

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

3rd Sunday of Lent—7th March 2021



Readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent

1st: *Exodus 20: 1-17*

Psalm: 18 *R/ You, Lord, have the message of eternal life*

2nd: *1 Corinthians 1: 22-25*

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me shall never die. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel: *John 2: 13-25*

Novena of Grace to St. Francis Xavier
6th—14th March with Fr. Barney McGuckian
daily at the 10.00am Mass (10.30 on Sundays)



PRAYER TO ST. FRANCIS

O most kind and loving saint, in union with you I adore the Divine Majesty. The remembrance of the favours with which God blessed you during life, and of your glory after death, fills me with joy; and I unite with you in offering to God my humble tribute of thanksgiving and of praise. I implore of you to secure for me, through your powerful intercession, the all important blessing of living and dying in the state of grace. I also beseech you to obtain the favour I ask in this Novena (here mention the favour to be asked for): but if what I ask is not for the glory of God or for the good of my soul, obtain for me what is most conducive to both. Amen.

LET US PRAY

O God, who was pleased to gather unto your Church the people of the East by the preaching and miracles of blessed Francis, mercifully grant that we who honour his glorious merits, may also imitate the example of his virtues, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father)

Petitions can be kept privately at home, posted or dropped into the Pastoral Centre postbox (marked Novena of Grace) or emailed (if you feel comfortable) to stbrigidsppc@gmail.com

LENTEN EVENTS

LET'S LIVE LENT: BRINGING THE LENTEN GOSPELS TO LIFE

Join us for Pastoral Conversations - Tuesdays at 8pm

March 9th: Into the Light March 16th: Seeds of Hope

To book email lisia.cashen@dublindiocese.ie

Current Arrangements

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**

(Closed for private prayer until further notice—see below)

Stations of the Cross: Friday mornings in Lent—9.30am

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

Prayer for Lent

Lord Jesus,
You opened the eyes of the blind,
healed the sick,
forgave the sinful woman,
and after Peter's denial confirmed him in your love.
Listen to my humble prayer:
forgive all my sins, renew your love in my heart,
help me to live in perfect unity
with my fellow Christians
that I may proclaim your saving power
to all the world. Amen.

Behind the Scenes

During the week we moved to a new Webcam service provider; hope they will provide a more reliable service. The Novena of Grace and the Holy hour will be recorded for later viewing if you are unable to view them live.

This Monday, 8th March, work will commence on a new sound system. The church will be **closed for private prayer** for the duration of the work. This will be of great benefit when the church re-opens for public worship

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Caring for our Common Home as Brothers and Sisters

*While there is time, share
While there is time, be just and fair...*
Cardinal Antonio Tagle (Dec. 13, 2015)

You are invited to attend

St Patrick's College Maynooth

**ANNUAL
TRÓCAIRE LECTURE**

'Caring for the Human Family
and our Common Home'

To Register:

[https://trocaire-org.zoom.us/webinar/
register/WN_bLnu0_aLSYSONMPEi3AYpg](https://trocaire-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bLnu0_aLSYSONMPEi3AYpg)

Cardinal Luis Antonio Gokim Tagle
will deliver the keynote address
**Tuesday, 9 March 2021
6.30 p.m. GMT**
This is a free online event



trócaire

This week, an opportunity to hear from the man described by international Catholic weekly, The Tablet as



Half the world's
population lacks
essential health
services

**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS**

**3 GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING**



For more see <https://www.un.org/en/>

Don't forget your Trocaire box—speaker this Sunday

Meditation Poem

Lady of Spring

O Lady
of the
Spring green,
of the first flower,
and the new leaf,
and the fruiting bud,
you whom the
dogwood halos
and the hidden wren
hymns,
remind us
of
the new life
of grace
that rests
within us
seed like,
awaiting
the gentle
rain
of
mercy.

Fr. Richard Hendrick

Threshold would like to remind anyone renting in the Blanchardstown area, that if you are experiencing difficulties in renting your home, Threshold continues to provide free, independent, and confidential advice & support to individuals and families via our freephone helpline—**1800 454 454** (Mon—Fri, 9am–9pm) or our new webchat service available on our website - **threshold.ie** (Mon—Friday, 9:30am to 5pm). If you have a query about rent increases, arrears, standards and repairs or ending a tenancy, contact Threshold for advice and support.



We remember our recently deceased

**Joe Coghlan
Mary Griffin**

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

Children's Corner

In the Gospel this week

Jesus says he is the Temple of God, and he will come back to life after he dies. The people do not understand, and think he is talking about the Temple where they are standing. Jesus is not afraid to stand up for what is right and tells off the people who are trading in God's house and being dishonest.

A prayer to say Dear Jesus, thank you for always being there for us, and for giving us your strong love. Help us to spread your love, so that the world may be a beautiful place. Amen.

Standing up for what is right

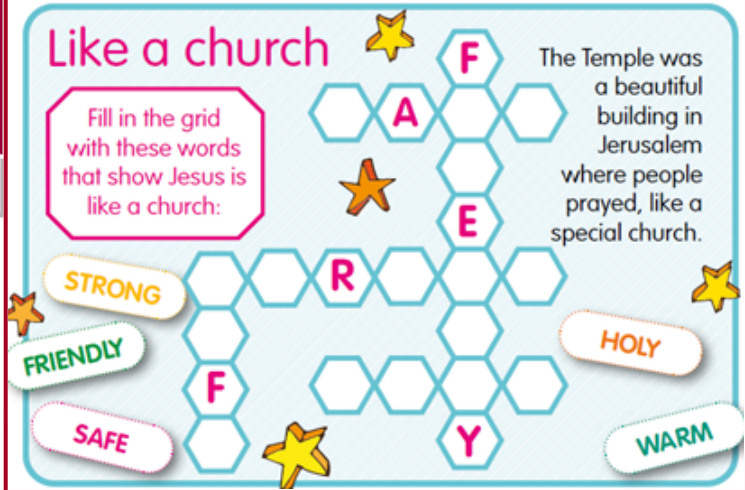
Sometimes we need to stand up for what is right and good. Seeing something that is unfair or wrong can make us cross. Maya is angry to see the girls ignoring Xiang.



Draw, or write about, your ideas for how she could help.

Like a church

Fill in the grid with these words that show Jesus is like a church:



The Temple was a beautiful building in Jerusalem where people prayed, like a special church.

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. For more information, email: kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie

Aware - Support & Self Care Groups These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie

Intentions

6th/7th March

7pm

Marian Finglas

10.30am

Norah O'Reilly
John McNally
Joe Brennan