St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time—6th February 2022

This Sunday's Readings

1st: Isaiah 6: 1-8
Psalm: 137 **R/** Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord
2nd: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!
Gospel: Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21

CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday: Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary
church opens at 9.30am and closes at 4pm
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 each month—Mass at 10am
All available on www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam

*available on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM

The Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation
Available on the 1st Saturday of each month after 10am Mass, and on request

Eucharistic Adoration—Tues. & Fri. 10.30—4pm

Evening Mass for the Blanchardstown Area
Mondays—Mulhuddart at 7.30pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays—Castleknock at 7.30
Wednesday—Blanchardstown at 7.30pm
Friday—Corduff at 7.30pm

Saints in the Church's Calendar

Tuesday 8th: St Josephine Bakhita 1868-1947 a native of Sudan, brought as a slave to Italy where she became a Christian and entered the Daughters of Charity in Venice.
Thursday 10th: St. Scholastica died c.543 was a sister of St Benedict. When she met her brother for the last time, a sudden rainstorm providentially prolonged the meeting; three days later St. Benedict saw her soul ascend to heaven as a dove (her symbol in art).
Friday 11th: Our Lady of Lourdes On this day in 1858, Our Lady first appeared to the 14 yr. old Bernadette Soubirous. The last of apparition was on 16 July 1858.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full A fortnight ago the Church in Ireland celebrated catholic Schools Week (CSW) 2022. There was a lot on in our Parish so I didn't get time to mention it but am doing so now.

Catholic Schools Week 2022 began on Sunday, 23 January, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, and its theme is '***Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full***'. In light of the challenges and uncertainty we have collectively faced over the past year, this year we are presented with the opportunity to reflect on how our faith sustains us and how we as a community support and care for each other.

As we adapt to the many changes and challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused, we are given the opportunity to reflect on the things that give our lives meaning. For some, it is family, friends, community sports or hobbies. For Catholics, it is God's love and wish for us to know and love him that gives life ultimate meaning. Jesus Christ is the revelation of this love, realised through his life, death and resurrection. In response to this, we reflect upon on how Catholic schools are communities where we live life to the full.

This year CSW, celebrates how we are called to be communities of faith and resilience, through our thoughts, words and actions. In doing so, we follow the words of Jesus in John's Gospel: 'I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full' (Jn 10:10)

Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking

February 8th is *International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking*, first observed in 2015 and on the memorial of St. Josephine Bakhita. Each year, around 2.5 million people are victims of trafficking and slavery. For those engaged in trafficking it has become one of the most lucrative illegal activities in the world. Through the Day of Prayer, we reflect on the experience of those who have suffered but also we are called to reach out to victims and survivors.

Father Michael PP

Accord

The **ANNUAL COLLECTION** of **ACCORD Dublin**, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of **12 & 13 February 2022.** It will replace the usual Share Collection.

ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:

Marriage Preparation courses – online, small groups.

Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone. Helpline 01 9059555.

A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever.
Please give generously on 12 & 13 February

Parish Assembly – Enrolment Sunday

Thank you to all who 'signed up' last weekend, we'll be in touch! Also thank you to the members of the PPC who assisted at the Sunday Masses for this process. Needless to say enquiries about volunteering and 'signing up' can be made at any time – always welcome!
As was read out in the notices last weekend 'like the widow's mite, even the apparently smallest help can be the most significant'
"There is a variety of gifts, but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose" (1 Cor 12: 4-7)

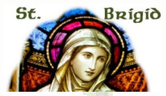
Synod Space

In this Sunday's Gospel, Luke 5:1-11, the Gospel writer creatively combines the preaching of Jesus, a miracle and a call story. Luke invites us to recognise our own attraction to Jesus and the Good News. In the context of the Synodal Pathways — certain expressions jump off the page: *the word of God, put out into the deep, do not be afraid*

We should not be afraid to put out into the deep, both personally and as a community of faith. We pray to the Holy Spirit, that the Christian community may be full of courage as it gathers together on the Synodal Pathway. Resources are available at: Synodal Resources | Archdiocese of Dublin (dublindiocese.ie)

Just to keep you abreast of our progress so far as we organise our synod gatherings in Blanchardstown. Our animators, Grainne Uí Chaomhánaigh, Mary Tighe, Máirín Keegan and Deacon Michael O'Connor have attended diocesan training on Zoom. They are now looking for facilitators for the small groups. If you are interested in facilitating a small group at our synod gatherings, please email Máirín at mairin.keegan@dublindiocese.ie

Feast of St. Brigid February 1st



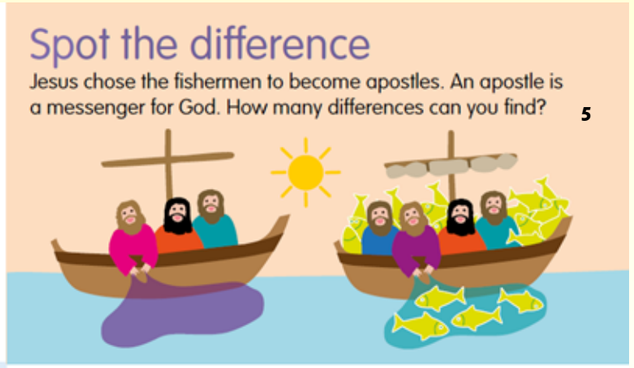
St Brigid, you were a woman of peace.
You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light to the darkness.
You brought hope to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.
Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.
Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.
Strengthen what is weak within us.
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.
May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.
Amen. *(author unknown)*

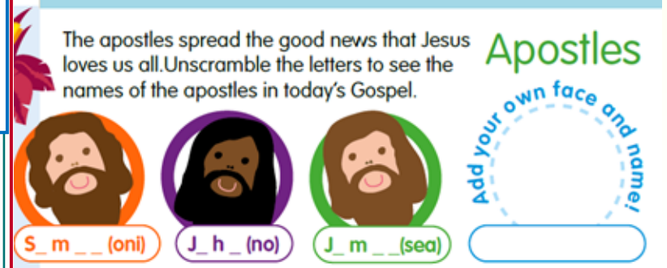
Fully Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 21st February 2022. €549.00 per person sharing. Price includes return bus transfer from Dublin, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions. Wheel-chair accessible rooms. Single supplement €60.00. Email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com or contact Patricia on 087 1890 236

Retrouvaille - A Lifeline for Married Couples: *Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next virtual programme starts 3rd to 6th March 2022 For information contact:-*
Tony & Anne (01) 495 3536, text or call 086 413 5440,
Mike & Anne 087-2526812 / 087-6874658 text, or email info.retrouvaille2020@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.ie.

Children's Corner

In the Gospel Simon Peter trusts Jesus. He does what Jesus says – and catches so many fish that they fill two boats to sinking point! Simon Peter and the other fishermen leave everything and follow Jesus.





A prayer to say Help me, Jesus, to be your messenger. Help me to trust you and to spread the good news about your love by treating everyone I meet with kindness. Amen.

First Holy Communion - Enrolment Sunday
This weekend we welcome the boys and girls from our Parish Schools who are preparing for their first holy communion. They are making a number of 'little promises' as they embark on this journey in the first half of 2022. We held a parents meeting a fortnight ago and it was exceptionally well attended. There is much excitement! The simple rite may interest you!

We welcome our recently Baptised

Elizabeth, Daisy
Conor & Bobby

We remember our recently deceased

Michael Mc Donnell,
John Lundy
Fr. Philip Dennehy
Elizabeth Molloy

Always loved, never forgotten

Intentions	5th/6th February
7pm	Cathy Moran, Bridie Poynton
10.30	Matilda Dowling MM
12 noon	Joseph Brennan Martin & Claire Corry Ellen Duffy

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