

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—8th September 2019



Rethinking our attachments Jane Mellett

The Gospel is troubling. Does Jesus really expect us to hate our families, friends and even ourselves in order to be his followers? We are being invited to think about how we attach ourselves to things and to people, even to images of ourselves. Attachment can cause all sorts of suffering in our lives. If we are to grow, we must move on from the comfortable, let go of the familiar. That can often be painful.

During this month of September, we celebrate the Season of Creation. We know that our world is currently suffering from a catastrophic loss of bio-diversity, largely caused by a consumerist culture. God's creatures are disappearing from the Earth at a rate we can scarcely comprehend. Insects, mammals, trees, plants and creatures are becoming extinct. We pray that this decline may end, and we acknowledge that we are part of a complex, delicate and interdependent web of life, created by God. Today's Gospel invites us to let go of the attachments in our lives which contribute to this destruction. Let us try to live more simply and sustainably, and to encourage others to do the same. We are called to examine our relationship with material things and walk more gently on the earth.

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 24th October
Parish Assembly

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday and Fridays
Commences after the 10am
Mass & Rosary. Continues until
church closing (app. 8pm)
All invited to participate.

TUESDAY NIGHT PRAYER GROUP

@ 8 pm in the Jubilee Room

Monday Morning meditation
resumes 9th September
10.45 am

BOOK CLUB

resumes this Wed. at 10.45am

St. Mary's Church, Clonsilla

**Ecumenical Remembrance
Service & Blessing of Graves**

All welcome
Sun. 8th Sept. 3.00pm

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

8 nights—departing 24th October
Group Leader—Eleanor Healy
Accompanied by a Spiritual Director
Half-board—€699 per person
For more information ph.
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Parish Financial Statement
for y/e 31st Dec. 2018
now available around the church

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

How can I 'walk more gently upon the earth'? - some handy hints

- . **Avoid one-off plastics**—buy a reusable water bottle & coffee cup. Say no to plastic straws & food wrapping.
- . **Bring your own** containers to the butcher, the fishmonger, the deli...
- . **Switch off**—appliances not in use
- . **Use LED or CFL lightbulbs**—avail of natural light when possible
- . **Wear** an extra layer—instead of putting on the heat

Please Welcome our recently baptised
Zac, Saoirse, Scarlett & Nathan



READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

- Sat. 7pm: Ignatius Byrne**
- Sun 9am: Brian Santry**
- 10.30am: Richard Carroll**
- 12noon: Gwen Cruise**
- 7pm: Sheila Gouldson**

ST DECLAN'S COLLEGE OPEN EVENING
Thursday 12 September - 6.45pm – 8.45pm
 Parents and pupils of both 5th & 6th class invited to attend. **An opportunity to see how we at St Declan's College meet the educational needs of our students.**

Swim for RESPECT (www.respect.ie)
 Calling All Teams/Families/Individuals Sunday 6th October at Aura De Paul Swimming Pool, Navan Road. All monies go towards the refurbishment of a community house on the Cabra Rd. For more Info: ph. 01-6856502 / www.respect.ie

Anam Cara North Dublin is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wed. 18th Sept. 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. For further info: contact info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888

CASA The Caring & Sharing Association are delighted to say there will be an evening of the Songs & Poems of Percy French with The Percy French Troubadours & Guests in The Draíocht Theatre in Blanchardstown in Dublin on Tuesday 24th September 2019 at 8pm, Tickets €15.00.

Intentions	8th September	15th September
Sat. 7pm	Eugene Clifford John McMahon Kathleen McGregor	Caitriona Ferrell
Sun. 9am	Eileen O'Malley	Bart O'Brien
10.30am	Thomas Golden Canice Brady	James Sheridan Paddy Hehir
12 noon	Tom Gethin	Patrick Duffy Mary, Frances & Gabriel Durr
7pm	-	-

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