

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## 3rd Sunday in Lent—20th March 2022



### This Sunday's Readings

**1st:** Genesis 15: 5-12,17-18  
**Psalm:** 26 R/ The Lord is my light and my help.  
**2nd:** Philippians 3: 17—4: 1  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the father's voice was heard: "this is my son, the Beloved. Listen to Him!"  
 Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
**Gospel:** Luke 9: 28-36

### 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

**Thursday (during Lent):** Mass in the Pastoral Centre, Royal Canal Park at 7.30pm  
**Friday (during Lent):** Stations of the Cross 9.30am

**Saturday:** church opens at 10am **Vigil Mass** at 7pm  
**Sunday** Mass at 10.30am\* & 12 noon  
**1st Saturday** of each month—Mass at 10am  
 All available on [www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam)

\*also on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM

**The Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation**  
 Available on the 1st Saturday of each month after 10am Mass, and on request

**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

### April Dates for your Diary

**Sunday 10th :** Palm Sunday—Sunshine collection  
**Monday 11th:** Penitential Service  
**Thursday 14th—Saturday 16th:** Easter Triduum  
**Sunday 17th:** Easter Sunday

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### FROM THE PASTORS DESK

**Synod** As a Parish we have completed the Synodal gatherings as requested of us by Pope Francis. We can take a bow. The compilation of the feedback will be organized by the animators and the parish team. It was a very worthwhile process and a lovely experience of Community-Parish-Church was had by all. Thank you to all who turned up whether on the 1<sup>st</sup> the 15<sup>th</sup> or both nights. A sincere thank you to the two animators Mary Tighe and Grainne Uí Chaomhanaigh who gave up a lot of their time in preparation for the two Synod gatherings and thank you also to the 16 Facilitators. Thanks also to St Brigid's GAA who were excellent hosts.

### First Penance

The celebration of First Penance/ Confession is continuing for the boys and girls in the Holy Communion classes.

On Tuesday 22nd March it is turn of the boys and girls from Scoil Oilibhéir

### Confirmation - The Ceremony of Light is continuing.

Last Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March it was for the boys and girls of Scoil Oilibhéir Monday 21st March at 7.30pm – the boys and girls from St Francis Xavier

### Stations of the Cross

Next Friday 25th March the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 9.30am. This will replace the Rosary. *Fr Michael Carey PP*

### The Feast of the Annunciation

When we first meet someone and spend time getting to know each other, the tendency is to turn to what we *do*. We tend to inquire about job, education, family, recreational interests. Seldom do we inquire about who someone *is*. If we would ask, "Who are you?" we would probably get a blank stare. We tend to self-identify with what is at hand, what is visible, what is easily grasped: what we do, what interests us, what motivates us. Yet, as the relationship grows and deepens, gradually we begin to get a sense of *who* each other is; honest, trustworthy, faithful, loving, caring. Sometimes, over the years of relationship, we might even begin to get a sense of the other's spiritual depth, grow in appreciation that they are holy. But, most likely, if we would share this with the other, it would be denied. "Me, holy? Oh, no!" So we can readily identify with Mary's response to the angel Gabriel's greeting her as someone who is holy. She was "greatly troubled". Wouldn't we all be?

The annunciation by the angel Gabriel to Mary that she would conceive the "Son of God" unleashed unprecedented events, much more than even the incarnation of the "Son of God". Yes, Mary is troubled, for she is addressed as no other human being before her; she is hailed as one "full of grace". Mary already fully participates in the Life of the One who "will be called holy, the Son of God" through the power of the Holy Spirit. So do we share in that same Life, by that same power by that same Spirit. This is our annunciation day, too.

We are holy because Jesus is holy. We do not earn holiness by doing good deeds, but our good deeds – our care and concern for others – is a concrete expression of our holiness, our relationship with God. We celebrate this day Jesus being made flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. We also celebrate this day Jesus being made flesh in our own lives by our faithful living of the divine Life that was first given us in baptism and continues to grow in us as we, like Mary, say yes to God in all we do. (Source: *Living Liturgy – Liturgical Press, Minnesota, USA*)



**Synod Space** LISTENING TO OUR YOUNG CHURCH - DUBLIN DIOCESAN TEEN SYNOD Young People of Dublin - This is your chance! Pope Francis wants to hear what you think or feel about our Church. We would love to hear your voice at our Dublin Diocesan Teen Synod! Join us online Thursday 31st March 6:30pm 8pm. Register online at <https://forms.office.com/r/jVYZSdxBF1> before 5pm on the 25th March. For more information, email: [synod@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:synod@dublindiocese.ie)

**Special Collection for Ukraine:** A Special Collection to be taken up at Masses on 26/27 March to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine, especially the families and children who have had to flee their homeland in advance of the Russian invasion. The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to Caritas Internationalis, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in the Ukraine and the surrounding region.



### Respect for Life Group – Dublin 15 Three Year Review

### Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy Act 2018

A public meeting about the three-year review and advice about making a submission will take place in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Beechpark Lawn, Castleknock on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 8:15pm.**

**Mass Collections** We are still not 'passing baskets'. Instead the two collections at Mass, which are vital, can be made as follows:  
 1) You can put your offerings in the 'white boxes' on tables around the Church.  
 2) You can use the 'Tap and Go' machines.  
 The collections are divided as follows: **60%** - 1<sup>st</sup> Collection (Common Fund for Priests); **40%** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Share).  
**Thank you so much for your generous offerings**

Our next **SPIRITUAL READING CIRCLE** will commence at 7.30pm on the 21st of March in the Pastoral Centre. **Registrations to [Mairin.Keegan@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:Mairin.Keegan@dublindiocese.ie) by 18th March.** This time our focus will be on the spirituality of the Desert Fathers and what we can take from it for our here and now. Reading material:  
 1) Anselm Gruen, Heaven Begins Within You, Wisdom from the Desert Fathers  
 2) Ronald Rolheiser, Domestic Monastery  
 It would be good if participants had read pages 7-44 in Gruen's book in preparation of our first session.

### Saints in the Church's Calendar

**Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>—The Annunciation of the Lord** celebrates Mary's 'Yes' to the Angel Gabriel that she be the mother of 'Our Lord'. At the annunciation St. Gabriel told the BVM she would be the Mother of the Son of God. She gave her *fiat* ("be it done"), upon which she conceived the Saviour by the power of the Holy Spirit. Christians find meaning in this dialogue in which the Mother of God appears so great because of her humility. Because of her consent to God's Word, she participated in the redemptive work of her Son, Jesus Christ. She is the Mother of Christ and of each Christian.

## Children's Corner

**In the Gospel** The owner of the vineyard wants trees with lots of good fruit - but the fig tree is not growing fruit. After three whole years he is tired of waiting and wants to cut the fig tree down. The wise, kind gardener, however, wants to wait. With more time, love and care, the fig tree may still grow good fruit.

### My good fruit

What good fruit will you grow today? Draw a picture of you inside this fig doing something to help today.



### Growing fruit

What sort of person would you like to be when you are older? Make a word by choosing one triangle in each square to colour in. Maybe these words describe what you want to be like?



Can you think of your own ideas too?

### Word search

Gardeners need special equipment to do their work. Find these:

RAKE FORK  
 TROWEL HOE  
 SPADE POTS



**A Prayer to Say** Dear Jesus, you are like the wise, kind gardener. Thank you for being patient with me and always giving me another chance. Help me to grow good fruit for you today.

There are **Trócaire** boxes available at the doors of the Church. Please bring one home. For the millions who are starving throughout the world, our Lent would be some luxury. A fast day for us would be a feast day for them. Prolonged hunger can kill more than people. It can kill conscience. It can kill generosity. Hearing so much about starvation has, to some extent, anaesthetised us. If you must put Lent in a box, put it in the Trócaire one. After all it's not every box that one can fill with life and with love!

### LÁ FÉILE PÁDRAIG— I NGAELIGE NÓ DÁTHEANGACH

10.00 am 🎵 Caisleán Cnucha [castleknockparish.ie/webcam/](http://castleknockparish.ie/webcam/)  
 10.30 am Bóthar na hUaimhe [navanroadparish.com/mass-times/webcam/](http://navanroadparish.com/mass-times/webcam/)

### St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth

With April fast approaching, don't miss your chance to register for "The Future of Christian Thinking" conference. This is an international conference with numerous international guest speakers. Full conference and day ticket options are available. For further information/to register see [www.maynoothcollege.ie](http://www.maynoothcollege.ie)

### Places Available

Advanced Manufacturing  
 Pre Tech Apprenticeship  
**087 9097605** NFQ Level 4  
 Full Time Fully Funded

[Imeth](http://www.imeth.com) Dunshaughlin, Co Meath

### We remember our recently deceased

**Peggy Kavanagh**  
**Fr. Donal McCarthy**

*Always loved,  
 never forgotten*

### Intentions

7pm	Maria Turcanova
10.30	James Matty Sheridan Margaret Kehir
12 noon	Tom Healy Conor McGrane