

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—7th November 2021



### Readings for 31st October 2021

**1st:** 1 Kings 17: 10-16

**Psalm:** 145 **R/** My soul give praise to the Lord.

**2nd:** Hebrews 9: 24-28

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! **Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.** Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 12: 38-44

### CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday—Friday:** Mass at 10am **preceded by the Rosary at 9.35am**  
church opens at 9.30am and closes at 5pm

**Saturday:** church opens for private prayer at 10am  
**Vigil Mass** at 7pm

**Sunday** Mass at 10.30am\* & 12 noon

All services available on

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

\*also available on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM

**Confession**—Anyone who wishes to receive confession should approach one of the priests after Mass.

**Eucharistic Adoration**—takes place each Tuesday and Friday after the 10am Mass until 5pm. New adorers welcome—you can leave your name in the sacristy or office.

**Please remember: you still need to wear your mask, sanitise your hands and keep a safe distance.**

**Our Annual Mass of Remembrance** for those whose funerals took place in St. Brigid's during the **last 12 months** will be held on **Thurs. 18th Nov. at 7.30 pm.** If you would like a family member or friend **who died in the last year** included in this Mass (which you can view on the webcam) please leave their name in the sacristy or office.

**Thank you** to all who have returned their altar list of the dead and **your very generous offerings included.** If you haven't yet taken an envelope, there are some available in the church. The Mass is 'offered' for all names on these lists on the First Friday of every month and the lists will be in the Sanctuary area in front of the altar for the month of November.

**Mass for Deceased Priests** will be celebrated this year in the Pro-Cathedral **at 10.30am on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November.** Fr John Casey (RIP) will be prayed for at this Mass. As Parish Priest of the parish in which Fr. John served, I have been invited to attend and I will. Members of Fr. John's family have also been invited.

**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.*

### FROM THE PASTORS DESK



**Synod 2023** On 17th October in the Pro-Cathedral, the Archbishop gave his Reflections at the launch of the Diocesan Phase of the Synod of the Church "**Communion, Participation, Mission**" which will be held in Rome in 2023. Continuing the extract from the Archbishop's address:

God who has brought his people to life ... knows what's in the Church, and God chips away, year after year, century after century letting out the life he knows is among us ....

Could it be that our way of looking at the Church—and seeing only what's on the outside, that God's vision for us, this way of walking together has been obscured—his way ever since he brought Abraham on his journey of faith and brought his people out of Egypt?

Or does journeying together threaten us? The apostles listened to each other, shared with each other and prayed together and called on the Holy Spirit throughout their deliberations. This was not a matter of a few hours. Theirs was a long process. Yet, in this manner they discerned the way forward. They did not have a pre-determined answer or jump to the conclusion before they started to engage, listen and discern. There is a dynamism involved in this process.

"What is the Spirit saying to the Churches?" (Rev 2:7). We are asked to trust the Holy Spirit to lead us together in discerning the changes that are necessary for renewal and reform. What part of the Church requires new energy, renewed efforts, some fresh vitality, in order to bring the message of Jesus Christ to the contemporary world? How do we begin? We begin at a local level in the parish by listening to each other. When we gather, Pope Francis asks "us not to soundproof our hearts; let us not remain barricaded in our certainties. So often our certainties and make us closed. Let us listen to one another".

Now is the time to face whatever needs renewal in the Church. We are now called into service of God's way of bringing the Church to new life. Let us discover the same confidence that Ezekiel had in the valley of the dry bones. Remember it was the movement of God's Spirit that came upon the dry bones and restored flesh to them. So, too, with what awaits enlivening in our Church.

*Father Michael*

**East Africa – THIS WEEKEND** The Bishops conference approved a special collection for **TRÓCAIRE**'s emergency appeal for the hunger crisis in East Africa. This special collection will take place this weekend—6th/7th November 2021 and will replace the 2nd (Share) collection in all parishes within the Archdiocese of Dublin. Some special 'Trocaire' envelopes will also be left in the church during the week should you wish to make a donation.



View the Sanctuary website [www.sanctuary.ie](http://www.sanctuary.ie) for their Winter program of online and onsite courses

The **Irish Cancer Society** are looking for volunteer drivers to drive North Dublin patients to and from cancer treatments in the Mater Hospital and Beaumont Hospital. All volunteer expenses paid. If you have 2 weekdays a month available, please email [volunteer@irishcancer.ie](mailto:volunteer@irishcancer.ie) for more details.

For the conclusion of the month of October, which is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, a little liturgy of the Rosary took place every afternoon from the 25th to the 31st October in our parish church, titled "Meditating on the Mysteries of Salvation". Fr Frank would like to sincerely thank everyone who took part in our daily prayers and so generously contributed to our liturgy.

First and foremost, many thanks to our parishioners who actively and faithfully participated in the Rosary devotions in our church and through the webcam. Heartfelt thanks also go to our sacristan team for their diligent service, and last but not least to Mary and Frances who made our little celebrations so special with their lovely musical accompaniment. May God bless you all.



**St. Vincent de Paul**  
**Monthly Outdoor Collection**  
 will take place  
 after all Masses next weekend—13/14 Nov.

**Vocations to Priesthood - Invitation to men interested in finding out more**

Fr. Séamus McEntee (Vocations Director) will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Gift of Priesthood for St. Josephs Young Priest's Society on the Feast of Christ the King, in the Church of St. Andrew, Westland Row, on Sunday 21st November at 3.30. Newly ordained to the priesthood, our own **Fr. Frank Drescher** will give the homily and recently ordained transitional deacon, Rev. Joe Keegan will assist at the Mass. Seminarians from Maynooth will also assist and sing at the Mass.

Intentions	6th/7th November
7pm	Deirdre Martin MM Maureen O'Hehir MM Rose Curran MM
10.30	Jimmy Farrell Patrick & Sheila Fitzpatrick Patricia Farrell MM
12 noon	Mairead Concannon Michael Smyth MM Deceased members of the Girl Guides

**Children's Corner**  
**In the Gospel this week** Jesus warns us against putting on a show and thinking we look good while really being mean and nasty. We are living as God asks when we are generous and we trust God, like the poor widow who gives all she has to the Temple.

**I can share**

We can be generous to people in many ways.

Draw yourself sharing your sweets with a friend.

**Follow God's law**

Jacob's mum is very busy. Jacob wants to help. Circle the ways that he can be very generous with his time and help his mum.

Put the shopping away  
 Tidying up  
 Stay on the laptop  
 Watch TV  
 Washing up  
 Make his bed

**A Prayer to say**

Dear Jesus, please help me not to care too much about what people think of me. Help me to care more about how loving and generous I am, so that I grow to be like you. Amen.

**Distribution of Holy Communion—new method** to maintain as much social distancing as possible when processing forward:  
**Congregation will come up by the side aisles and down the middle**

**We welcome our recently Baptised**  
**Avery, Cian & Mikey**

**We remember our recently deceased**  
**Kay Kettle**  
**Tommy Quinn**

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