

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time—7th February 2021



Current Arrangements Level 5 of the Living with Covid-19 plan

Join us online for any of our Masses at
www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam

Monday to Friday Mass 10.00am

Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.00pm

Sunday Mass at 10.30am*

*also broadcast on Phoenix FM— 92.5Mhz



ONLINE HOLY HOUR— Join us on Tuesdays
4pm-5pm for Music, Silence and Reflections.

A time to rest with the Lord.

Monday to Friday

Church open for private prayer after Mass **until 3pm**
with **Eucharistic Adoration** on Tuesdays and Fridays

No baptisms under current restrictions—these will resume when government guidelines allow.

GUIDELINES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHURCH

To minimise the risks to one another during the pandemic, please observe the following guidelines when visiting the Church:

1. All normal Covid rules apply (i.e. social distancing at all times, wear a mask, hand sanitizing on entry and exit).
2. Time limit of **30 mins** on each visit.
3. **Maximum of 10** in the church at any point in time - as per funeral guidelines.
4. To assist with ensuring that only 10 are in the church at any time all visitors are to use the front of the church.
5. At the end of a visit each person should sanitise the pew section which they occupied / touched during their visit (Pew sanitisers will be available).

It is up to all who attend to police these rules, primarily by observing them themselves, but also by encouraging others to do likewise.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Readings for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Psalm: 146 R/ Praise the Lord who heals the brokenhearted or Alleluia

2nd: 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me
will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39

Parish Office and Pastoral Centre

Open 9.30am—1pm. Monday—Friday

LENTE EVENTS

Ash Wednesday—ashes, which will be blessed at Mass next Wednesday, the 10th, may be collected from the Church after Mass on weekdays up to 3.00pm until Shrove Tuesday. These ashes can be used during the online celebration of Mass on Ash Wednesday in the your own home. Alternatively, you can use earth, ashes or holy water from your own house.

Spiritual Reading Circle During Lent with Fr. Frank

The Lenten season is fast approaching and, in preparation for the sacred Easter Triduum in our parish, Fr Frank offers a weekly reading circle during the six weeks of Lent.

Together we will read a book that explores the historicity of Jesus Christ and what we can know with certainty about his life, death and resurrection. The results of our reading will be gathered and discussed in weekly Zoom meetings, which will take place each **Thursday evening at 7:30 pm**, commencing the 18th of February.

'The Case for Christ' by Lee Strobel, (A Journalist's personal Investigation of the Evidence for Jesus) will serve as the basis for our discussion. The book, costing €8-€10, can be purchased online or in book stores.

Máirín is inviting you to 'Lectio Divinia' a reflection on the Word of God which will take place on each Wednesday of Lent on Zoom, starting on Ash **Wednesday at 11.00 am to 12 noon**. It is an ancient Christian practice of prayer and scriptural reading and will be based on the forthcoming Sunday gospel each week.

Both Zoom meetings will be very kindly organised by our Parish Pastoral Worker Máirín Keegan. Please register with Máirín (mairin.keegan@dublindiocese.ie) before Ash Wednesday.



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Caring for our Common Home as Brothers and Sisters

“Christians need an ecological conversion, whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the



world around them. Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience. (Pope Francis, Laudato Si’)

Some Small practical things we can all do:

- Buy locally produced food, organically grown
 - Plant pollinators, cultivate native species, avoid pesticides
 - Buy ethically produced clothes & household goods
 - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle wherever possible
- Reach out : make sure our politicians know that we care about Climate Justice and Sustainability



Praying

It doesn't have to be the blue iris, it could be weeds in a vacant lot, or a few small stones; just pay attention, then patch a few words together and don't try to make them elaborate, this isn't a contest but the doorway into thanks, and a silence in which another voice may speak.

Mary Oliver



Many thanks to all who organised the decoration of the church altar, the parish centre display for the feast of St. Brigid and also the link with the instructions for making a St. Brigid’s cross. And thank you all for your wonderful response and for the photos of your beautiful crosses made, not only from reeds, but anything that was to hand. Your creativity knows no bounds.

We remember our recently deceased

**Joan Field
Eileen Clancy
John Horton**

*To live in hearts left behind
is not to die*



Children’s Corner

In the Gospel this week Jesus heals Simon’s mother in-law of a **fever**. When news spreads, many sick people flock to Jesus for him to **heal** them. Jesus goes away to **pray** somewhere **peaceful**. Then he begins to **travel** all over Galilee with his **friends**, healing people and telling them about God.

Jesus the healer

Jesus healed people wherever he went.

Fit the letters of the word HEAL into this puzzle so that each letter appears once in each row and column and each mini grid.



A			H
	H		A
		H	
E			L

Jesus’ friends

Jesus’ friends travelled with him. Unscramble the names to see who they are.



There are two lots of brothers. Which do you think are brothers?

MSON

AEMJS

ONHI

NRWEDA

A prayer to say Father God, thank you for all the people who help us when we are sick, the doctors & nurses and everyone who cares for us. **We pray for all those who are ill at this time, especially _____.** Amen.

Faithfest is back!! Join us online for an evening of games, music, workshop, chats & prayer— 5 March from 6:30-8.30. Register at: <https://forms.gle/DwKDsXCuTornHFYA8>. More information from: faithfest@dublindiocese.ie

YCD Connected – Bringing Young People Together
Young Church Dublin invite you to join our connected group for Young Adults (20’s 30’s). We meet online every Wednesday, from 8.00-9.00pm for some time of fellowship, reflection on Scripture and prayer together. It provides an opportunity to connect in with other young adults in a community of faith. For more information, email: kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie

Intentions

6th/7th February

7pm

Jimmy Leonard
Martin & Larry Wade,
Breda Roche & Kathleen Muldowney

10.30am

Mary Keogh
Claire & Martin Corry
Eoin O’Byrne