

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time—31st October 2021



Readings for 31st October 2021

1st: Deuteronomy 6: 2-6

Psalm: 17 R/ I love you, Lord, my strength.

2nd: Hebrews 7: 23-28

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit Lord, and they are life: You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34

CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday Mass at 10.00am

preceded by the Rosary at 9.35am

The church will open at 9.30am and close at 3pm

Masses for Sunday

Vigil Mass at 7pm (Sat), **Day Mass** at 10.30am* & 12 noon (Sun)

Feast of All Saints – Monday -1st November

Vigil Mass – Sunday 31st October at 7.00pm

Day Mass – Monday 1st November at 10.00am

All services available on

www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam

*also available on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM

Confession

Anyone who wishes to receive confession should approach one of the priests after Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration—takes place each Tuesday after the 10 am Mass until 5pm. New adorers welcome—you can leave your name in the sacristy or office.

All Saints – Monday 1st 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.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK



Synod 2023 On 17th October in the Pro-Cathedral, the Archbishop gave his Reflections at the launch of the Diocesan Phase of the Synod of the Church "*Communion, Participation, Mission*" which will be held in Rome in 2023. Over the next 4 weeks until the Season of Advent begins I will print extracts in the Parish Newsletter:

‘In order to revitalise the dynamics of governance of the Church, Pope Francis has invited all baptised Christians throughout the world to examine the way the work and mission of the Church is carried forward. This way forward is, in the Holy Father’s own words, a time “to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another, and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands, and inspire in [all people] a vision of the future filled with the joy [and hope] of the Gospel” (Pope Francis Address at the *Opening of the Synod on Young People*, 3rd August, 2018). The invitation to embark on this journey is to *all the baptised*, because *all* the baptised are in the boat together. As we heard in the Gospel a number of Sundays ago, “Anyone who is not against us is for us” (Mark 9:40). Our Lord is a Lord who gathers all, who welcomes all.

The synodal process is not something new in the Church (Acts of the Apostles 15:1-21). When the apostles were faced with the first grave question that divided them, namely, whether new non-Jewish followers of Jesus had to follow Jewish practice and customs in the way the apostles did, the apostles gathered together. They faced a choice—one where much was at stake both for them and those who had come to know the Lord through their preaching. However, they did not resolve this matter by taking a vote, as one would do in the Roman senate, or in the citizens’ assembly of the Greek cities of the time. **No.** They brought from their heritage another way: a way encounter, listening and discernment before declaring “it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us” (Acts 15:28) not to impose on non-Jewish Christians the regulations of Jewish law. This is the synodal way, a way of meeting each other, listening to each other and discerning with each other. That is what the Holy Father puts before us. *Father Michael*

Crosscare held its Annual Appeal on the weekend of 18th/19th September last. Our Parish raised €593 and Crosscare thanks us most sincerely for our generous contribution.

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Distribution of Holy Communion—new method

to maintain as much social distancing as possible when processing forward:

Congregation will come up by the side aisles and down the middle

*Please take your time and keep a safe distance
Don't forget to wear your mask and sanitise your hands*

Our Annual Mass of Remembrance for those whose funerals took place in St. Brigid's during the **last 12 months** will be held on **Thurs. 18th Nov. at 7.30 pm.** If you would like a family member or friend **who died in the last year** included in this Mass (which you can view on the webcam) please leave their name in the sacristy or office. The names will be read out and a candle, which can be collected at a later date, will be lit for all those on the list.

Altar List of the Dead are now available in the Church. The new lists will be placed in front of the altar on Tuesday 2nd November – The Feast of All Souls, and left there for the month of November. All Masses on the First Friday of each month will be offered for the names on the Altar List of the Dead. Completed envelopes can be returned to the Sacristy or the Parish Office.

Feast of All Souls—Tuesday 2nd November (Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed)

This is a day to do more than celebrate the faithfulness of those who have died. This is a day to unite ourselves with their goodness in such a way that their faithful lives are mirrored in our own gospel living. Actually the Month of November is the Month of the Holy Souls, so we have the whole month to reflect and 'do' something. What do I mean? Perhaps during November take as an example the good deeds and virtues of deceased family members or friends. Choose one good thing and strive to put it into practice in your own lives. In this way the remembering of our loved ones is translated into our daily living and becomes a permanent visible memorial of their faithfulness. The will of God is our salvation. For this purpose God sent his Son to show us the way to salvation. All who come to him – who seek him and his teachings, who follow him faithfully – will find salvation. The choice to come to Jesus and be changed is ours.

The souls in purgatory have followed the Father's will, have come to Jesus, listened to him, and been changed. But not perfectly. They still are in the process of being purified to become the gift Jesus wished to give his Father. We, too, still are in the process of being changed as we make our choices to follow Jesus more faithfully. The souls in purgatory can show us the way. We pray for them on the final stage of their journey, knowing that salvation is theirs. May it be ours as well.

Intentions

30th/31st

7pm

Patsy Boyle, Paddy O'Meara,
Joan Nolan, Tony Dunne,
Willie Ryan MM

10.30

Rita Smith MM

12 noon

Paddy & Sheila Scully, Diarmuid Mooney

While baskets are not being circulated, donations to the **Sunday Mass Collections** can be placed in the envelopes throughout the church (and left in the baskets on the way out), or, by using the new 'Tap and Go' facility - signs guide you through 3 easy steps. Donations will be split 60/40 between the 1st Collection (Common Fund for priests) & the 2nd collection (Share). Many thanks for your generous support.

Children's Corner

In the Gospel this week Jesus says that love is the answer. We must love God with our heart, soul and strength and love other people as much as we love ourselves. We can't have one without the other – love is at the heart of everything!

Following God's commandments

If we love God and love other people we are doing everything that God asks. How are you going to love God this week? (Remember, if you love God you will love everyone God made, and if you love others you will be loving God.)

Draw or write your ideas in the heart.

Love our neighbour

Fill in the crossword to find out ways that we can love our neighbour.



Jesus told us to love our neighbours as ourselves.

Across:

1. If our neighbour is late and we are in a hurry, we can show love by being this way
3. When we give others some of our things
6. When someone is talking, we love them if we give them our full attention

Down:

1. We show love by speaking to God about someone
2. When someone helps us, we should say this to them
4. We show love to others by wrapping our arms around them
5. If someone does something bad to us, we love them by telling them that we F _____ them

A Prayer to say Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me so much. Please help me to love you with all my heart and to love other people, just as much as you did. Amen.



During the 2021 Lenten Campaign and in the months that followed, the parishioners of St. Brigid's have contributed over €4230 to support Trócaire's work around the world!

In imitation of our Master, we Christians are called to confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take practical steps to alleviate it

Pope Francis

