

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

1st Sunday of Lent—21st Feb. 2021



Readings for the 1st Sunday of Lent

1st: *Genesis 9: 8-15*

Psalm: *24 R/ Your ways Lord are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.*

2nd: *1 Peter 3: 18-22*

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel: *Mark 1: 12-15*

PARISH LENTEN EVENTS

DON'T FORGET :

Fr. Frank's weekly spiritual reading circle .

Thursday evenings of lent at 7:30p—reading 'The case for Christ' This book explores the historicity of Jesus Christ and what we can know with certainty about his life, death and resurrection. The book, costing €8-€10, can be purchased online or in book stores.

Máirín's weekly reflection on the Word of God

Wednesdays of Lent on Zoom - **11.00 am to 12 noon. Please contact (mairin.keegan@dublindiocese.ie) for information on both events.**

OTHER LENTEN EVENTS Feb.

27th: "When the doors were locked, Jesus came and said 'Peace be with you.'" (Jn 20:19) - Grainne Doherty

To get the Zoom link email: SFXgardinerstreet@outlook.com

LET'S LIVE LENT: BRINGING THE LENTEN GOSPELS TO LIFE

Join us for Pastoral Conversations - **5 Tuesdays at 8pm**

Feb 16th: Let it Go **Feb. 23rd:** Would you listen to him?

March 2nd: Songs of the Sanctuary **March 9th:** Into the Light

March 16th: Seeds of Hope

To book email lisia.cashen@dublindiocese.ie

Current Arrangements

Join us online for any of our Masses at www.blanchardstownparish.ie/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



ONLINE HOLY HOUR— Join us on Tuesdays 4pm-5pm for Music, Silence and Reflections. A time to rest with the Lord.

Monday to Friday

Church open for private prayer after Mass **until 3pm** with **Eucharistic Adoration** on Tuesdays and Fridays

Stations of the Cross: Friday mornings in Lent—9.30am

No baptisms under current restrictions—these will resume when government guidelines allow.

Many thanks to all who helped with the distribution of ashes for Ash Wednesday

Daily Mass also broadcast on Phoenix FM— 92.5Mhz

Do you want to fast this Lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to other.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

- Pope Francis' Words

Checkout the Pastoral Centre Display window for 'Acts of love for Lent'



Prayer of Contrition

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

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Caring for our Common Home as Brothers and Sisters

Looking beyond COVID

To come out of this crisis better, we have to recover the knowledge that as a people we have a shared destination. The pandemic has reminded us that no one is saved alone. What ties us to one another is what we commonly call solidarity...
(Pope Francis, November 26th, 2020)



% of the World's Population living in extreme poverty	
2010	2020
16% (1.09 Billion people)	10% (780 Million People)



The United Nations
- 17 Sustainable Development Goals
- Adopted in 2015 by all UN member States

For more see <https://www.un.org/en/>



Don't forget your Trocaire box.

Recommended Spiritual Reading for Lent, by Fr. Frank

Domestic Monastery, Ronald Rolheiser, Darton, Longman and Todd Ltd., 2019.

Heaven Begins Within You, Anselm Grün, Wisdom from the Desert Fathers, Crossroad Publishing Co., 1999.

Way of the Heart, Henri Nouwen, The Spirituality of the Desert Fathers and Mothers, HarperCollins Pbk., 1991.

The Case for Christ, Lee Strobel, A Journalist's Personal Investigation of the Evidence for Jesus. Zondervan, Grand Rapids, 2016.

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist, Brant Pitre, Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper, Image, Reprint edition, 2016.

Prayer, The Great Conversation, Peter J. Kreeft, Ignatius Press, 1990.

(Some of these books are also available as audio books.)

Aware - Support & Self Care Groups These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie



We remember our recently deceased

Vera Keaveney

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

Children's Corner

In the Gospel this week Jesus goes into the wilderness for forty days where he is tempted by the devil. There are wild animals in the wilderness, but angels help Jesus. After this, Jesus goes into Galilee and tells people that this is the right time - the kingdom of God is near! **"Turn away from your sins", he says** and **believe the Good News**".

Good News!

We make God's kingdom real when we live as God asks. Draw a picture of you sharing God's love with the people you know. Write about your good news under your name on the other side.



Crossword

Across

- Where Jesus was tempted
- Ruled by a king

Down

- They helped Jesus
- Be sorry and change
- The Son of God



Dear Jesus, help me to be more like you. I want to make the right choices and ask you to help me to be strong. Amen.

Faithfest is back!! Join us online for an evening of games, music, workshop, chats & prayer— 5 March from 6:30-8.30. Register at: <https://forms.gle/DwKDsXCuTornHFYA8>. More information from: faithfest@dublindiocese.ie

YCD Connected – Bringing Young People Together
Young Church Dublin invite you to join our connected group for Young Adults (20's 30's). We meet online every Wednesday, from 8.00-9.00pm for some time of fellowship, reflection on Scripture and prayer together. It provides an opportunity to connect in with other young adults in a community of faith. For more information, email: kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie

Intentions

20th/21st February

7pm

Maureen Ryan

10.30am

Sean Conlon
Graham Vickery
Kevin Smith MM