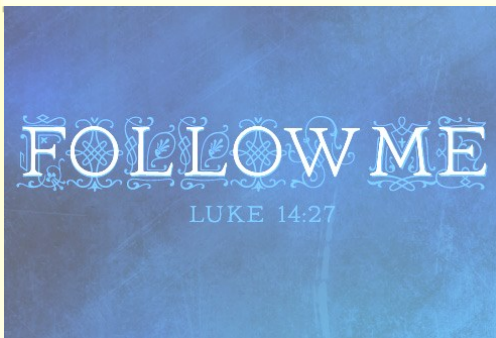


St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—4th September 2022



The logo: (Ex 3:1-12)
The Burning Bush is the Symbol for the Season of Creation 2022

September 1st to October 4th

This year's theme: Listen to the Voice of Creation. St. Augustine writes, "[Creation] is the divine page that you must listen to; it is the book of the universe that you must observe." The Psalmist (19: 1-4) acknowledges that hearing the voice of creation requires a kind of listening that is increasingly rare. The Psalmist declares that creation proclaims God's handiwork and also knows that the book of Scripture perfectly revives the soul, makes the simple wise, rejoices the heart, and enlightens the eyes (Ps 19:7- 8).

The book of creation and the book of Scripture are meant to be read side by side. Contemplation opens us to many modes of listening to the book of creation. The harmonious balance of biodiversity and the suffering cries of creation are both echoes of the Divine because all creatures have the same origin and ending in God. Listening to the voices of our co-creatures is like perceiving truth, goodness or beauty and helps us become aware of the Trinity, in which creation lives, moves and has its being.

During the Season of Creation, our prayer and action can help us listen for the voices of those who are silenced. We lament the individuals, communities, species, and ecosystems who are lost, and those whose livelihoods are threatened by habitat loss and climate change. In prayer we centre the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. Communities of worship can amplify the voices of young people, Indigenous people, women and affected communities who are not heard in society. Through liturgies, public prayers, symbolic acts and advocacy, we can remember those who are displaced or have disappeared from public spaces and political processes. By listening to the voice of all creation, humans join in our vocation to care for our common home.

Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Human greed, desertification and land misuse lead to the disintegration of ecosystems, the destruction of habitats, and the loss of livelihoods and species at an alarming rate. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice that we have caused. On the contrary, the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This was a flame of the Spirit that revealed God's life sustaining presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered and promised to be with us as we followed faithfully to deliverance from injustice. During the Season of Creation, this symbol calls us to listen to the voice of creation, and faithfully respond through worship, repentance and action. Moses was told to remove his sandals, for he was standing on holy ground in God's presence. May this symbol move us to remove the "sandals" of our unsustainable lifestyles that disconnect us from creation and our Creator, contemplate our connection to the holy ground where we live, and listen for the voice of creation. (Source: Season of Creation 2022 handbook)

The **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)** will meet on Tuesday 6th September at 8.00pm in the Pastoral Centre

The Parish **Communications Group** will meet on Thursday 8th September at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre

SVP – Outdoor Collection
The St Vincent de Paul monthly collection takes place after both Masses next weekend 10th/11th September

ST. MARY'S CHURCH OF IRELAND - CLONSILLA Ecumenical Graveyard Service With Blessing of the Graves next **Sunday 11th @ 3.00pm**—All welcome (The Castleknock Churchyard blessing will be held on Sunday 13th November)

SEASON OF CREATION

Trócaire

'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' (Matt. 25:40)

Forced labour, violence against women, evictions and land clearance, killings of human rights defenders. These are the issues involved in the struggle around Business and Human Rights, and Ireland is not an innocent bystander.

Come and see Trócaire's Documentary and learn how we can help to ease the plight of the abused and the marginalised Wednesday 7th September, at St. Laurence's Church, TU Dublin, Grangegorman. More information from Jane Mellett, Laudato Si' Officer at Trócaire jane.mellett@trocaire.org

Make it your business: Ireland and Corporate Human Rights Legislation



ESB and coalmining in Colombia



A Prayer for Creation

Loving God, Lord of heaven and earth, this earth, our home belongs to you. Give us grace to love it as you do. Give us courage to give ourselves, as you do, for the good of all people and all of your creation. Strengthen us to stand, as you do, with the vulnerable poor. Give us wisdom to know when we have enough, and the voice to say "enough" to all that harms creation and hurts the poorest. This earth, our home, belongs to you. Amen

Saints in the Church's Calendar

Thursday 8th—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary— 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 September 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.

Thursday Coffee Mornings are back again after Mass in the Pastoral centre. Do come along and meet some friends.

For Parents and Guardians

Invite to an information evening on **Thursday the 15th of September at 7.30** in the Church extension.

We're delighted to tell you that in September we'll be launching our new parish initiative **Teen Hope**, which will be geared to **First and Second Years**.

Teen Hope is a parish based faith outreach to teenagers.

It provides opportunities and continued support for teenagers to encounter and get to know God in Jesus Christ, through fun and exciting activities, while building faith friendships.

St Declan's College
Nepin Road, Dublin 7
invites 5th and 6th class boys and their parents to our **OPEN EVENING**
Thursday 15 September 2022
18.45 – 20:45

Serving the Community for over 60 Years

Bayside Alpha are running a free **7-week Zoom course on growing in Christian prayer**, starting Wed. the 21st September at 7.30pm. The course consists of a one hour weekly meeting on Zoom which includes a video presentation, time for sharing for anyone who wishes to, and short Scriptures to reflect on at home. The following themes are covered in the course: The purpose of prayer, How to pray with confidence, The pattern for prayer: The Our Father, Praying for a breakthrough, How to pray in a crisis, Why doesn't God always answer the first time I pray? If you'd like to take part in the course, please email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com

You can contribute to the **Sunday Mass collections** by:

- Using the **white boxes** around the **Church** or **leaving an envelope** (provided on seats) in the **Parish Office** during the week. You can also have an envelope supply at home for convenience
- Using the **'Tap and Go'** machines. Useful for these 'cashless' days. The Mass collections are divided: **60%** to the 1st—Common Fund for Priests; **40%** - to the 2nd—Share **The DONATE button** on the website can be used for all collections

Thank you so much for your generosity

Apologies for no **Children's Corner** this week.

We hope to resume next week

A cake sale, coffee & chat, sale of work will be held in the parish centre of Our Lady Mother of the Church Castleknock after the 6pm mass on Sat. 10th and the 10 a.m and 12 pm masses on Sun. 11th Sept after in aid of the Holy Family Mission Centre, Glencomeragh House, Kilsheelan Tipperary. Holy Family Mission is a residential place of Catholic Faith Formation for 18–30-year-olds. They have had over 80 passed through our formation program since 2016. Young people are the future and indeed the present of the Church and desperately need the light of the Lord. Your help would be greatly appreciated to ensure the authentic beauty of our Faith is passed on to young missionary disciples!

MEDJUGORJE
Pilgrimage

Depart Oct 29th 2022
Returning Nov 4th

Group Leader: Eleanor Healy.
Spiritual Director Fr. Ciaran Clarke.

€775 per person inclusive
Half board in superb private home

Medjugorje has been an Oasis of Peace for over 40 years. It continues to give peace and encouragement to this day.

Information from
Eleanor 087 2351294
Margaret 086 8841655

We remember our recently deceased
Pat Hills

Mass Intentions 3/4th September	
6pm	-
10.30	Patrick Duffy Charlie O'Connor Teresa McGuinness Tony Murtagh MM

This Sunday's Readings
1st: Wisdom 9: 13-18
Psalm: 89 R/ O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.
2nd: Philemon: 9-10, 12-17
Gospel Acclamation! Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father Alleluia!
Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33

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: Castleknock
Wed: Mulhuddart
Fri: Corduff

A Reflective Sentence
calls us together, creates a community, his people, his Church. After the return of Jesus to his Father the Church is the sign of his presence in the world.... *St. Basil the Great, 5th century*

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