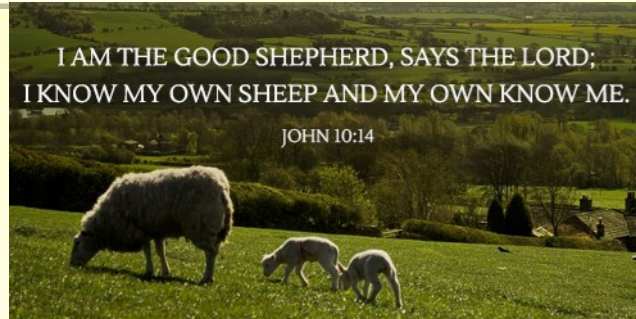


St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

4th Sunday of Easter—8th May 2022



This Sunday's Readings

1st: Acts 13: 14,43-52
Psalm: 99 R/ *We are his people, the sheep of his flock*
2nd: Apocalypse 7: 9, 14-17
Gospel Acclamation! *Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!*
Gospel: John 10: 27-30

CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday: Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary church opens at 9.30am and closes at 5pm
Wednesday: Mass also at 7.30pm
Saturday: church opens at 10am **Vigil Mass** at 7pm
Sunday Mass at 10.30am* & 12 noon
1st Saturday of the month— Mass at 10am followed by confessions
 All available on www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam
 *also on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM

Eucharistic Adoration Tues. & Fri. 10.30—5pm
Evening Mass for the Blanchardstown Area
 Mondays—Mulhuddart at 7.30pm
 Tuesdays & Thursdays—Castleknock at 7.30
Wednesday—Blanchardstown at 7.30pm
 Friday—Corduff at 7.30pm

*Please be aware that rehearsals for the sacraments of 1st Communion and Confirmation will take place in the church on some weekdays during the month of May.



ANNUAL HEALING MASS

Our Mass of healing—Mind, Body and Spirit will take place this **SUNDAY 8TH MAY 2022 @ 3PM**
 Carers hands will also be blessed.

NO PARKING FEES—ALL WELCOME

It is an ideal opportunity to reach out to a housebound neighbour or a neighbour who has no means of transport and bring them to the church for this celebration.

'The World Day of the Sick' is a call once again to all, to see in the face of their brother or sister who is sick the face of Christ who, suffering, dying and rising, brought salvation to humanity.' *Saint John Paul II*

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Sacraments of Confirmation and 1st Eucharist

Confirmation Ceremonies—The celebration of the Sacrament of Conformation for our Parish Schools continues this coming week. On **Thursday 11th May** we have the boys and girls of St Francis Xavier Schools at **11.00am**. I welcome the children and their parents/guardians and wider family circle to these wonderful occasions

1st Holy Communion—Next Saturday 14th May at 11am, the girls from Scoil Bhride Buachailli will receive their 1st Holy Communion. I wish the school well in all their preparation this coming week, and I hope the weather is fantastic on the day.

Easter Dues Envelopes

If you did not receive Easter Dues envelope and would like to contribute to the Priests of the Parish, please take one from the tables around the Church A sincere thank you to all who have returned their Easter Dues envelopes. Your continued generosity is very much appreciated.

- If you have not made a return and would like to there are dues envelopes available at the back of the Church
- If you are not a regular contributor to the Parish and would like to do so, please leave your name and contact details with myself or in Sacristy or Parish Office.

Sale of 128 Broadway Road—The Parish Finance and Property Committee have approved the sale of the Presbytery on 128 Broadway Rd (*the home of the late much beloved Fr John Casey RIP*).

In recent weeks the Finance and Property Committee obtained an Architect's report on the Parochial House situated on the Church grounds. The house is in abysmal condition needing a spend of several hundred thousand euro to bring it back to habitable condition. **Fr Michael Carey PP**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

"At the heart of the Christian vocation is an invitation, the same invitation Jesus extended to the first disciples, to 'come, follow me... I will make you fish for people'."

— Archbishop Dermot Farrell.

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on **Sunday, May 8.**

Vocations Team:
 Fr Seamus McEntee—Director:
 086-7750177;

Fr Bill O Shaughnessy — Asst Director: 01-4590746

Our Lady of Fatima – Friday 13th May The apparitions to the three children of Fatima took place in the summer of 1917, beginning on the 13th May when the 'Lady' asked them to pray for sinners and an end to the world war.

Building Hope Prayer

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise. You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts. We seek your way of loving kindness to walk together as one family. Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another, in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of your creation.

May the Risen Christ sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us. May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word bringing forth truth, justice and peace.

May the Holy Spirit working in and through us, do much more than we can dare to imagine as we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service.

We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord Amen.

St Laurence O' Toole: pray for us.
 St Brigid: pray for us.

Archbishop's Easter Homily (conclusion)

"This, my sisters and brothers, is the reality of the Resurrection. This Easter hope is the foundation and substance of our faith.

As St Paul said in the Second Reading, "We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him" (Rom 6:9). Christ is risen this very night. The Resurrection is today! The Cross is today, but Christ is also raised today! Christ comes to life in our lives! Christ lives in our hearts. "We were indeed buried with him through baptism," says Paul, "so that ...we too might live in newness of life" (Rom 6:4).

Christ's death is real. In his demeaning death, with all its horror, in its very annihilation, he embraced all that is dark and evil, all that is destructive and repulsive, and made it his own. "He descended into hell," as we pray in the Creed. In raising him from the dead, his Father and ours, grabs hold of him—and in him—grabs hold of us, and hauls him and us from our lowest depths, and brings us into life. God hauls us into life. It is like a birth, and as you know, birth—for all its wonder—is not neat and tidy. It is painful and messy. So it is with the life God gives us. Christ's passion and death took him to the lowest point of human existence, and from there, from that horrible place, the power of our faithful Father rescued him. Only God can do this. Only the Lord can save. Nobody can save themselves; this is what the "Good Thief" came to see! In refusing to meet evil with evil, in refusing to run from death, Jesus reveals the gentle, enduring, life-giving power of God, the God whose love is stronger than death (Song of Songs 8:6), the God whose power is revealed in weakness (2 Cor 12:9, cf. 1 Cor 1:17, 25).

This is our hope. This is our faith. In bringing Christ out of Hell, God brings us with him: out of all our hells: *out of the hell* of Bucha and the shameless murder of its defenceless people, *out of the hell* of slavery and trafficking, *out of the hell* of addiction and crime. This is the doorway to life—the narrow door of which Jesus speaks (Luke 13:24). It is no mere doctrine! It is the call to life, and its promise. It is the power to live in another way. It is power, because we are no longer alone. Christ now lives in our hearts and among us (Luke 17:21, cf. Gal 2:20). Through the Holy Spirit, God creates community among us—we who are fickle and frail; we who are sinners. The Spirit of the Risen Christ, poured into our hearts, overcomes our divisions, and draws us into mutual acceptance and forgiveness. This is the work of our faith, the road we are called to travel: a road, not of domination, but of service, a road of courage—which dares to say how things really are, a road of endurance—which stays true to what we've promised, a road of engagement that's not afraid of disapproval or disdain, a road that knows what love is—and love's cost, and a road that knows its limits, that has learned reliance on God. A road that is made real for us in how we now welcome our sisters and brothers from Ukraine. Welcoming the stranger is the Resurrection in action! Let us remember that the support of the State and NGOs is no replacement for the concreteness and warmth of our love. A welcome centre is a shelter, but not a home. You see, the Resurrection is not the end of Christ's road, but the beginning of the second part of his journey (see Luke 24:13–53): the journey home to God, the journey home to us, and our journey home to each other, a journey without end: eternal life itself (see John 17:3).

On this Easter Night, may the Light shine—not just from our Easter candles, but from deep within our hearts—with its healing, its hope. May it brighten our way to each other, may it conquer our fear and mellow our harshness. May the power of the One whom God hauled out of death, bring us safely home.

We remember our recently deceased



Michelle Harte

Always loved, never forgotten

Children's Corner

In the Gospel Jesus says that his sheep listen to his voice and follow him. We are Jesus' sheep. Jesus will take care of each one of his sheep. No one can take us away from Jesus.



A Prayer to Say Write your name in the spaces.

"_____ I have called you by your name. I know everything about you. I love you, _____, you are very special. Listen to me. Try to follow me. _____, I will always be with you." Now say all the words and imagine Jesus is saying them to you. Remember Jesus

CASTLEKNOCK GAA—Sports in Tir na nÓg Park (D15 A996) every Thursday from 6.30pm to 7.30pm for Children recently arrived from Ukraine aged 5years+ (must be accompanied by an adult or guardian). On arrival sign up at registration table. Minibus leaves travel Lodge at 6pm or from Blanchardstown Shopping Centre take 37 Dublin Bus to stop 4893. Looking forward to welcoming you.

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a evening for bereaved parents on Wed. 18th May at 7:15pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords. 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. Contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

Mass Intentions 7th/8th May

7pm	John Egan, Ignatius Grady
10.30	Bríd McGinn MM Aileen Canning, Teresa O'neill Cornelius & Bridie Murphy
12 noon	Teresa Somers, Paddy Clifford Donoghue & Kilgarry families

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