

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## 6th Sunday of Easter – 9th May 2021

Love  
One Another

*A new command I give you:  
Love one another. As I have loved you,  
so you must love one another.*

*John 13:34-35*

### Readings for the 6th Sunday of Easter

**1st:** Acts of the Apostles 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

**Psalm:** 97 R/ The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations

**2nd:** 1 John 4: 7-10

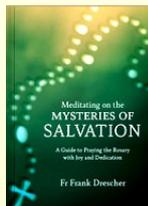
**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus said "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!"

### Spiritual Sustenance with Fr. Frank & Máirín

1. Fr. Frank's [Spiritual Reading Circle](#) continues Thursdays in May at 7:30 pm.

2. [Lectio Divina](#) on Zoom with Máirín, where we reflect on the Gospel for the coming Sunday, continues Wednesdays 11.00am to 12 noon. No experience necessary, just drop in to see what it's like. All welcome! If you are interested please email [mairin.keegan@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:mairin.keegan@dublindiocese.ie) for the link.

3. Many thanks to all who attended the [Rosary Novena](#) with Fr. Frank. The Rosary will continue each morning at 9.45 until the end of May. Fr. Frank's book, which will be officially launched by Archbishop Dermot Farrell later this month, is available from the parish office—€8



The **Loyola Institute Postgraduate Open Evening** will take place this coming Wednesday, May 12th, from 7.30 to 8.30, and you are warmly invited. Details will be found on the Loyola Institute webpage—[www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute/](http://www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute/)

### \*\*\*The Path Ahead\*\*\*

We are delighted to reopen for public Mass from Monday 10th May. Government guidelines allow for a **maximum of 50 persons in each section of the church (total of 100)** for Mass with strict social distancing and sanitising practices in place.

**From 10th the following Masses will resume.**

**Monday to Friday Mass** 10.00am (the Rosary will be said before Mass to facilitate sanitising)

The church will open at 9.30am and close at 3pm for sanitising

**Saturday Vigil Mass** at 7.00pm (no morning Mass)

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

\*also broadcast on Phoenix FM— 92.5Mhz  
**ONLINE HOLY HOUR**— Join us on Tuesdays 4pm-5pm for Music, Silence and Reflections.



A time to rest with the Lord.

**Join us online for any of our Masses at**

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

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The following arrangements apply to other church services

**Funerals** – A maximum of 50 people

**Weddings** – A Maximum of 50 people

**First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation** - postponed for the present.

**Baptisms**—we await instruction from the Diocese

### Some advice for returning to Mass:

Our experience of Mass will be different for some time yet.

- The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is suspended—due to limited numbers, you might consider attending on a week-day instead.
- Do your best not to block the doors entering & leaving.
- Sanitize your hands on entry—masks are obligatory.
- Please cooperate with volunteer stewards.
- Please follow directions for receiving Holy Communion
- Please leave patiently and promptly after Mass.  
(The Rosary will be said before Mass—9.45am.)
- Please be aware of physical distance at all times.
- Remember—hand sanitiser can be flammable, so ensure your hands are completely dry before lighting candles.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support throughout this last year; with your generous spirit of patience and cooperation we look forward with renewed hope to returning to the richness of celebrating Eucharist and the sacraments.

## Caring for our Common Home as Brothers and Sisters

### Our Parish Project—May, 2021

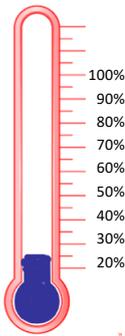


You can  
donate here  
too ↓



In collaboration with the Holy Union Sisters, present here in Blanchardstown for nearly 50 years, our Parish Project aims to provide a clean water supply for the children of the Fraternité Primary School in Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Our target is to raise €6000 in the month of May and donations may be made by envelope (available in the Church and the Parish Office) or via the Parish Website



% of Target reached  
at 7th May

For more information on the water project and the work of the sisters in Haiti click on:

<https://vimeo.com/545996554>

### CHECK-OUT

This May at The Sanctuary Online

### TARSUS SCRIPTURE SCHOOL: PENTECOST 2021

To explore and  
register, [click here](#)

**Ecumenical Bible Week 2021**, now in its eight year and will run from **Pentecost Sunday (23rd May) to Trinity Sunday (30th May) 2021**. The theme this year is "Unlocking Faith Today: Responding to New Realities". This year EBW will have an opening and closing prayer event organised by Holy Trinity Rathmines on Monday 24th and St Finian's Lutheran Church on Sunday 30th respectively. To **Register visit** – [www.bibleweek.ie](http://www.bibleweek.ie)

### Intentions

### 8th/9th May

Sun.  
10.30am

Bridie O'Mara  
Aileen Canning  
Teresa O'Neill  
Teresa Somers  
James & Mary Kate O'Flaherty

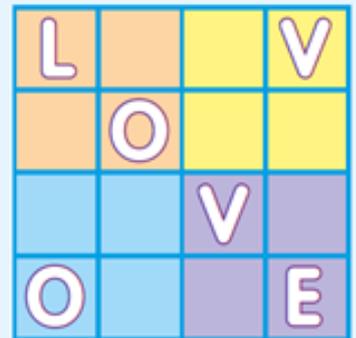
## Children's Corner

**In the Gospel this week** Jesus said that he loves us just as his Father God loves him. If we listen carefully to what Jesus teaches us we will know that love. Jesus' commandment to us is to love one another.

# LOVE

The letters of the word  
LOVE can fit into each  
minigrid, each line and  
each column, just once.

Work out where  
each letter fits to  
complete the puzzle.



### Stay in my love

We show how much we  
love Jesus when we live  
as he asks. Find some  
of the ways we can  
show how much we  
love Jesus.

CARE, GIVE,  
LOVE, PLAY,  
PRAY, SHARE

Y A L P E  
S H A R E  
X P A A V  
E C K Y I  
L O V E G

**A prayer to say** Dear Jesus, we know that you love us, whatever we do. Help us to love one another as you taught us to, even though it is sometimes hard to do. Amen.

**Overseas Volunteers Training Course September 2021 - Open to all!**

Viatore Christi, a faith-based development organisation has specialised in the recruitment, training and deployment of overseas volunteers since 1960. VC runs an online volunteer preparation course covering Community Development, Health, Global Awareness, Mission, etc. This is open to all! Once completed, participants can be considered for volunteer roles through VC EU Aid Volunteers #EUAVI programmes. If you want to know more, [click here](#) or visit the News section of our website [www.vcvolunteers.ie](http://www.vcvolunteers.ie) or email [info@viatoreschristi.com](mailto:info@viatoreschristi.com)

### We remember our recently deceased



**Monica O'Neill**

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

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