

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

Palm Sunday—5th April 2020

Coronavirus Measures

Monday to Saturday Mass

10.00am without a congregation

On Saturdays, Vigil Mass

7.00pm without a congregation

On Sundays, Mass will be celebrated

at 10.30am without a congregation

Sunday Masses and Daily Mass are

transmitted via webcam on

www.blanchardstownparish.ie

During this time, we will keep one another in prayer and watch out for our neighbours.

(for church services go

www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam)

Holy Week Timetable 2020

Holy Thursday (9th April) : **No Morning Mass**

7.30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

8.15 pm - Prayer

Good Friday (10th April) :

10.00 am – Morning Prayer

3.00 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7.30 pm - Stations of the Cross followed by Prayer around the Cross.

Holy Saturday (11th April):

10.00 am Morning Prayer

8.00 pm - **EASTER VIGIL**

Easter Sunday: (12th April)

Mass at 10.30 am

NO EVENING MASS

Easter Monday (Bank Holiday):

Mass at 11.00 am

Easter Tuesday (14th April):

Mass at 10.00 am

All church ceremonies are available online via webcam at www.blanchardstownparish.ie

A Poem for these times

And the people stayed home by Kitty O'Meara

And the people stayed home.

And read books, and listened,
and rested, and exercised,
and made art, and played games,
and learned new ways of being,
and were still.

And listened more deeply.

Some meditated,
some prayed, some danced.
Some met their shadows.

And the people began
to think differently.

And the people healed.

And, in the absence of
people living in ignorant,
dangerous, mindless,
and heartless ways,
the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed,
and the people joined together
again,
they grieved their losses,
and made new choices,
and dreamed new images, and
created new ways to live and heal

..... and a prayer

Oh loving God Of light and hope

Oh grace oh love oh peace

Be with us now,

In this time of need

This time of fear,

This time of hope

Draw us towards you

Each one, by one

Reassure us Oh God of light

Draw us call us

One by one

Remind us that There is no fear

For fear will change To treasure trove

Of light, of hope

Of greatness flowing

As you draw us towards you

Each one, by one

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Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I Believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori)

CONFESSIONS

People who cannot celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation because of the coronavirus can go to God directly, be specific about their sins, request pardon and experience God's loving forgiveness.

Pope Francis said "an act of contrition done well, and our souls will become white like the snow,"

*In these challenging times,
Jesus, who is our light,
says to each of us
I am the light of the world
anyone who follows me will never
walk in darkness
But will have the light of life
May this Easter bring new
beginnings, hope and joy*

.....and some ways to participate/celebrate

The John Main Meditation Group is not meeting physically while the COVID-19 social distancing protocols are in force, but they have begun a practice of meditating individually at 20:00 each Wednesday evening thus forming a 'virtual' prayer community. Anyone who wishes may 'join' and meditate in solidarity at the same time. A short on-line video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PcMzQvYjuuw> provides a basic instruction and a 20 minute silence for those unfamiliar with the practice. If you have any difficulties finding this link please contact Tony at chezdevlin@gmail.com

<http://www.catholicinspired.com/2013/03/>



good-friday-crafts-and-activities-plus.html

We welcome you to join us this Saturday at the **Sanctuary** at 11.00am for a very special online broadcast from our founder Sr Stan Kennedy, guiding you through Mindfulness and Compassion Meditations as well as sharing a compassionate message.

The session will start on Saturday at 11.00am until 12.15pm on 4th April 2020. Just click on the link below, download Zoom and join using computer audio. <https://zoom.us/j/543873335>

We appreciate your continued support of the Parish and the Diocese in these difficult times.

If you wish, you can donate to the *Sunday Mass 1st & 2nd Collections* online on the Diocesan Website directly on www.dublindiocese.ie. Your *Family Offering Envelope* contributions may be retained by you until the current crisis is over.

Intentions	4th/5th April
Sat. 7pm	Pat Lawlor, Angela Goodwin
10.30am	Claire Molloy, Richard Creagh George Farmer, Susan Hilliard Aileen Canning, Teresa O'Neill Elizabeth & William O'Brien

Masses on Easter Sunday are offered for all our deceased.

Children's Corner

THE SADDEST DAY

In the Garden

Join the dots to see who is praying in the Garden of Gethsemane.

SUPJPER GARDEEN
 PESTER CROUSS
 STOMB

Each of these words from the story has an extra letter.

Write the extra letters down here to find his name.

The way to the cross
 Follow Jesus' very difficult route to Golgotha.

A PRAYER TO SAY
 Father God, help us to be brave like Jesus and to always do what is right and loving. Amen.

The cock crowed three times

When the cock crowed Peter knew he had been wrong to say he didn't know Jesus.



Find five differences between these two cockerels.

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

After sharing a special supper with his friends Jesus goes to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane. While he is there, soldiers come and arrest him and the frightened disciples run away. Three

times, Peter says he doesn't know Jesus. Then the cock crows for morning, just as Jesus had said it would. The leaders of the people decide Jesus should die. He is cruelly beaten by the soldiers and taken to a hill called Golgotha where he is nailed to a large cross. After a long while Jesus dies. His body is taken and put in a tomb guarded by soldiers.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

We remember our recently deceased



Seamus Haverty
 Michael Lothar

To live in hearts left behind
 is not to die



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