

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time—31st July 2022

ON GUARD AGAINST
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The Parable of the Rich Fool

Luke 12:13-21

This Sunday's Readings

1st: Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 2:21-23
Psalm: 89 R/ *O Lord, you have been or refuge from one generation to the next.*
2nd: Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11
Gospel Acclamation! *Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth Alleluia!*
Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21

CURRENT SCHEDULE

This schedule will require flexibility from time to time—please check for changes

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*

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: Castlknock

Wed: Mulhuddart

Fri: Corduff

A Reflective Sentence

I would not believe if I did not realise that it is reasonable to believe. ...

St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)



FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Holidays

There'll be no newsletter for the next two weeks due to summer holidays. I'll be taking the 2nd part of my holiday from Monday 8th until Friday 12th August. I'll be back for the weekend Masses. To that end the Parish will celebrate the Liturgy of the Word for that week. The Dublin 15 area Mass will go ahead in Blanchardstown on Monday 8th August at 7.30pm

Fr Michael Carey PP

Monday 1st August

This Monday is a Bank Holiday. Mass is at **11.00am**. There is no 7.30pm Evening Mass this day

Mass Intentions

Masses already booked for the Saturday evening at 7.00pm will now be said at the 6.00pm instead. Mass intentions already booked for the 12 noon Mass on Sunday will be offered as part of the 10.30am Mass. If these changes do not suit you and you wish to change the date or cancel the intention then please let the Sacristan know. I apologise if this inconveniences anyone

Summer Months

As we enter into the summer holiday months of July and August, I pray for all parishioners who are heading away that they have an enjoyable holiday and refresh and re-energise themselves and return home safe. All visitors to Blanchardstown are welcome to our parish. For those of you who aren't or who can't holiday let's hope and pray for lovely weather these two months. Nice sunny weather always lifts the spirits!

Our thanks go to all who have been involved our Liturgy of the Word this week—our leaders, readers and sacristans. It was good to reflect on God's Word together and to support one another in prayer. We will continue to grow into this way of praying together as we learn to listen to the Word of God with open hearts and minds.

Date for your Diary—18th August

10:00am—Month's Mind Mass

Fr. Tom Russell O.F.M

THE EUCHARIST – Liturgy of the Word

Scripture (The Bible)-The Word of God – Jesus Christ

What we call, 'The Bible', comes from the Greek word, *'ta biblia'*, which means "The Books". It is divided into the Old and the New Testaments. The word 'Testament', itself, is a Latin word chosen to translate the biblical idea of 'covenant'. The Old Testament (OT) is an account of the history of the people of Israel. In the OT we see how God in his love for humanity, chose for himself a people to whom he revealed himself in such a way that Israel came to experience more and more deeply the ways of God with men and women. It is a history in which the people are guided in a lively manner by the Word of God. The OT offers a lively sense of God, noble teachings about God, sound wisdom about human life and a wonderful treasury of prayers.

The prophets of the OT spoke the Word of the Lord, and they spoke of the Word, as if it were a person. The prophet Isaiah says that just like the rain and snow, the Word does not return without accomplishing that for which it was sent (Is 55:10f).

In the New Testament (NT), the Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us (Jn.1:14) The Book of Genesis tells us that God created the world. The NT speaks about creation on terms of 'the Word'. "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God and the Word was God. (Jn.1:1). In our NT mindset we would substitute the person Jesus for the 'Word'. For Christians Jesus is the continuation and fulfilment of the OT hopes of a Saviour and Messiah. God in Christ (NT) adds a fuller dimension to the *primary word* that God had already spoken to Israel when he made them his people and his witnesses.

Among the writings of the NT the gospels have first place as principal witness to the life and teaching of Jesus. What the apostles preached as Christ's command they and the other authors wrote down under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit

In the introduction to St. John's Gospel we read how Jesus achieved all that the Word of God is said to have done in the OT. Jesus is the 'Word made flesh'; he pitches his tent among us (Jn 1:14).

There is an intimate bond between Jesus, the Word come down from heaven, his words of life communicated to us in (contd)

in Scripture and the Bread of Life that he gives as our spiritual nourishment. The First Letter of St. John begins with a description of how the apostles heard, saw, contemplated and handed on the 'Word of life', i.e. Jesus. "Something which has existed since the beginning, which we have heard, which we seen with our own eyes, which we have watched and touched with our own hands, the Word of life....Our life is shared with the Father and with his son Jesus Christ. We are writing this to you so that our joy may be complete" (1.Jn.1:1-4).

The gospels and the letters of the NT, speak the truth about Jesus, the saving power of his work, the beginnings and growth of the Church and its destined completion

The Mass in 150 AD

As begun in the early Church, Scripture is read at every Mass. "These remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles (i.e. the Bible), to the brotherhood (i.e. the community), to the breaking of bread and to the prayers" (Acts.2:42). Writing around 150 AD, St. Justin (an early Church martyr) describes the Mass in terms that are easily recognisable still to us today as he provides the basic lines of the order of the Eucharistic celebration that have stayed the same until our own day. He mentions how the 'memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read' as long as time permits and that, when the reader has ceased, the president verbally instructs, and exhorts to the imitation of these good things. (Source:IEC2012Theological and Pastoral Preparation Document)

Saints in the Church's Calendar

Thurs. 4th—St. John Vianney (1786-1859), had to contend with poverty, military service and his own intellectual shortcomings in order to become a priest. In 1817, he was sent to care for the people of Ars, a small, obscure French village. The marvelous gift of the unlearned priest for seeing into the depths of the soul brought the world to Ars. From 1830 on, he averaged twelve to sixteen hours a day in the confessional. Patron of priests.

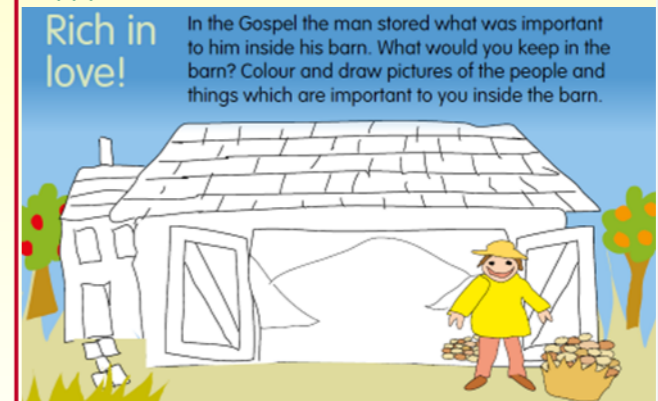
Fri. 5th—St. Mary Major The doctrine of Mary, Mother of God, was solemnly proclaimed at the Council of Ephesus (431), and afterwards Pope Sixtus III (432-440) erected a basilica at Rome on the Esquiline Hill in honour of the Holy Mother of God, later to be known as St. Mary Major. This is the oldest church in the west dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a particular favourite of Pope Francis, who visits it every time before he journeys abroad.

Saturday 6th—The Transfiguration The Cross requires the exodus of Jesus, his death, Resurrection and glorification. The disciples have to realize that he must depart, just as they are prepared for his going to Jerusalem to die. The Transfiguration of the Lord on Mt. Tabor came to strengthen their faith of the disciples.

Children's Corner

In the Gospel A rich farmer runs out of space in his barn for all his crops.

Although he is rich, he isn't happy. He works even harder building bigger barns. Jesus says we will be rich when we put God and other people before ourselves. Being rich in love is what will make us really happy.



A Prayer to Say Thank you, Jesus for all the wonderful and exciting things in the world. Help me to remember what is really important. Help me to put you and other people first. Amen.

What is the most important?

Beatrice is thinking about lots of different things. Put a red circle around the things that are the most important. Can you add some ideas of your own?

God being kind
caring a big house
Lots of money friends
a posh car sharing
family



Join over 1000 young people between 16 and 35 this August at the **Youth 2000 Summer Festival**. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from **Thursday 11th August to Sunday 14th August 2022**. For more information and to book your place go to www.youth2000.ie



Fr Frank praying for us at the relics of St Killian during his visit to Würzburg Cathedral last week.



BLANCHARDSTOWN ACTIVE RETIREMENT

We offer friendship, amusement, sports, activities, organized outings and holidays; the rest is up to you. We meet every Tue. & Thurs. 2—4pm in Blanchardstown Community Centre Contact: Nora (Chairperson) 087 6756142

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Funeral Ministry—The Diocese is offering training for new members of funeral ministry teams in the Autumn. Have you some time on your hands? Are you looking for a way to become more involved in your parish community? Is this compassionate ministry something you might consider being part of? For information contact Máirín or Christine.

Mass Intentions 31th/31st July

6pm	Michael O' Neill Paul Russell Patrick Flood
10.30	Tony Farrell Paul Russell Luke Digan



We remember our recently deceased

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