

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time— 6th November 2022



### This Sunday's Readings

**1st:** Maccabees 7:1-2. 9-14  
**Psalm:** 16 R/ I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord. **2nd:** 2Thessalonians 2:16-3:5  
**Gospel Acclamation!** Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia!  
**Gospel:** Luke 20:27-38

### 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 (note change)

**Sunday Mass** at 10.30am\*

(last Sunday of each month will have a midday Family mass)

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month**— Mass at 10am followed by confessions

**Last Tuesday of the month**—Prayer Group Mass at 8.00pm, all welcome

**Bank Holidays:** Mass at 11 am only

All services available on

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

\*also on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Tues. & Fri. 10.30—5pm

#### Blanchardstown Area evening Mass

**Mon:** Blanchardstown at 7.30

Tues & Thurs: Castleknock

Wed: Mulhuddart

Fri: Corduff

### A Reflective Sentence

Wherever there is life, fervor and a desire to bring Christ to others, genuine vocations will arise.... Pope Francis



### Liturgy of the Eucharist – The Real Presence

The Eucharistic Prayer is a prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification. The Risen Crucified Christ acts upon the bread and wine through the power of the Spirit, communicating his definitive life by means of these transformed elements. Bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Christ 'by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself' (Phil 3:21). The Council of Trent, which sat from 1545-1563 summarises as follows: Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God...that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation. 'When the chalice we mix and the bread we bake receive the word of God, the Eucharistic elements become the body and blood of Christ, by which our bodies live and grow.'. The theme of the real presence is to be understood also in the line of the great works of God in history forming his people in communion with him and with one another. Throughout the history of salvation we read of God 'dwelling' among his people – he dwells in the cosmos, he is present in Israel. In Jesus Christ God becomes flesh and dwells among us. Jesus Christ is now present in many ways to his Church: in his word, in the Church's prayer, 'where two or three are gathered in his name' (Mt 18:20), in the poor, the sick, and imprisoned (Mt 25: 31-46), in the sacraments. But he is present most especially in the Eucharistic species. The Crucified-Risen Christ is concentrated in body and blood under the appearances of bread and wine so that he can communicate himself to us through them and form us into his body. By means of these transformed elements Jesus Christ communicates his definitive life of communion with the Father to us. Changed into the body and blood of Christ, the bread and wine will gradually transfigure us towards the goal we long for – the definitive transformation of all in communion with Christ and with one another: 'And all of us...are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit' (2 Cor 3:18).

Our personal concerns and care for our family, our work and relationships with others are taken up into this transforming principle. Every time we come to Mass we offer something new to be changed, especially the most stubborn and difficult aspects of our relationships with one another as well as painful situations – socio-economical, cultural or ecological, whether local or global, about which we have heard perhaps through the news media. The Eucharist is the testimony, guarantee and anticipation of our own and our world's transformation in communion. (Source: IEC2012Theological and Pastoral Preparation Document)

### Mass of Remembrance

On **Thursday 17th November at 7.30pm**, the Parish will celebrate its Annual Mass to remember and pray for all parishioners and friends who died during the past year. During this Mass each person will be remembered by name. All welcome especially family and friends. *If a family member or friend died during this past year but whose funeral was held in another parish and you would like their name called out, please leave it with Jean in the Parish Office.*

### The month of November...

*We remember our own dead and our own sadness this November. Tears speak out our grief, but they also witness to our love and we are glad to have loved so much that we can cry. May those we have loved rest in your embrace, O Lord.*

### Saints in the Church's Calendar

**The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Wednesday 9th Nov**, The Church of St John Lateran in Rome is, 'Mother and Head of all the churches of the City and the World'.

**St. Leo the Great, pope and doctor of the church – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov**, became Pope in 440 and died 461. He taught the two natures, human and divine, of Christ at the Council of Chalcedon, 451, and the primacy of the See of Peter

**St. Martin of Tours, bishop – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov** 316-97, Bishop of Tours, apostle of rural Gaul, founder of monasteries. At the age of eighteen, he was baptized. Patron of France, soldiers, beggars and innkeepers

**St. Josaphat, bishop and martyr – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November**. 1580-1623, Bishop of Poltz, worked for reunion of Ukrainian Catholics; but his murder by those who opposed it brought about many conversions

### FROM THE PASTORS DESK

#### Altar List of the Dead

These lists are now available in the Church. The new lists will be placed in front of the altar on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – The Feast of All Souls. They will be left in front of the altar for the month of November, the month of the Holy Souls. After that all Masses on the First Friday of the month will be offered for the names on the Altar List of the Dead. The completed envelopes can be returned to the Sacristy or to Jean in the Parish Office.

#### Mass Count

The count last weekend was 846 persons. Almost double the previous two weeks. We had an extra Mass in the 12noon Family Mass at the end of the month and it was also an Enrolment Mass for the 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion children. At the 6pm Vigil (273), the 10.30 (406) and 12noon (167)

#### Sunday (and Holy Days) Prayer of the Faithful

Since coming to St Brigid's I have lost one job! I no longer have to compose the Sunday Prayer of the Faithful. There are four stalwarts who week in and week out compose excellent Prayers. I have noticed how well these Prayers capture the Sunday Readings and also what's happening in Ireland and the wider world. In short they are excellent Prayers. I'd like to thank Frances Timmins; Michael Hanratty; Dan Lynch and Rev. Michael O'Connor for their unfailing commitment to this Ministry

Fr Michael Carey PP

### Refurbishment Works to Extension

The extension will be closed for the week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> November. The existing benches will be removed on that date. The carpet will be replaced and the new seats installed during the week.



### Laudato Si Award

This is a parish based award for young people to engage with ecological action, education and spirituality, based on Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si. Monthly meetings continue on Tuesdays 430-530pm. We look forward to seeing old and new members on 8th November!

### Adult Faith Development

An introduction to the basics of our religion\*  
**Wed 9th Nov – 7:30pm – Church Sacristy.**  
 Please come to whichever sessions you can.  
**This week – Who / What is God?**  
 Who / What is the Trinity?  
 (\*Using Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults)

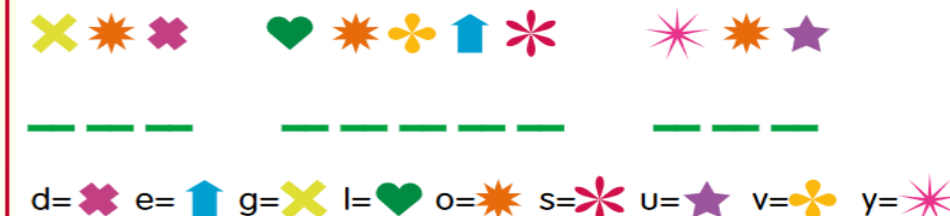
## Children's Corner

### In The Gospel

Jesus tells us not to worry about what heaven will be like. We can be sure we will be with everyone we love. We just need to trust God and know that God loves us. We are children of God and God is with us every day, helping us to enjoy life!

### A coded message

Crack the code to see



Dear Jesus, it's good to be alive! Help me to make the most of every day. Help me to trust you and not worry about things that don't matter. Thank you for loving me so much. Amen.



### Financial Matters

Many thanks to all our **Standing Order** contributors for their continued generosity to the Family Offering. If you have recently changed banks please check with your new bank that the standing order details have been transferred correctly.

### SHARE Appeal Sunday

This takes place on 12/13th Nov. The Share collection supports many services in the Archdiocese, including the support and resourcing provided by the Diocesan Offices to parishes and schools. Thank you for your continued support for SHARE.

### 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



### St. Vincent de Paul

The outdoor monthly collection for St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, VdP, will be taken up next weekend at all Masses

### Mass Intentions

**Sat 6pm** Joan Nolan

Liam Georgie Smith (MM)

Edward & Bridget Fitzgerald

**Sun 10.30am** Sheila & Patrick Fitzpatrick

Christina Daly Halpin

Matilda and Hugh Dowling

Deceased members of the Catholic

Guides of Ireland



### Recently Deceased

Mary Flanagan

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