

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

2nd Sunday of Advent—8th December 2019



Christmas is a time to come together, a time to reflect on all the good in our lives – to enjoy all those who we have in our lives and to let them know what they mean to us. Coolmine invites you to join them for what has become a Christmas tradition, a night of yuletide music and some other favourite songs from the stage and screen. All are welcome to this evening where the importance of community, friends and family will be celebrated with fantastic musical acts such as the Blanchardstown Brass Band, Mary McGabhann, St Brigid's Parish Choirs and other surprise acts on the night. All proceeds will go towards the vital addiction recovery services provided by Coolmine. Join us for a very special night of hope and song!

ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT

Reflect on the great 'O Antiphons' used in Evening Prayer and Mass during the second part of Advent. Watch an online talk each day from December 16

Register Now!

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Some of our Regular Parish Events

Monday Morning meditation

10.45am in the Fr. Dungan Room

(why not avail of some quiet time over the busy season)

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday and Fridays

Commences after the 10am Mass & Rosary. Continues until church closing (app. 8pm)

All invited to participate.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Tuesdays @ 7pm in the church

Padre Pio Prayer Group

Wednesdays at 8pm in the Jubilee room.

Choir Practice

Thursdays in the Fr. Dungan Room

Junior Choir 6.15pm

Senior Choir 7.45pm

First Fridays

Mass at 10am and 7pm for our deceased relatives and friends. (10am Mass followed by refreshments in the Pastoral Centre)



Rosary Prayer Group for Children & Parents

Join us in the Church for rosary with Adoration of Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at 3.00 pm followed by refreshments, chat and play in the Pastoral Centre. **All Welcome!**

Christmas Floral Demonstration

Our Lady, Mother of the Church Parish Centre, Beechpark, Castleknock. Monday 9th December 8pm
Sponsored by the ICA, in aid of a charity, supporting girl's education in Africa. www.wellsforzoe.org

All welcome, lots of prizes.



Will take place at all Masses this weekend. Your donations will be much appreciated

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Parish News

i) The initial members of the new parish Funeral Team are being commissioned this Sunday at the 10.30am Mass

ii)  **For Young Families**
Would you like to take part in our Nativity Play on Christmas Eve at the 6pm Mass? First rehearsal Monday 9th December 6pm in the Pastoral Centre. Please come along and take part.

iii) We are delighted that one of our adult parishioners has come forward and asked to be baptised. As a parish we will support him in this journey and a team will accompany him through this preparation time. We will start this process on Sunday the 15th of December, Gaudete Sunday, at the 10.30 Mass. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a joy for the whole parish as we rediscover the gift of our own baptism and rejoice with the candidate as they come into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and the people of God.



Children's corner



John the Baptist is baptising people in the River Jordan. He says everyone must leave their bad ways behind and start doing kind and loving things. Being baptised is a sign of their new way of living.

Wordsearch

Find the words that tell us what we could do to get ready for Christmas.

SHARE HELP
LISTEN LOVE
PRAY CARE

L	I	S	T	E	N
H	A	H	L	U	K
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P	Q	E	R	X	V
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Jorda



The correct words are all written somewhere on this sheet.

James the Baptist is baptising people in the River Nile. He tells them to change their clothes and start a new way of swimming.

A Prayer to say

Dear Jesus, I would like to do this for your birthday at Christmas — if I did anything unkind last week, I will try to change it to something kind this week.
Please help me. Amen

ST FRANCIS HOSPICE DUBLIN HOME VISIT team are looking for volunteers. The role is to visit patients in their own homes, to sit and have a chat or bring them out into the community. The time commitment is 2 hours once a week. If you are interested, please call Joyce on 01 8294000 (9.30am-1.30pm) or email volunteers@sfh.ie

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 18th December at 7:20pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

Please Welcome our recently baptised
Juliet, Freya, Beth, Jake
& Conor



We remember our recently deceased
John Long
John Lynch



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

Intentions	7th/8th Dec.	14th/15th Dec.
Sat. 7pm	Katherine + Michael Kelly Patrick Downey MM	Barry & Brian Clarke
Sun. 9am	Patrick & Bridget Keane Aileen Madden	--
10.30am	Kevin Nugent	Padraic Naughton
12 noon	Phil & Pat O'Dwyer, Evelyn Balfe Kevin Bernie Richard Wilson MM	Patrick & Ellen O'Donoghue Maria McCabe Larry O'Sullivan
7pm	Pat Mullloy	Brigid & Michael Scallan

READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
Sat. 7pm: Helen Devaney
Sun 9am: Gwen Cruise
10.30am: J.K. Owumereh
12noon: Maria Fernandez
7pm: Ignatius Byrne

All church services available on line via
www.blanchardstownparish.ie