

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time—3rd March 2019



Evening Mass during Lent

Weekday evening Mass at 7.30 p.m., Monday to Friday during Lent (and throughout the year), in **Our Lady Mother of the Church, Beechpark Lawn, Castleknock.**

Eucharistic Adoration:

Tues. & Fri. after the 10am Mass

'It is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.'

Today's Gospel is taken from the Sermon on the Plain, where Jesus is warning a 'multitude of people' about the dangers of hypocrisy. We, too, are reminded that we are disciples who must learn from the Teacher, otherwise we will be like the blind leading the blind. This learning and listening is ongoing so that we can be filled again and again with Christ's challenging love. This Gospel calls us to remove the logs from our own eyes so that we can see more clearly. It appeals to us to stop and check in with ourselves if we are about to make judgements about others. Whatever the situation may be, perhaps a comment about migrants, homelessness or gossip, we are challenged to ask ourselves first: 'How am I doing in relation to this?' before we rush to condemn others. Jesus urges us to remove the planks from our own eyes first.

The end of this parable speaks to the fruits and treasures which come from people. Trees bear fruit according to what they themselves are. It is almost like saying what you put in is what you get out. If we are feeding ourselves with fake news, intolerance and hatred, then that is what will come out. If we are spending time with the Teacher, where we experience healing, forgiveness, love and inner peace, then our hearts will be filled with those qualities and they will be evident in our lives. Spending time with today's Gospel, perhaps we can examine how we feed our body, mind and spirit to ensure that we are living in a way that is not hypocritical before the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.

Jane Mellett

**Monday Morning Meditation
after the 10am Mass and Rosary**

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP
Mondays @ 7pm—Fr. Dungan room

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Novena of Grace—Novena Prayer

O most kind and loving saint, in union with thee, I adore the Divine Majesty.

The remembrance of the favours with which God blessed you during life, and of your glory after death, fills me with joy;

and I unite with you in offering to God my humble tribute of thanksgiving and of praise.

I implore you to secure for me through your powerful intercession, the all important blessing of living and dying in the favour of God.

I also beseech you to obtain the favour I ask in this Novena (here ask for the favour you wish to obtain), but if what I ask is not for the glory of God or for the good of my soul, obtain for me what is most conducive to both. Amen. (Our Father, Hail Mary...)

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ashes will be distributed after the 10am Mass and 7pm Mass in the evening here in St. Brigid's.

Ashes will also be distributed in the new Pastoral Centre in royal Canal Park from 10am to 12.30pm

Suitable for all ages and abilities, **Park Walk is a free 5k walking programme coming to Porterstown Park, Dublin 15.** Park Walk starts on Saturday, 2nd March at 9.30am and continues for six weeks. Sign up on www.parkrun.ie and select Porterstown parkrun as your event.

Free 5 week Smart Phone/Tablet Classes starting in St. Brigids Community Centre, Church Ave, on Tues 12th March 12 – 2pm. If interested call Angela, Meath Partnership—046 9280790



**Please Welcome our recently baptised
Dean, Jersey, Joyce, Rocco & Rian**

READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

7pm: Brian Santry 9am: Helen Devanney
10.30: Maeve O'Donoghue
12 noon: Alice O'Connell
7pm: Marian McCaughley

MARCH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3rd: Mass of All Nations
4th--12th: Novena of Grace
6th: Ash Wednesday
8th: Faith Fest
17th: St. Patrick's Day

Intentions	3rd March	10th March
Sat. 7pm	Charles O Malley, Eilleen O 'Malley MM The Hanratty Family , Karen MM	John McNally
Sun 9am	Patrick Bruen	Niall Brooks
10.30am	Mary Hunter Tom Toole	Tom Coghlan, John & Maureen Keane
12 noon	Joseph Brennan Marie Keogh MM	Joe Brennan Anna O'Reilly
7pm	Josie Webb	Oliver Sheridan Simon & Molly Kennedy

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