



St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

Season of Creation—September 1st—October 4th 2023



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

Sunday Mass at 10.30am *Last Sunday of each month will also have a Midday Family Mass*

1st Saturday of the month— 10am Mass followed by confessions

Last Tuesday of the month—Prayer Group Mass 8pm, all welcome

Bank Holidays: Mass 11am only
All services available on

www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam

Also on Phoenix Radio— 92.5FM

Eucharistic Adoration

Tue & Fri 10.30am-5pm

***(No Exposition from 31Aug for 3-4weeks)**

Blanchardstown Area evening Mass

Mon: Blanchardstown 7.30pm

Tues & Thurs: Castleknock

Wednesday: Mulhuddart

Friday: Corduff

A Reflective Sentence

Do not weep, for I shall be more useful to you after my death, and I shall help you then more effectively than during my life..... St. Dominic (1170-1221 founder of the Dominicans)



St Marys church of Ireland, clonsilla Cemetery Mass

Ecumenical Graveyard service is on Sunday 10th September at 3pm. All Welcome

Season of Creation – September 1st to October 4th

This year's theme: **Let Justice and Peace Flow** The Prophet Amos cries out: "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24) and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

Our prayers, sermons and liturgies must call for justice not only for humans but for all creation. Justice, allied with peace, calls us to repent of our ecological sins and to change our attitudes and actions. Righteousness demands that we live in peace, not conflict with our human neighbours, and building right relationships with all of creation. 'Peace' involves not only the absence of conflict but positive, life-giving relationships with God, ourselves, our human neighbours, and all creation. We are invited to join the river of justice and peace on behalf of all Creation and to converge our individual identities, of name, family or faith community, in this greater movement for justice, just like tributaries come together to form a mighty river.



As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice. This year's symbol: The Prophet Isaiah proclaims: "Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even put a road in the wilderness, rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43: 19). Biodiversity is being lost at a rate not seen since the last mass extinction. The hope of keeping the average temperature to 1.5 degrees Celsius is fading. The world which humans have known, enjoyed, and celebrated is changing rapidly beyond repair. The futures of young people are threatened by the cascading impacts of the loss of biodiversity and a changing climate. Industrialization, colonisation and the extraction and consumption of resources have created great wealth, unequally distributed.



A Mighty River Amos 5: 24

Powerful Global North nations have grown wealthy at the expense of Global South nations and Indigenous and subsistence communities. Today's climate and ecological emergency hurts the most vulnerable, many living in the least wealthy nations, who have contributed the fewest emissions. Indigenous peoples make up five percent of the world's population and protect nearly 80 percent of the world's remaining biodiversity. We are presently more aware than ever of the link between fossil fuels, and violence and

Biodiversity



war. We can, however, dream and work for a world where each country produces the energy they need from God-given gifts of the sun and wind, rather than going to war for fossil fuels. The

urgency grows and we must make visible peace with Earth and on Earth, at the same time that justice calls us to repentance and a change of attitude and actions. As we join the river of justice and peace with others then hope is created instead of despair. Streams can rise in the desert. An economy of peace can be built instead of an economy based on conflict. (Source: *Season of Creation 2023 handbook*)

The monthly outdoor collection for St Vincent de Paul will be held next weekend after all masses—9th & 10th September. Thank you.



CLONSILLA HERITAGE FESTIVAL

A celebration of the natural and the built heritage in Clonsilla and Porterstown. Enjoy walks, talks and music in heritage venues on 16th and 17th September, together with boat rides along the Royal Canal! Events can be booked via Eventbrite or email cpheritagesoc@outlook.com for further details.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK



The Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is a time marked throughout the Christian world from 1st September (the World Day of Prayer for Creation) to 4th October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encourages awareness-raising initiatives to help us to heal and protect Our Common Home. *This Season*, offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvelous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live. — Pope Francis

Charity Tax Refund

Thank you all who have returned their CHY charity forms. This is a scheme whereby the Government 'tops up' your contribution to the Parish via the Revenue System. It applies to all registered charities. The benefit to the Parish in 2022 from this scheme was a fantastic €47,997. **Fr Michael Carey PP**

Prayer for the Season of Creation

Creator of All, From your communion of love life sprung forth like a mighty river and the whole cosmos came into being. On this Earth of overflowing love, the Word was made flesh and went forth with the lifegiving waters proclaiming peace and justice for all creation. You called human beings to till and keep your garden. You placed us into the right relationship with each creature, but we failed to listen to the cries of the Earth and the cries of the most vulnerable. We broke with the flowing communion of love and sinned against you by not safeguarding the conditions for life. We lament the loss of our fellow species and their habitats, we grieve the loss of human cultures, along with the lives and livelihoods that have been displaced or perished, and we ache at the sight of an economy of death, war, and violence that we have inflicted on ourselves and on the Earth. Open our ears to your creative, reconciling, and sustaining Word that calls to us through the book of Scripture and the book of creation. Bless us once again with your life-giving waters so that the Creator Spirit may let justice and peace flow in our hearts and overflow into all creation. Open our hearts to receive the living waters of God's justice and peace, and to share it with our suffering brothers and sisters, all creatures around us and all creation. Bless us to walk together with all people of good will so that the many streams of the living waters of God's justice and peace may become a mighty river all over the Earth. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to

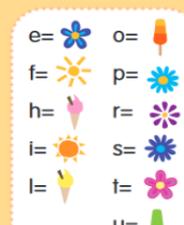
Children's Corner:

IN THE GOS-

When we follow Jesus, we are going by God's way. Sometimes it will be difficult and we will not understand God's way of doing things, but we must trust in God like Jesus did.

A coded message

Can you work out the code and find out this important message from Jesus?



Sometimes, Jesus, I don't understand what's happening in my life. Help me to trust in your love. Help me to know that whatever happens you are there with me, walking with me. Amen.

Vacancy—Administrator

This full-time role primarily supports the Office for Religious & Extern Priests but also involves working with the Archbishop's Office, Office for Clergy and Chancellery. **Applications are especially welcome from those with relevant parish experience.** A full job description is available from Cintia Mota, HR, cintia.mota@dublindiocese.ie or 01 8087572.

Upcoming Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023



For those who cannot travel to Lourdes this year; there are two ways to join in the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes;



Church Heating System

Work on the installation of our new church heating system will begin on Monday and is expected to be completed within 3-4 weeks. Mass times will not be affected, however, there will be **No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during this time.**

1. Write your petition to Our Lady of Lourdes and place it in an envelope in the sanctuary (no money).
2. Join as an Associate Member and pray for the pilgrimage from 7th-12th September. The names will be brought in procession at the final Mass in Lourdes - an offering can be made after Mass in St Brigid's this weekend.

Mass intentions for the week

Saturday Vigil	Leo Tracey (MM)	Jimmy Clarke (MM)
Sunday	Annie Doolan	Fr Patrick Culhane Terry Browne
Tuesday	Peter Levins	
Thursday	John McMahon	Gerard & Brigid Martin Catherine Conroy

Saints in the Church's calendar

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary— Friday 8th Sept. Nothing is known for sure about the details of the Blessed Virgin's birth. Even her parents, traditionally known as St. Joachim and St. Anne, are not mentioned in Sacred Scripture. Today's feast originated in the East, probably during the sixth century, and was later introduced into the West. A French legend tells of a man hearing angels singing on the night of 8th Sept and being told that the Virgin Mary had been born on that night. Her earthly birth is celebrated (like that of St. John the Baptist) because it announced to the world the coming of Jesus, the beginning of the New Covenant.
St. Ciaran, Abbot – Saturday 9th Sept. (c.512-c545), one of the 'Twelve Apostles of Ireland,' was born in Connaught and studied under St. Finnian at Clonard. He eventually founded the great monastery of Clonmacnoise on the Shannon, which became an important centre of learning. However, after serving as Abbot for only 7 months he died.

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