

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

Pentecost Sunday—5th June 2022



Fill the Hearts of the Faithful

This Sunday's Readings

1st: Acts 2: 1-11
Psalm: 103 R/ Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth
2nd: Ephesians 8: 8-17
Gospel Acclamation! Alleluia, alleluia! Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!
Gospel: John 14: 15-16, 23-26

CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday: Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary church opens at 9.30am and closes at 5pm
Wednesday: Mass also at 7.30pm
Saturday: church opens at 10am Vigil Mass at 7pm
Sunday Mass at 10.30am* & 12 noon
1st Saturday of the month— Mass at 10am followed by confessions
 All available on www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam
 *also on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM

Eucharistic Adoration Tues. & Fri. 10.30—5pm
Evening Mass for the Blanchardstown Area
 Mondays—Mulhuddart at 7.30pm
 Tuesdays & Thursdays—Castleknock at 7.30

Other Parish Events

for the month of June
Lectio Divina—with Máirín

Wednesday mornings at 11am, in the Fr. Dungan Room, commencing on 8th June

Coffee mornings
 Thursdays after 10am Mass

Sacraments of Confirmation and 1st Eucharist

These celebrations with the Parish Schools are now completed for another year. I thank the School Principals and Class Teachers for their excellent preparation of the children. I also want to thank in a very special way, the Parish Team, The Confirmation Team, the Liturgy Team and the Sacristans all of who made our parish celebration of the Sacraments in 2022 a special and rewarding occasion for the pupils, their families and the Parish.

Fr. Michael Carey PP

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Pentecost Sunday—Today we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to the Church to enable us to fulfil our mission of building God's kingdom. The 7 gifts are:

Wonder and awe in the presence of the Lord (fear of the Lord) helps us to honour the Lord and make Him number one in our lives. Helps us to see signs of God's presence in our lives and in the world around us. Helps us to see God in the love and care of our parents and friends. Helps us to see God in new life and growth in the people around us in the world.
Reverence (piety) helps us to be grateful to God for His blessings and to respect all of God's creation. Helps us to love God as Jesus did. Helps us to be aware of God's love for us as enable us to bring this love to others.
Courage (fortitude) helps us to boldly live by and proclaim the Gospel. Helps us to continue to do what is right even if others oppose us. Helps us to speak the truth even if it means we suffer in consequence. Gives us courage especially when life is most difficult, when we are alone or afraid.
Right judgment (counsel) helps us to make decisions guided by the Holy Spirit. Helps us not to be too quick in judging others. Helps us not to be prejudiced. Helps us to be quick to admit when we are wrong
Knowledge helps us to put trust in the Lord and to have confidence in His teaching. Helps us to know the reasons why things are as they are. Helps us to know God better. Helps us to know always what it is that God wants us to do.
Understanding helps us to see the Lord and His ways more deeply. Helps us to understand how people are feeling deep inside. Helps us never to do anything to hurt others. Helps us especially to understand those whose needs are greater than our own, the very young and the very old, those who are sick and those who are poor
Wisdom helps us to make judgments based on God's love. Helps us to know always what is the best thing to do. Helps us to know the needs of the people around us. Helps us to find ways of working together as a team for God's kingdom.
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DID YOU KNOW THAT SINGING IN A CHOIR CAN...

- BOOST YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM!
- IMPROVE YOUR POSTURE!
- LOWER YOUR STRESS LEVELS!
- HELP WITH SLEEP!
- IMPROVE MENTAL ALERTNESS!
- GIVE YOU A GREAT BANK BALANCE!
- MAKE YOU WINDSWEEP AND INTERESTING!
- GIVE YOU FABULOUS TEETH!

(Well ...maybe we're exaggerating a little bit towards the end there ...but we do have great fun!)

to find out more about joining our Parish Choir please email:
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it could lead to a whole new you !....

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The Pope's Easter Homily 2022-conclusion

"Finally, *the women proclaimed*. What did they proclaim? The joy of the resurrection. Easter did not occur simply to console those who mourned the death of Jesus, but to open hearts to the extraordinary message of God's triumph over evil and death. The light of the resurrection was not meant to let the women bask in a transport of joy, but to generate missionary disciples who "return from the tomb" (v. 9) in order to bring to all the Gospel of the risen Christ. That is why, after seeing and hearing, the women ran to proclaim to the disciples the joy of the resurrection. They knew that the others might think they were mad; indeed, the Gospel says that the women's words "seemed to them an idle tale" (v. 11). Yet those women were not concerned for their reputation, for preserving their image; they did not contain their emotions or measure their words. Their hearts were enflamed only with the desire to convey the news, the proclamation: "The Lord is risen!"

How beautiful is a Church that can run this way through the streets of our world! Without fear, without schemes and stratagems, but solely with the desire to lead everyone to the *joy of the Gospel*. That is what we are called to do: to experience the risen Christ and to share the experience with others; to roll away the stone from the tomb where we may have enclosed the Lord, in order to spread his joy in the world. Let us make Jesus, the Living One, rise again from all those tombs in which we have sealed him. Let us set him free from the narrow cells in which we have so often imprisoned him. Let us awaken from our peaceful slumber and let him disturb and inconvenience us. Let us bring him into our everyday lives: through gestures of peace in these days marked by the horrors of war, through acts of reconciliation amid broken relationships, acts of compassion towards those in need, acts of justice amid situations of inequality and of truth in the midst of lies. And above all, through works of love and fraternity.

Brothers and sisters our hope has a name: the name of Jesus. He entered the tomb of our sin; he descended to those depths where we feel most lost; he wove his way through the tangles of our fears, bore the weight of our burdens and from the dark abyss of death restored us to life and turned our mourning into joy. Let us celebrate Easter with Christ! He is alive! Today, too, he walks in our midst, changes us and sets us free. Thanks to him, evil has been robbed of its power; failure can no longer hold us back from starting anew; and death has become a passage to the stirrings of new life. For with Jesus, the Risen Lord, no night will last forever; and even in the darkest night, in that darkness, the morning star continues to shine..... Christ is risen!

Building Hope Gathering

We had our gathering last Tuesday evening in the extension and I thank all who turned up - I hope you found it worthwhile. A sincere thank you to the two animators Deacon Jim and Mary who gave up a lot of their time in preparation for the gathering and thank you also to the excellent facilitators on the night as well as the Sacristans & Christine who as always gives excellent office support. The evening with some light refreshments.

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.
You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts.
We seek your way of loving kindness

Children's Corner

In the Gospel today Jesus promises to send his Holy Spirit, to help all his friends to live as he asks. Jesus' friends are God's children. God loves us and we love God!

A Prayer to say
 Thank you, Jesus, for sending your Holy Spirit to be my helper. Help me to show how much I love you by living as you ask. Amen.

Good or Bad

God the Holy Spirit gives us lots of good things.

Put the other words in the dustbin.

See if you can sort out the good things from the jumbled up sack and write them in the treasure chest.

BAD THOUGHTS: KIND, LAZY, ANGER, LOVE, MEAN, GOOD, SELFISH

GOOD THINGS: PATIENCE, JOY, PEACE, FIGHTING, GENTLE

A Kriss Kross Can you fit these words into the squares? The first one has been done for you...

Thoughtful, Patient, Loving, Gentle, Share, Kind, Help, Care, Joy

Happy Birthday! Today is the birthday of the Church!

Draw as many candles as you can on the birthday cake and draw little flames above them!

The St. Vincent de Paul monthly outdoor collection takes place next weekend—11th/12th June
 Your generosity will be much appreciated

Mass Collections
 We are still not 'passing baskets'. Instead the two collections at Mass, which are vital for the support of priests can be made by:
 1) Putting your offerings in the 'white boxes' around the Church. Envelopes are also provided.
 2) Using the 'Tap and Go' machines.
 The collections are divided - **60%** to the 1st—Common Fund for Priests; **40%** - to the 2nd—Share
Thank you so much for your generous offerings

We welcome our recently baptised
We remember our recently deceased

Valerie Smith
Always loved, never forgotten

Mass Intentions 4th/5th June	
7pm	Frances & Eddie Gleeson
10.30	Paddy O'Rourke & his daughter Bernie Michael J Lowther Daniel Sobczak
12 noon	-

Ecumenical Bible Week—Pentecost to Trinity Sun-