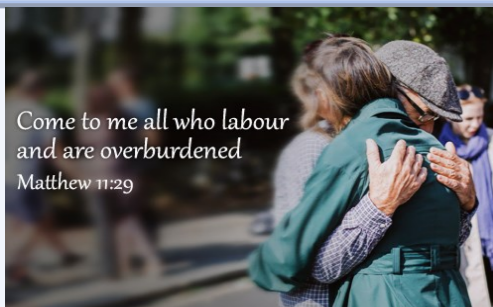


# St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown -Newsletter 5th November

*We remember our own dead and our own sadness this November. Tears speak out our grief, but they also witness to our love and we are glad to have loved so much that we can cry. May those we have loved rest in your embrace, O Lord.*



*Come to me all who labour and are overburdened*  
Matthew 11:29

## CURRENT SCHEDULE

### Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:

Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary at 9.30am, 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

**Sunday Mass** at 10.30am

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

**Last Tuesday of the month**—Prayer Group Mass 8pm, all welcome

**Bank Holidays:** Mass 11am only

All services available on

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

Also on Phoenix Radio— 92.5FM

### Eucharistic Adoration

Tue & Fri 10.30am-5pm

### Blanchardstown Area evening Mass

**Mon:** Blanchardstown 7.30pm

**Tues & Thurs:** Castleknock

**Wednesday:** Mulhuddart

**Friday:** Corduff

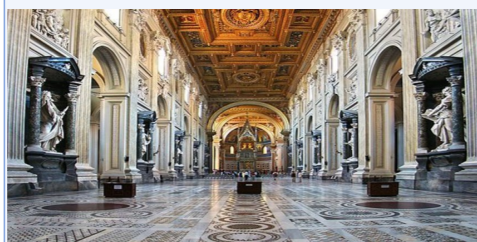
## Altar List of the Dead

These lists are now available in the Church. The new lists will be placed in front of the altar on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – The Feast of All Souls. They will be left in front of the altar for the month of November, the month of the Holy Souls. After that all Masses on the First Friday of the month will be offered for the names on the Altar List of the Dead. The completed envelopes can be returned to the Sacristy or the Parish Office.

## The Church - a 'spiritual edifice' built by God with 'living stones'.

Our Parish Church St Brigid's Blanchardstown - a temple of bricks and mortar, is a symbol of the living Church, the Christian community. In their Letters the Apostles Peter and Paul understood the church building as a 'spiritual edifice' built by God with 'living stones', which are Christians, upon the one foundation which is Jesus Christ, Who in His turn is described as the 'cornerstone'. Why have I introduced this weekend's newsletter with this paragraph? Because on Thursday next, November 9<sup>th</sup>, the Church celebrates an important feast day in its calendar and that is the 'Feast of St. John Lateran' or the feast of 'The dedication of the Lateran Basilica'.

The Church of St. John is located on the Lateran hill in Rome and is described as the 'Mother and Head of all the churches in the City and the World' (*Urbi et Orbi*). It is the cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome and was called 'St John' after the two monasteries once attached, dedicated to St John the Divine and St John the Baptist.



Inside the Lateran Basilica

The beauty and harmony of churches, which are intended to give praise unto God, also invites us, to gather together to celebrate the Liturgy as the community of the baptised, which comes together to hear the Word of God and to draw nourishment from the Body and Blood of Christ. And each community, in fact, has the duty to protect its own sacred buildings, which constitute a precious religious and historical heritage".

We know that God is everywhere. Yet when the people of God build a building, a church and dedicate it totally to God's service, God's glory comes to dwell in that building in such a way that the building can now be called the house of God.

And that's why when we enter a church, we do some little things: dressing in a decent manner for church; signing/blessing oneself with holy water on entering the church; genuflecting or bowing to the altar or the tabernacle before taking one's seat or before leaving the church; not chatting in church, and lowering one's voice when one has cause to talk in church.

The sacredness of the church building is important. Coming to Church, to Mass is not another social gathering. But when we realize that the church is a holy place, a place of encounter with God, with one another and with oneself, then we bring a certain disposition of mind and body to church service which helps make worship an uplifting rather than boring experience. This weekend's Mass as indeed at all weekends, invites us to renew our faith in the church as a house of prayer and to cultivate habits and practices that make it easy for God to encounter us whenever we go to church.

## EXPLORING THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS



### What is Christian Morality?

St Brigid's Pastoral Centre,  
Blanchardstown

**This Wednesday (08 Nov) 7:00pm to 8:15pm**

Questions for discussion this week:

**Why is Sunday special and why put family first?**

## A REFLECTIVE SENTENCE

Without the Sunday Eucharist, we cannot live. Do you not know that the Christian exists for the Eucharist and the Eucharist for Christians?.

Answer of the martyr Saturninus 305



St Brigid's Church of Ireland Castleknock Ecumenical graveyard service with blessing of the graves. Sunday 12th November **3pm**. All welcome.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



### Youth Choir – Family Mass

The Parish Family Mass has moved to 10.30am on the last Sunday of the month. We started it last weekend and the Youth Choir sang at this Mass and will do so from now on. They sang beautifully. I thank the Family Mass Team; If you cast your mind back to the first 6 months of this year, the Youth Choir sang at 12 noon on the last Sunday of the month at what was the Family Mass. Reviewing this over the summer the Family Mass Team were of the opinion that having a 12 noon Mass at the end of the month didn't register with people with the result that the attendance was low and so, with their recommendation and with the approval of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Adult and Youth Choir, The Family Mass will now move to 10.30 on the last Sunday of the month. This Family Mass is trying to create a sense of Community for young people and young families. It is not I stress a 'Children's Mass' and therefore shouldn't 'put off' anyone who normally comes to this 10.30 Mass. All our masses do, I hope, strengthen and enliven our sense of Parish Community here in St Brigid's, but on the last Sunday of every month we will make a special effort and welcome to young families.

### First Holy Communion - Enrolment Sunday

Thank you to the parents/guardians and of course the boys and girls who attended this Mass. The Church was full, which was wonderful to see and the girls and boys answered their promises will a mighty and very loud 'We do'. *Here are their promises!*

**Priest:** Children, as you look forward to sharing the Bread of life for the first time, do you promise to listen to all the people who will help you to learn about God's love for us and who will tell you about Jesus and the way he wants us to live?

**Children: We do**

**Priest:** Do you promise to try to get to know God better by coming to Mass, by listening to God's Word, by joining in the prayers and by praying at home with your family as often as you can?

**Children: We do**

### Prayer for Vocations

**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time** - In teaching about humility, Jesus tells us "The greatest among you must be your servant." We pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life and that those who are discerning to follow the Lord in this way, may be graced with humility and be servants of love.

Fr Michael Carey PP

## Children's Corner:

IN THE GOSPEL

Jesus says that what is in our hearts matters much more than looking good and having people admire us. Being kind and loving makes us more important in God's eyes than anything else.

## My heart

Jesus says that it doesn't matter how important we look. It is what is in our hearts that really matters.

Cross out all the things that do not belong in your heart.



LOVE IS THE ANSWER!

Please help me, Jesus, to listen to you and put other people before myself. I know that if I love and serve other people I will be following your example. Amen.

### Scoil Bhríde Enrolment '24/'25

Applications for enrolment in Junior Infants and ASD Special class, will be accepted from Monday 6th to 27th November. Scoil Bhríde Cailíní will have an open evening on Monday 13th November from 6.30-7.30pm for girls and their parents.

### Parish Meetings – In the Pastoral Centre

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – The Teen Hope Team will meet at 11.00am  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November – The Liturgy Team - will meet at 3.30pm

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The outdoor monthly collection for St. Brigid's Blanchardstown, St Vincent de Paul, will be taken up NEXT weekend at all Masses

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	Aileen Smith (1st Anniv)
Vigil	Maureen Bannon (MM)
Sunday 10.30	Frank & Sheila Scully Evelyn Higgins (MM) Joan Nolan
Monday 7.30pm	May & Christy Somers
Tuesday 10am	Mairead Concannon

We pray for our recently deceased;  
John Gunning  
Always loved, never forgotten



**Irish Guide Dogs** for the blind  
Castleknock Tennis Club

Friday November 17<sup>th</sup> - 8pm  
Contact John Mitchell for information  
**086 264 5861**

### Saints in the Church's calendar:

**All the Saints of Ireland - Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Nov.** Ireland, especially in the early Christian centuries, was known as an isle of saints and scholars. Many of these combined pastoral care with observance of the monastic life. The Irish also did much to bring the faith to other parts of Europe and, if we are to believe the story of St. Brendan, even further afield.

### The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Thurs 9th Nov,

The Church of St John Lateran in Rome is, 'Mother and Head of all the churches of the city and the World'. It is the cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome and was called 'St John' after the two monasteries once attached, dedicated to St. John the Divine and St. John the Baptist. It is dedicated to the Most Holy Saviour.

**St. Leo the Great, pope and doctor of the church – Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Nov,** became Pope in 440 and died 461. He taught the two natures, human and divine, of Christ at the Council of Chalcedon, 451, and the primacy of the See of Peter.

**St. Martin of Tours, bishop – Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Nov** 316-97, Bishop of Tours, apostle of rural Gaul, founder of monasteries. At the age of eighteen, he was baptised and, around this time, met a naked beggar to whom he gave half his cloak. Patron of France, soldiers, beggars and innkeepers.

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