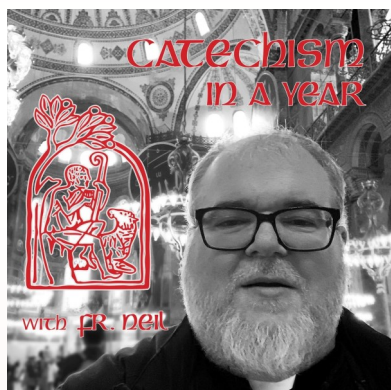


# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## 2nd Sunday after Christmas—5th January 2020

*WE WISH ALL OUR PARISHIONERS  
LOVE, JOY, PEACE, HEALTH AND  
PROSPERITY IN THE NEW YEAR*



Are you looking for a New Year's Resolution that is both easy and that can help you grow in the knowledge of the Catholic Faith? Fr. Neil Xavier O'Donoghue, a Lecturer in Systematic Theology at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland is starting a new

podcast: *Catechism with Fr. Neil*.

Every day he will post a short (5-10 minute) audio podcast for the 366 days of 2020. In each episode he will read a few paragraphs of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and give a short reflection on the passage. In this way you can listen to the whole book over the course of a year.

The Catechism is a great summary of the Catholic Faith that Pope St. John Paul II called a "sure reference for the teaching of Catholic Doctrine."

The *Catechism with Fr. Neil* Podcast is already available on SoundCloud and Spotify and will soon be in the Apple podcast store. Details can be found on [www.fatherneil.com](http://www.fatherneil.com) For the more technical the feed for the podcast is available at: <http://feeds.soundcloud.com/users/soundcloud:users:747004546/sounds.rss>

### Dates for your Diary

- Feb 1st: St. Brigid's Day
- Feb 18th: Confirmations St. Francis Xavier's
- Feb 19th: Confirmations Scoil Bhríde
- Feb 28th: Confirmations Scoil Oilibhéir
- March 8th: Mass of All Nations

### Some of our Regular Parish Events

#### Monday Morning Meditation

10.45am in the Fr. Dungan Room

Resumes on 13th January

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday and Fridays

Commences after the 10am Mass & Rosary.  
Continues until church closing (app. 8pm)  
All invited to participate.

#### Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Tuesdays @ 7pm in the church

#### Wednesday Meditation

Wednesdays at 8pm in the Jubilee room.

#### Choir Practice

Thursdays in the Fr. Dungan Room

Juniors 6.15pm, Senior Choir 7.45pm

#### First Fridays

Mass at 10am and 7pm for our deceased relatives and friends. (10am Mass followed by refreshments in the Pastoral Centre)

#### Rosary Prayer Group for Children & Parents

will resume on 14th January

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 15th January at 7:20pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

**Please Welcome  
our recently baptised**

Harrison, Cara,  
Fionn & Pascal



**St Brigids GAA** Club Nursery, in association with Sherry Fitzgerald, returns on January 11th from 9.30am to 11am in Russell Park. All boys and girls aged between 4 and 7 are welcome, especially new families! Just arrive and speak to any of our friendly coaches or email us at; [Pro.stbrigids.dublin@gaa.ie](mailto:Pro.stbrigids.dublin@gaa.ie) for more info. Our Club Dinner Dance takes place in the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Blanchardstown on 14th February, 2020. Tickets are now on sale from Yvonne McCormack (0868548282), Paula Jackson (0872858574) and Elaine Curtin (0872025129). It promises to be a great club night with Aidan Tierney from 'Tierney Talks' performing LIVE also!

**Castleknock Celtic**—Children's Soccer Academy for Boys & Girls age 4-7 years, resumes. Learn the football basics in a fun/friendly environment and make friends. Saturdays at 10am beside Clubhouse in Porterstown Park. Information at [www.castleknockceltic.com](http://www.castleknockceltic.com) and 083-4111721

**Thank You from GOAL**

Many thanks to the many families and individuals who came out to support GOAL's annual Christmas Day Mile in the Phoenix Park. Your generous donations raised €8281.49 for GOAL's humanitarian work in developing countries.

**Night classes at Castleknock Community College:** Online enrolment for night classes is now open at [www.castleknockcc.ie](http://www.castleknockcc.ie). Courses include Painting, Public Speaking, Pilates, Mindfulness, Hairdressing, and many more. We offer Italian, French, Spanish, German and English classes. For further information email [nightclasses@castleknockcc.ie](mailto:nightclasses@castleknockcc.ie) or telephone 01 8129346 **Discounts for over 65's**

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All church services available online via [www.blanchardstownparish.ie](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie)

**O Night Divine**

The final figure for donations to St. Francis Hospice from the Carol Concert on 5th December is €1,305. Your generosity is much appreciated.

**Thank you**

**Children's Corner**  
**In the Gospel today**

John the Baptist was sent by God to tell everyone about Jesus, the light. Jesus is the Word of God who became a person and lived on earth. In the past God had given the Law to help people know how to live. Now God gives Jesus to help us know what God is like. No one has seen God, but we know what God is like because we have seen God's Son,

God is...

K	W	E	I	R	N	D	Q
W	P	I	E	S	C	O	E
G	K	O	P	W	O	D	Z
T	F	U	A	I	E	R	S
L	J	A	O	V	Y	E	A

We know what God is like because we know what Jesus is like.

Colour in one triangle in each square to leave one letter and find some words which describe God.

**Wordsearch** Find these words from the Gospel story:

H	O	S	J	D
E	D	R	O	W
L	I	G	H	T
P	S	O	N	Z

WORD LIGHT HELP JOHN SON

Jesus.

**A PRAYER TO SAY**

**D**ear Jesus, you came to show us what God is like. Please help me show others what God is like by being a light – kind and caring. Amen.

**We remember our recently deceased**



Michael Farley  
Lilly Brady  
Daniel Corr

*To live in hearts left behind is not to die*

**READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**  
Sat. 7pm: Saritha Moras  
Sun 9am: Richard O'Carroll  
10.30am: Maeve O'Donoghue  
12noon: Sheila Gouldson  
7pm: Máire Martin

Intentions	4th/5th Jan	11th/12th Jan
Sat. 7pm	Rose & Richard Harrison	Breda Roche Gerry Cahill
Sun. 9am	-	John & Ellen Hyland
10.30am	-	James, Mary, Edward & Millie Fay Kitty & Liam McCarthy
12 noon	Joan O Keeffe Margaret French Gayle Egan– Cowman	Sarah Hilliard
7pm	James & Agnes Griffin Mary Flynn	-