

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## 2nd Sunday of Advent—6th December 2020

*the Lord will come  
to save the nations*  
ISAIAH 30:19

### \*\*\*Current Arrangements\*\*\*

for **Level 3+** of the **Living with Covid-19 plan**

**All Masses & services are available on the webcam**  
[www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam)

**Monday to Friday Mass** 10.00am  
*church open for private prayer after Mass until 3pm*

**Saturday Vigil Mass** at 7.00pm

**Sunday Mass** at 10.30am\*, 12 noon & 7pm

\*also broadcast on Phoenix FM— 92.5Mhz

#### HOLY HOUR

Join us on Tuesdays 4pm-5pm for Music,  
Silence and Reflections.  
A time out to rest with the Lord.



### Also in the parish.....

**Great response still to the advent wreath making demonstration. Have you made yours yet? The tutorial can still be accessed on <https://vimeo.com/482573789>**

Cards containing the Christmas Mass schedule have been delivered throughout the parish. If you did not receive one, they are now available in the church or Pastoral Centre. All Requests for Mass bookings over the Christmas weekend (24th-27th) must be in by 14th December. Returns already received indicate a heavy preference for early Christmas Eve and early Christmas morning Masses. We will endeavour to accommodate the preferences of as many parishioners as possible but, our church normally holds 600 and we can only have 90 for each Mass under current health guidelines. We will be delighted to welcome and include all who are participating online.

Copies of the printed newsletter are available in the Pastoral Centre—you could collect one for a relative, neighbour or friend, especially if they don't have access to the internet.

### Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent

#### First Reading:

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

**Psalm:** 84

#### Second Reading:

2 Peter 3: 8-14

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
Make his paths straight,  
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew Mark 1: 1-8

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**I wait. I watch. I hope.** If you are looking for something different this advent, why not join a WhatsApp group to receive an Advent reflection every day. For more details and if you'd like to join contact Christina Malone at the Diocese on **085 716 2152**

### Irish Hospice Foundation - Living with Loss

As part of our bereavement support function at Irish Hospice Foundation we are arranging our annual event for the public entitled 'Living with Loss'. This year the event will be online on 9th December at 7pm. This event is free to attend, but you would need to book a place using the following link <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/living-with-loss-tickets-130420626605>



Please support the St. Vincent de Paul **Annual Christmas Appeal**. The

society relies almost entirely on your support and all funds raised will be spent in the local community helping those who need it most with food, heating and education costs throughout the winter and beyond. Special envelopes will be left in the church for the next week or you can donate directly at [svp.ie/donate](http://svp.ie/donate) or calling 0818 176 176.

**Parish Office and Pastoral Centre**  
**Open 9.30am—1pm. Monday—Friday**

## JOURNEY (Sr. Teresa Healy)

Mother of love  
Oh star filled night  
You gaze on the face of light  
You hope for the child,  
The child to come  
The child of ancient years

Mother of hope  
Of deepening peace  
Your heart so listened to the call  
of light  
The call of a future king

Mother of truth, of gazing light  
Caring and hoping, oh mother of love  
You knew of the challenge  
Of your new found Yes.

## REFLECTION FOR ADVENT

Mother of courage  
On a desert path  
Journeying and searching  
For a sheltered home  
A place of hope  
To rest and to birth

Gently and quietly, you call us  
too  
On a journey of faith, a path of hope  
A hope that journeys on  
And as our hearts, too, listen  
To the call of love  
We will gaze on the face of light.

A simple way communities  
can support each other

crosscare

## We need donations of toiletries

soaps - shampoos - toothpaste -  
hand soaps - baby hygiene products

A message from:

### Community Food Banks

Times are difficult for everyone at  
the moment particularly the most  
vulnerable people in our community.

As the need for people to access  
our services increases, we are  
finding it more difficult to keep  
our stocks at a level that can  
cope with the demand.



Donations of new toiletry products, in their original packaging  
please, may be left in the Pastoral Centre

Many, many thanks to all who continue to contribute so  
generously to the Family Offering Collection and the  
Sunday Mass Collections; we really appreciate your  
support in these anxious and challenging times.

Contributions may now be made through our parish  
website: [www.blanchardstownparish.ie](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie)

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Intentions	5th/6th December
7pm	Mary, Bill & Tom Feighery Bernard Keville
10.30am	Pat Mulloy & Gerard & Nuala Farmer Brian Clarke Mary & John Dredge
12 noon	Kevin Bernie



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## Children's Corner

**In the Gospel** John the Baptist tells the whole countryside to get ready for the coming of the Lord, the powerful one. John the Baptist says he is not worthy to even untie the Lord's sandals. John

### What is the message?

John the Baptist was God's messenger. Fill in the missing vowels to see what the message was.

Pr\_p\_r\_  
th\_w\_y\_f  
th\_L\_r\_d.

The message means, "Get ready for the coming of Jesus."

### Make a promise

John is giving us the good news that Jesus is coming.

Choose to get ready for Jesus by doing something kind for someone this week.

Write what you are going to do in the Good News Newspaper – and draw a picture of yourself doing something kind too!



**A prayer to say** Father in heaven, help me to get ready for Jesus. It is wonderful that Jesus wanted to live with us on the earth. Help me to be kind to everyone, because we are all brothers and sisters of Jesus.

## Baptisms

The parish Baptism Team are currently contacting those who had previously booked baptisms, which were postponed, to reschedule. We will take new bookings from Wednesday 9th December.

## Covid-19 Helpline Numbers

**The Irish Hospice Foundation - bereavement Support Line**  
freephone 1800 70 77 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday

**Alone COVID-19 Support Line for Older People**

7 days a week, 8am - 8pm. Call 0818 222 024.

**Accord – support line** : 10 am-1 pm Mon-Fri 9059555

**Crosscare** Blanchardstown 01-8219892

**AgeAction**

**Supporting Older People**

Check their website for information on supports at this time [www.ageaction.ie](http://www.ageaction.ie)



**We remember our recently deceased**

To live in hearts left behind  
is not to die