

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—8th November 2020



Current Arrangements

Level 5 of the
Living with Covid-19 plan

While in this level we can have no Public Celebration of Mass, but the church is open for private prayer Monday—Friday after the 10 Mass until 3

Masses available on the webcam

[www.blanchardstownparish.ie/
our-parish/webcam](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie/our-parish/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

HOLY HOUR

Join us on Tuesdays 4pm-5pm for Music,
Silence and Reflections.

A time out to rest with the Lord.



Readings for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: *Wisdom 6: 12 -16*

Psalm: *Ps. 62: 2-8*

Second Reading: *1 Thess. 4:13-18 (*Shorter form 4:13-14)*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew 25: 1-13*

We thank all those who organised or participated in our **Annual Mass of Remembrance** and all those who joined us at home via the webcam or the radio. We remember all our deceased relatives and friends and all those who touched our lives, particularly during this month of November.

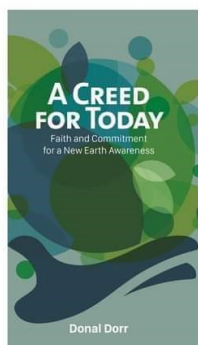


Envelopes for the **Altar List of the Dead** are available in the church or pastoral centre. You can return these to the Parish Office or Sacristy.

Office Open 9.30am—1pm. Monday—Friday
Sacristy open for a short period after each Mass

A Creed For Today

A series of conversations with Fr Donal Dorr based on his latest book



Tuesday, 10, 17, 24 November
& 1 December 2020 at 7:30pm

An opportunity to reflect with Donal on themes like Experiencing God in Nature, The Mystery We Call God and more.

This Book Club is a gift to you from Fr Donal, Trocaire & the MA Centre in these unusual times. This is an online Zoom course. To register: Email info:macfd.ie to receive a link.

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VERITAS



Volunteer Drivers Irish Cancer Society

Irish Cancer Society is looking for volunteers to drive patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments. Drivers with a free weekday availability and who can commit to driving twice a month. Please email Gail at gflinter@irishcancer.ie or call 01 2310 566 for an application form. Due to the impact of the Coronavirus we are seeking drivers under the age of 70.

All Hallows' PhD Scholarships in Catholic Education

Applications are open for All Hallows' PhD Scholarships in Catholic Education. To apply send a letter of application and full C.V. to Professor Eamonn Conway, Head of Department of Theology & Religious Studies. Closing date for applications: **20 November 2020**. More information www.mic.ie/grace

YCD Connected Group

The Young Church Dublin have started a connected group for Young Adults (20's 30's) to gather online. We meet every Wednesday, from 8.00-9.00pm. We will have time of catch up, reflection on Scripture, chat in small discussion groups and enjoy time in prayer together. It provides an opportunity to connect in with other young adults in a community of faith. If you would like to join us email: st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie

a different kind of virus.....

Smiling Is Infectious by Spike Milligan

Smiling is infectious,
you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today,
I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner
and someone saw my grin.
When he smiled I realized
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile,
then I realized its worth.
A single smile, just like mine
could travel round the earth.
So, if you feel a smile begin,
don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic quick,
and get the world infected!



a little piece of history.....

Sergeant Hugh Gaynor, a native of Blanchardstown, died 60 years ago today in the Niemba Ambush in the Congo on the 8th November 1960. May he and his fallen comrades rest in peace.

Many, many thanks to all who continue to contribute so generously to the Family Offering Collection and the Sunday Mass Collections; we really appreciate your support in these anxious and challenging times. The 1st and 2nd collections, normally taken at Sunday Masses are forwarded to the Diocese. The 1st collection goes into a common fund to pay the salaries of all the priests the Diocese. The 2nd collection goes to the supply and support of liturgical and pastoral resources (including pastoral workers), administration of the Diocese and support of struggling parishes. We are glad to see a number of you contributing through the donate button on our parish website: www.blanchardstownparish.ie



Baptisms

In line with current restrictions, we cannot hold baptisms while we are above Level 2 of the Government's Living with Covid plan. Baptisms will be rescheduled when the restrictions are lifted.

Intentions	8th November
7pm	Marie Concannon Joan Nolan
10.30am	Richard Wilson Tony, Jane & Clare Keating

Children's Corner

I am wise

We can get our hearts ready for Jesus by loving other people.

How will you share God's love with your family and friends today?



Draw yourself being kind and caring inside this lamp. Light the flame when you have actually done what you are hoping!

In the Gospel

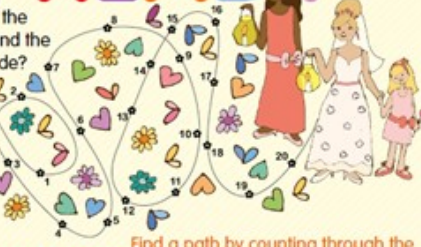
Ten bridesmaids take their oil lamps and go to meet the bridegroom. Five are foolish and don't bring any extra oil. Their lamps go out before the bridegroom arrives and they miss the party going to get more oil. The five well-prepared and wise bridesmaids enjoy the celebrations!

A prayer to say

Dear Jesus, help me to be prepared to meet you. I give you my heart every day. Amen

BE READY

Can you help the bridegroom find the way to his bride?



Find a path by counting through the maze from 1 to 20. Hurry before the lamps go out!

Which bridesmaids?

Can you discover which five of these bridesmaids are wise and have the extra oil?



Covid-19 Helpline Numbers

[The Irish Hospice Foundation - bereavement Support Line](#)
freephone 1800 70 77 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday

[Alone COVID-19 Support Line for Older People](#)

7 days a week, 8am - 8pm. Call 0818 222 024.

[Accord - support line](#) : 10 am-1 pm Mon-Fri 9059555

[Crosscare](#) Blanchardstown 01-8219892

AgeAction

Supporting Older People

Check their website for information on supports at this time www.ageaction.ie



We remember our recently deceased

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



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