedict XIV approved this practice, which caused it to quickly spread throughout Spain, Portugal and into Latin America.

## Children's Corner

### In The Gospel

Zacchaeus steals other people's money. No one likes him. Zacchaeus climbs a tree so that he can see Jesus, despite the crowd. But Jesus loves Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus is so happy that Jesus is his friend that he gives away half of all his money and gives back four times as much he has stolen.

### Word Search

Find all these words, remembering to look in every direction!

CLIMBS  
UP TREE  
CROWD SEE  
JESUS HOME  
CHANGE  
SHARE GOD

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Dear Jesus, you are friends with everyone, even people that no one else likes. Help me to make sure that no one is left out. Help me to be generous. Amen.

Have a Fun and Safe HALLOWEEN!



St. Brigid's Church Castleknock  
Ecumenical  
Blessing of the  
Graves  
Sunday November 13th  
3.00pm

### New Irish Dancing School

The Niall McNally school of Irish Dancing welcomes boys and girls aged 4+ every Monday in Luttrellstown Community Centre. Contact 083 8882454(Niall) or Orla (0857086603).

### Financial Matters

Many thanks to all our Standing Order contributors for their continued generosity to the Family Offering. If you have recently changed banks please check with your new bank that the standing order details have been transferred.

### Laudato Si Award



This is a parish based award for young people to engage with ecological action, education and spirituality, based on Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si. Monthly meetings continue on Tuesdays 430-530pm. Looking forward to seeing old and new members on 8th November!

### Adult Faith Development

An introduction to the basics of our religion\*  
**Wed 02 Nov - 7:30pm - Church Sacristy.**  
Please come to whichever sessions you can.  
**This week** - What is faith?  
How do I believe? What is faith in action?  
(\*Using Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults)

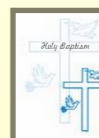
### Mass Intentions 29th/30th October

**Sat 6pm** Patrick Herlihy  
Jack Lawless

**Sun 10.30am** Patrick O'Mara  
Tony Keating—daughters Claire & Jane  
Kathleen Kettle (1st Anniv)  
Paddy & Sheila Scully  
Dermot Mooney  
**12 noon** Michael Giles

Welcome to our recently  
baptised

Abby Isla Finn  
Charlie James



### Recently Deceased

Eva Gethin  
Donal (Dee) MacMahon



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