St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter 2nd Sunday of Advent—6th December 2020



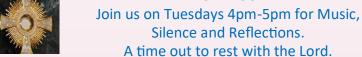
Current Arrangements

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

All Masses & services are available on the webcam 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





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

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

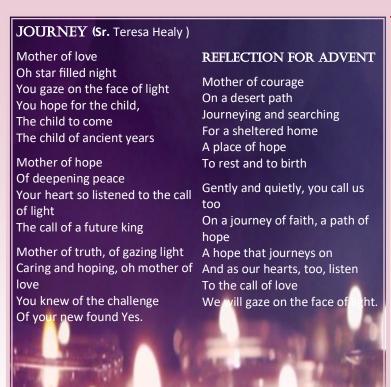


Please support the St. Vincent de Paul **Annual Christmas Appeal.** The

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 or calling 0818 176 176.

Parish Office and Pastoral Centre

Open 9.30am—1pm. Monday—Friday



A simple way communities can support each other



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

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

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



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

<u>The Irish Hospice Foundation - bereavement Support Line</u> 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**

Age**Action**

Supporting Older People

Check their website for information on supports at this time www.ageaction.ie



We remember our recently deceased

is not to die



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