

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time—9th October 2022



This Sunday's Readings

1st: Kings 5:14-17
Psalm: 97 R/ The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations. **2nd:** 2Timothy 2:8-13
Gospel Acclamation! Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!
Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

CURRENT SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:
 Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary at 9.30 church closes at 5pm

Monday: Area Mass at 7.30pm
Wednesday: Liturgy of the Word at 10am
Saturday: church opens at 10am
Vigil Mass at 6pm (note change)
Sunday Mass at 10.30am*

(last Sunday of each month will have a midday Family mass)

1st Saturday of the month— Mass at 10am followed by confessions

Last Tuesday of the month—Prayer Group Mass at 8.00pm, all welcome

Bank Holidays: Mass at 11 am only

All services available on www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam
 *also on Phoenix Radio—92.5FM

Eucharistic Adoration

Tues. & Fri. 10.30—5pm

Blanchardstown Area evening Mass

Mon: Blanchardstown at 7.30

Tues & Thurs: Castleknock

Wed: Mulhuddart

Fri: Corduff

A Reflective Sentence

I am not dying; I am entering life.
 (St. Therese of Lisieux 1873-1897)



The Eucharistic Prayer –An Act of Thanksgiving (1)

With the Eucharistic Prayer we come to the heart and summit of the celebration of the Mass. This prayer is a communal act of thanksgiving through Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit to God the Father. In the course of the prayer we remember the great things God has done, the bread and wine are transformed into the body and blood of Christ and we too are formed into one body, one spirit in Christ. We join ourselves to the one and only perfect sacrifice of love, that of Jesus Christ who lay down his life for us.

The Eucharistic Prayer begins with the priest, acting in the person of Christ, opening a dialogue that will lead us into the Eucharistic Prayer: 'The Lord be with you... Lift up your hearts...'. By virtue of their royal priesthood, the congregation, participating in faith, responds: 'It is right to give him thanks and praise.' The Preface then goes on to express thanks to the Father for all his works of creation, redemption and sanctification.

The whole Eucharistic Prayer is shot through with the theme of communion. Mention is made of the local bishop and the whole college of bishops united with the Pope. We are not simply praying for them; we are expressing our communion with them. And so we hear in one of the Eucharistic Prayers: 'Strengthen the bonds of our communion with N. our pope, N. our bishop, with all bishops, priests, deacons, and all your holy people.' Often in the early Church, Christians travelling away from home would take a letter from their own bishop, who would confirm they were in full communion with him. The 'away bishop' would then check the list of bishops with whom he was in full communion in terms of the creed they professed. If the person's 'home bishop' was on that list, the traveler would be admitted to communion at the Eucharist in that town because he or she shared in the communion of faith. The Pope is mentioned during the Eucharistic prayer. Since he has the ministry of Peter in the Church, he is associated with every celebration of the Eucharist. He is named as the sign and servant of the unity of the universal Church.

Preface and Sanctus/Holy Holy: Lift up your hearts... Holy, holy, holy... The preface is a prayer of preparation for the great moment of Consecration. Like so many of the prayers of the Mass, the preface is rooted in the Jewish tradition, specifically two forms of prayer

Called the *berakah* (acknowledgment, blessing and praise) and *todah* (thanksgiving). These prayers give thanks (the meaning of the word 'Eucharist') to God the Father for his work of salvation. They also remind us of the reasons for our gratitude. The next major prayer of the preface is the Holy, Holy *Sanctus*, which comes from a prayer the Jews prayed every day in the synagogue in Old Testament times are during the time of Christ. It has several meanings. *Sanctus* is Latin for 'holy', a word that is repeated three times at the beginning of the prayer. In Hebrew there are no superlatives such as "good" or "better" so to express the superlative a word is repeated. Three repetitions indicated the greatest of highest degree. The *Sanctus* expresses the infinite holiness of God as we pray "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord". The rest of the prayer is taken from Mark 11:9-10, which uses *Hosanna* meaning "save us". The word reminds us that this is a song of praise in thanksgiving for the gift of Jesus Christ and his saving act for us. The *Sanctus* also remind us that the Mass is an eternal moment that transcends time and space as our praise is united with a "great crowd of witnessed who surround the heavenly throne, crying out "Holy holy holy is the Lord God Almighty"(Revelations 4:8). The congregation kneels after praying the *Sanctus*. This emphasises that we are about to enter the most sacred part of the Mass, the Consecration. Kneeling also draws our attention to the altar and the holy actions of the priest, who is about to invoke the power of the Holy Spirit (source:IEC2012Theological and Pastoral Preparation Document)

Meetings this week in the Pastoral Centre

Finance Committee :Tues 11th 2.30pm

Parish Pastoral Council: Tues 11th 7.30pm

Liturgy Group :Thurs 13th 2pm

Adult Faith Development

An Introduction to the basics of our religion*

Wednesday 7.30pm—Church extension

Do join us for whatever sessions you can.

This week – Who am I? Who is God?

How can we approach each other?

(*Using Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults)

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Season of Creation –

This Season for 2022 finished last Tuesday 4th October the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.

I hope our Parish celebration helped to create or indeed recreate an awareness of God's wonderful creation and that we must care for it. The liturgy team greatly assisted in this with the wonder display in front of the altar and the burning bush at the back of the Church.

What is World Mission Sunday ?

In basic terms, World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual direct appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of missionaries can continue.

It always falls over the second last weekend in October, and similar to the Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land and Peter's Pence, it is one of three yearly Universal Church collections. Since its announcement as a papal collection, all parishes worldwide have offered Mass collections from the day to aid the work of missionaries and mission overseas.

Many are surprised to know that World Mission Sunday collections take place in every single parish where the Church is present. This includes not only Ireland and across Europe, but also in poorer parishes in the developing world. World Mission Sunday is a moment of universal solidarity, when each member of the Church family, regardless of location or background, can play their part in supporting each other. This is why it is such a special and vital celebration.

The Theme for Mission Month

This year's theme is 'You Will Be My Witnesses' (Acts 1:8). Every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. The Church, the community of Christ's disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. Each baptised person is called to mission, in the Church and by the mandate of the Church.

Fr Michael Carey PP



St. Vincent de Paul

The outdoor monthly collection for St Brigid's Blanchardstown, VdPaul will be taken up THIS weekend at all Masses.

Scoil Oilibhéir, will have an Open Night **Wednesday 19 October from 6-8pm**. Parents/guardians and pupils are welcome. Teachers, pupils, parents and past-pupils will be present to answer any questions associated with a Gaelscoil education. We'd love to see you there. Please see www.gaelscoiloilibheir.ie

Children's Corner

In The Gospel

Ten people with a horrible skin disease ask Jesus to heal them. Jesus makes them all well. Only one comes back to say "thank you". What a surprise – it is the foreigner, the Samaritan, who does what is right!

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Ways to say "Thank you"

KISS
 HUG
 SMILE
 PRAY
 SING
 GIFT

P	O	C	K	B	S	F
A	S	M	I	L	E	H
K	Z	H	S	G	U	U
Y	S	C	S	I	N	G
P	R	A	Y	F	L	M
D	F	R	J	T	X	G

A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for everything you have given me. Amen.

Perhaps you can make a "thank you" card for someone who cares for you?

It is good to say "thank you" when someone cares for us. What things do you want to say thank you for?

Write them in the heart.



What is the Laudato Si Award?

The Laudato Si Award is a new Parish based award for young people to engage with ecological action, education and spirituality. It is based on Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si. The goal is for young people to learn, lead and inspire the whole parish and community.

Takes place with a group of 3+ people ages 13–17.

Monthly meetings on Tuesdays at 4.30pm to 5.30pm from October 11th 2022 to 18th of April 2023 in St Brigid's Pastoral Centre

If you are interested in participating please contact the team at this address: mairin.keegan@dublindiocese.ie

*Parental Consent forms will need to be completed in advance

Financial Matters

Many thanks to all our **Standing Order** contributors for their continued generosity to the Family Offering. If you have recently changed banks and wish to maintain your contributions, please check with your new bank that the standing order details have been transferred. If not, or you would like to set up a new standing order, you can get a Standing Order form from the office, or you can do it online.

Thanks also to all who submitted their CHY3 form for tax refunds - we will shortly submit our final returns for the year 2021. If you have not submitted your form, please drop it into the sacristy or office.

TEEN HOPE Don't forget our next meeting for 1st and 2nd years is on Friday 21st October at 7pm

We welcome our recently baptised:
 Allie, Seosamh and Odhrán

We remember our recently deceased
 Liam Smith.
 Mary Kilcommons

Mass Intentions 8th / 9th October

Sat 6pm Seamus Bonnar. Ray McCooney .

Sun 10.30am Mary Taylor. Liam O'Neill

Patricia Farrell (1st Anniv). Deirdre (Dee) Martin (1st Anniv)

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