



# St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday 6th August



Give them something to eat yourselves  
Matthew 14:13-21

### 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 (**EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST**)

**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](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam)

Also on Phoenix Radio– 92.5FM

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Tue & Fri 10.30am-5pm

#### Blanchardstown Area evening Mass

**Mon:** Blanchardstown 7.30pm

**Tues & Thurs:** Castleknock

**Wed:** Mulhuddart

**Fri:** Corduff

### A Reflective Sentence

There is only one tragedy in the end, not to have been a saint.....Leon Bloy (1846-1917, French novelist and convert)



### We are made for eternity and eternity begins at this very moment



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. If you look at a marble statue, especially one that you delight in, it is easy to forget that this wonderful sculpture was once a rough block of marble cut out of the mountainside. In a similar way, a painter takes a blank canvas and transfigures it into an image that people delight in looking at. Or a writer takes blank pages and transfigures them into something engaging and absorbing to read.

People too can be transfigured. One obvious example being people at an airport waiting for a loved one. They search each face as the passengers come through the arrival doors. When they recognise their loved one, their faces light up. In a sense, they become transfigured.

All of us, I am sure, would have had transfiguration moments. Such moments will often be times when we hear our name spoken in love, when we have a deep sense that we are accepted and valued by someone. We find it easy to remember these moments and in more difficult times we can find ourselves going back to such moments in memory and continuing to draw life from them. Such experiences live on in our memories, and can sustain us long after they have happened.

We need this sustaining memory and this ability to reflect, because we cannot stay on top of the mountain – we cannot build three tents as Peter wanted to do in order to stay there, in order to stay in the moment. The moment ends and we have to come down.

But in coming down the mountain, the Lord is with us and this is where we need him most – in the ordinary ‘hum drum’ of everyday living. But it is in these ordinary moments that the Lord continues to reach out and touch us – but we must have eyes with which to see, ears with which to hear. These transfiguration moments, the sense of God saying to us, ‘You are my chosen one’ can come to us through an experience of prayer, an experience of nature - which can leave us with a deep feeling of wonder and gratitude.

It can come through the celebration of the sacraments. God’s love can touch us at a very deep level in and through the sacrament of reconciliation or the sacrament of the Eucharist. We can come away from those sacramental moments transfigured in some way. In the Gospel, Jesus on the mountain, experienced a love that was faithful enough to carry him through his passing in Jerusalem, (in other words, his death.) and the experience of such a love was transfiguring.

Hopefully there will be moments in our own lives when we experience God as Jesus did on that mountain, in a way that leaves us transfigured in the very depths of our being. For many of us, God’s transforming love is experienced in and through the relationships that matter to us. The experience of a human love that is faithful can be transforming, giving us a foretaste of that moment in eternity when we will experience God’s love to the full.

#### Extract from a homily by St. John Paul II

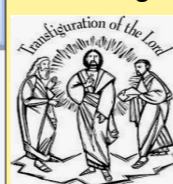
“In the event of the Transfiguration we contemplate the mysterious encounter between history, which is being built every day, and the blessed inheritance that awaits us in heaven in full union with Christ, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. We, pilgrims on earth, are granted to rejoice in the company of the transfigured Lord when we immerse ourselves in the things of above through prayer and the celebration of the divine mysteries. But, like the disciples, we too must descend from Tabor into daily life where human events challenge our faith. On the mountain we saw; on the paths of life we are asked tirelessly to proclaim the Gospel which illuminates the steps of believers... we are made for eternity and eternity begins at this very moment, since the Lord is among us and lives with and in his Church”.



In 2002, St. John Paul II selected the Transfiguration as one of the five Luminous Mysteries of the rosary.

### FROM THE PASTORS DESK

#### The Transfiguration – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>



August. The Cross requires the exodus of Jesus, his death, Resurrection and glorification. The disciples have to realise that he

must depart, just as they are prepared for his going to Jerusalem to die. The Transfiguration of the Lord on Mt. Tabor came to strengthen the faith of the disciples.

*Fr Michael Carey PP*



#### Youth 2000 Summer Festival

Join young people aged between 16 and 35 at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival taking place in Clongowes Wood College, Kildare from 10th to 13th August. The festival includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass. Donation only. We have buses going from all over Ireland. For more information and to book your place go to [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

The monthly St Vincent de Paul outdoor collection will take place next weekend 12th/13th August.



### Saints in the Church's Calendar

**St. Dominic, priest - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August** 1170-1221, a Spaniard who founded the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) to counteract the Albigensian heresy through instruction and prayer.

**St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) Patron of Europe– Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August** – born in 1891 at Breslau (now Wroclaw, Poland), the youngest of seven children of a Jewish family. A brilliant student, she gained her doctorate in philosophy at twenty-five. After reading the autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila, she became a Catholic in 1922 and eleven years later a Carmelite nun. Both Jewish and Catholic, she fled to Holland when the Nazis came to power but she was captured and sent to Auschwitz where she died on 9 August 1942.

## Children's Corner:

### In The Gospel:

Jesus climbs up a mountain with Peter, James and John. Jesus changes and shines with God's glory. Moses and Elijah come to talk to him. Suddenly, a bright cloud comes down over them, and a voice says, "This is my Son. I love him and I am very proud of him. Listen to him!"

### Who was on the mountain?

Moses and Elijah also appeared on the mountain.

Can you find the names of all six people on the mountain?

J E S U S T H E  
O L V O I M C E  
H I B E L O O N  
N J A M E S G E  
D A P E T E R T  
O H G O D S I

★ Clue: find the names in the Gospel



Dear Jesus, help me to listen to you this week and really dazzle the people around me. Amen.

### Sunday Mass Collections

Many thanks for your continued support of these collections which are vital for the support of the priests of the diocese. You can contribute to the Mass collections by:

Putting your offerings in the 'white boxes' around the Church or by leaving your Envelope into Parish Office during the week. Envelopes are provided on seats or you can have an Envelope supply in your home for convenience. Using the 'Tap and Go' machines. Using the online 'Donate' facility on the Parish Website.

See [www.blanchardstownparish.ie](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie) where you can select both one-off and recurring payments. The Mass collections are divided – 60% to the 1<sup>st</sup> – Common Fund for Priests; 40% - to the 2<sup>nd</sup> – Share. **Thank you so much for your generosity**

We pray for our recently deceased:

Catherine Darcy  
Elizabeth (Betty) O'Gara  
Leo Tracey

Always loved, never forgotten



### Summer Months

We pray for all parishioners who are heading away, that you have an enjoyable holiday and refresh yourselves and return home safely. All visitors to Blanchardstown are welcome to our parish. For those of you who aren't, or who can't, holiday, let's hope and pray for drier weather for this month. Nice sunny weather always lifts the spirits!!



### Mass intentions for the week

Saturday Vigil	Michael Brophy Luke Digan (6th Anniv)	Fr Seán Cleary Tony Murtagh (1st Anniv)	Kathleen Egan-Burke
Sunday	Ellis Murphy Liam & Teresa O'Neill Deceased members of the McNally Family	Seán Mullins Aileen Canning	May & Pat Dunne John Farley Vinita—thanksgiving Mary Daly (3rd Anniv)

This Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of August is a bank holiday so mass will be at 11am. There will be No evening mass.

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