

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time—31st January 2020



HE TAUGHT WITH AUTHORITY  
MARK 1:27

### \*\*\*Current Arrangements\*\*\* Level 5 of the Living with Covid-19 plan

Join us online for any of our Masses at  
[www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam)

Monday to Friday Mass 10.00am

Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.00pm

Sunday Mass at 10.30am\*

Fr. Con Casey CSsR. Joins us this Sunday to celebrate the life of  
Fr. John Casey CSsR who died recently

\*also broadcast on Phoenix FM— 92.5Mhz

**HOLY HOUR—online**

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**  
with **Eucharistic Adoration** on Tuesdays and Fridays



### **GUIDELINES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHURCH**

To minimise the risks to one another during the pandemic, please observe the following guidelines when visiting the Church:

1. All normal Covid rules apply (i.e. social distancing at all times, wear a mask, hand sanitizing on entry and exit).
2. Time limit of **30 mins** on each visit.
3. **Maximum of 10** in the church at any point in time - as per funeral guidelines.
4. To assist with ensuring that only 10 are in the church at any time all visitors are to use the front half of the church.
5. At the end of a visit each person should sanitise the pew section which they occupied / touched during their visit (Pew sanitisers will be available).

It is up to all who attend to police these rules, primarily by observing them themselves, but also by encouraging others to do likewise.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### Readings for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

Psalm: 94 R/O that today you would listen to his voice, harden not your hearts

2nd: 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28

Parish Office and Pastoral Centre

Open 9.30am—1pm. Monday—Friday

### *La Fhéile Bhríde Shona do gach duine*

(St. Brigid of Kildare c.452-525—our Patroness)



Brigid, you were a woman of peace,  
You brought harmony where there  
was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness.

You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover  
those who are troubled and anxious,

And may peace be firmly rooted in  
our hearts and in our world.

Check the window in the Pastoral Centre to see our St. Brigid's display and for instructions on how to make a St. Brigid's cross, or, click the link to see the video.

Good luck! <https://vimeo.com/502994316>

### *Reflection*

#### **The Bend in The Road**

Sometimes we come to life's crossroads  
and we view what we think is the end.

But God has a much wider vision

And he knows that it's only a bend-

The road will go on and get smoother

and after we've stopped for a rest,

the path that lies hidden beyond us

is often the path that is best.

So rest and relax and grow stronger,

let go and let God share your load

and have faith in a brighter tomorrow-

you've just come to a bend in the road.

Author: Helen Steiner Rice

### **Watch out for News of upcoming events**

**Sun. 14th Feb.**—St. Valentine's Day

**Wed. 17th Feb.**—Ash Wednesday

## A message from Fr. Frank

Dear Friends, We have a couple of special holidays coming up in the next week. In addition to St. Brigid's Day on Monday, we have the Presentation of the Lord on Tuesday, followed by the memorial of St. Blaise on Wednesday. It is customary that candles are blessed on Presentation Day and then used for the blessing of throats on the following day.

This year these blessings will take place remotely via webcam during the respective Mass of the day. A sacramental such as a blessing can be given remotely as it works through the intercessory prayer of the Church and therefore can be effective even over long distances; a well-known example is the papal blessing *Urbi et Orbi* transmitted via TV, Radio and Internet.

If you would like to receive such a blessing for yourselves, I have the following request for you: Please have the candles you wish to have blessed ready on Tuesday during the 10 am Mass. They can be held in your hands during the blessing, or placed in front of the screen.

On Wednesday during the blessing of throats on the intercession of St Blaise, a blessed candle can be lit and held in your hands, or securely positioned somewhere near the screen. Please observe fire safety when doing so, so that the blessing can be given without any avoidable incidents. Announcements will be made at the weekend Masses

Please stay safe and well. And let us all pray that the pandemic will quickly come to an end, so that we can eventually return to a safe and vibrant parish life here in St. Brigid's Blanchardstown.

Yours in Christ, Fr Frank

**Faithfest is back!!** Join us online for an evening of games, music, workshop, chats and prayer. Faithfest will take place 5 March from 6:30 - 8:30 online. Register online at: <https://forms.gle/DwKDsXCuTornHFYA8>. More information from: [faithfest@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:faithfest@dublindiocese.ie)  
**YCD Connected** – *Bringing Young People Together*  
Young Church Dublin invite you to join our connected group for Young Adults (20's 30's). We meet online every Wednesday, from 8.00-9.00pm for some time of fellowship, reflection on Scripture and prayer together. It provides an opportunity to connect in with other young adults in a community of faith. For more information, email: [kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie)

### We remember our recently deceased



**Joan O'Brien**

**Maura Cooke**

**Joan Field**

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

Fr. Mangan: 8213660 Fr. Drescher: 5384969 Jim Adams (Deacon) 0862232411  
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## Children's Corner

**In the Gospel this week** All the people in the synagogue are shocked when they hear Jesus teaching. He seems to know so much about God. Jesus works miracles and soon everyone has heard about Jesus.

**A prayer to** Dear Father, may we always be excited to hear about Jesus and excited to pass on the good news about him to other people. Amen

### St. Brigid's Day—1st February



#### The story of St. Brigid's cloak

St. Brigid approached the King of Leinster requesting land on which to build her monastery. The place she selected in Kildare was ideal. It was near a lake where water was available, in a forest where there was firewood and near a fertile plain on which to grow crops. The King refused her request. Brigid was not put off by his refusal. Rather, she and her sisters prayed that the King's heart would soften. She made her request again but this time she asked, "Give me as much land as my cloak will cover." Seeing her small cloak, he laughed but granted this request. Brigid had instructed her four helpers each to take a corner of the cloak and walk in opposite directions – north, south, east and west. As they did this the cloak began to grow and spread across many acres. She now had enough land on which to build her monastery. The King and his entire household were dismayed and amazed. They realised that this woman was truly blessed by God. The King became a patron of Brigid's monastery, assisting her with money, food and gifts. Later he converted to Christianity. It was on this land in Kildare that she built her dual monastery c.470.



**St. Brigid's Cross** is thought to keep evil, fire and hunger from the home in which it is displayed.

Do you know how to make one? *Look up the link below to see the video on how to make one. (If you can't get rushes use straws or something else) Good luck!*  
<https://vimeo.com/502994316>

### Baptisms—No baptisms while Level 5 of the Living with Covid Plan is in place.

Intentions	30th/31st Jan
7pm	Karen Hanratty and the deceased members of the Hanratty family Michael McDonald Patrick & Liam Briody and Kate Whelan
10.30am	Mary & Patrick Nugent Charles & Eileen O'Malley Mary O'Brien Tom Forde & Denis O'Neill

