

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday 12th February 2023



This Sunday's Readings

1st: Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20 **Psalm:** 118
R/ They are happy who follow God's law!
2nd Corinthians 2:6-10
Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!
Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-37

CURRENT SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:
 Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary at 9.30
 church closes at **4pm** Jan & Feb

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—4pm

Blanchardstown Area evening Mass
 Mon: Blanchardstown at 7.30
 Tues & Thurs: Castleknock
 Wed: Mulhuddart Fri: Corduff

A Reflective Sentence
 If the only prayer you said in your life was "I thank you", that would be enough.
 Meister Eckhart (ca.1260-1328, Dominican mystic)

You are not Rubbish!

It is a while ago now, but on Wednesday February 1st the Parish celebrated our Parish Feast Day of St Brigid. With the new Public Holiday also called St Brigid's day falling this year on Monday February 6th we were blessed with a long celebration, especially as we highlighted the Feast Day from the weekend before.

Anyway back to the day itself. Bishop Eamonn Walsh presided at the Mass and it was lovely of him to do so. The Mass began with a St Brigid's Procession. Blán Flanagan carried St Brigid's lamp followed by Mary Ronayne with the thurible and incense. Mary Tighe carried St Brigid's Cross, Deacon Michael O' Connor, the Book of the Gospels followed by myself and the Bishop. During this Opening Procession the three piece music group of Mary Kelly, Frances Timmins and Mairín Keegan (PPW) sang St Brigid's song. They provided the music and singing for the liturgy and they made a beautiful sound. After incensing the altar the Bishop greeted all present especially the school children. The main body of the Church was comfortably full with a small overflow in the extension. The children and their teachers were present from our three Parish Schools – Scoil Bhride, St Francis Xavier and Scoil Oilbhear.

When it came to the reading Máire Martin proclaimed God's Word and Deacon Michael the Gospel. The Bishop's homily was interesting, prayerful and thought provoking. By now you may have asked yourself the question and now forgotten that you have asked it. Why have I titled the newsletter, 'You are not rubbish'. In his homily which was addressed to everyone but the Bishop speaking directly to the school children seated in the front of the Church said, 'Rushes are usually a sign of boggy land and by and large are cut down and cleared away. But as we know there is no need to throw them in a compost heap as rushes can be used for making beautiful things such as St Brigid's crosses'. Drawing on that point he went on to say that 'nothing is rubbish, rather everything is of value and therefore no human being should ever view themselves or be viewed by others as rubbish. To God everything is good'. Addressing all of us and in particular the school children he said, 'You are not rubbish!' Next followed the Prayers of the Faithful which were read by our Parish Secretary Jean Rogers.

After the Liturgy of the Word we moved on to the Offertory Procession and the Bread and Wine were presented to the Bishop by Maureen Fleming and Patricia Cullen. Along with the Bishop and Deacon Michael the Ministers of the Eucharist were Dolores O' Leary and Mary Ronayne (Both of whom were the Sacristan's for the day) and Mary Tighe.

Towards the end of the Mass the Bishop blessed all the St Brigid's crosses especially those of the children all of whom brought crosses that they made at school. Before the final blessing I thanked Bishop Eamonn for presiding at a beautiful Mass (which it was) and Christine Carleton presented to the Bishop on behalf of the Parish a beautifully framed St Brigid's Cross. Outside, the Bishop greeted all who were leaving the Church...wait we are still not finished! There was a beautiful reception in the Pastoral Centre hosted by the Parish Hospitality Team. The centre looked magnificent and the cakes delicious. As the reception was going on Mary Tighe held a St Brigid's Cross workshop in the Fr Dungan Room. There are now a huge number of parishioners who are able to make their own St Brigid's Cross. Over the 10 days or so from 28th January until February 6th we have done St Brigid proud in 2023.



Adult Faith Development

Discuss the basics of our religion.*

Wed 15 Feb – 7:30 pm – Church Sacristy

New series. All are very welcome.

Why not give it a try?

This week – Why did Jesus die?

*Based on *Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults*

Saints in the Church's Calendar

Ss Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe - Tuesday 14th St Cyril (826-69) and St. Methodius (815-85) were brothers who evangelized Moravia, Bohemia & Bulgaria and are venerated as the 'Apostles of the Slavs.' They translated liturgical books into Slavonic with the help of the Cyrillic alphabet, which they invented. In 1980 St John Paul II proclaimed them Patrons of Europe, along with St Benedict.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Saint Valentine Celebrating the Joy

of Love St Valentine's Day, 14th February
Why not? As a family pray this gospel

together or if you are by yourself, pray this gospel for your nearest and dearest.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St John: This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. It was not you who chose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.

One Our Father. One Hail Mary

Ash Wednesday February 22nd is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of lent.

Fr Michael Carey PP

Parents and Baptismal Team

The parents of children for Baptism are invited to meet the Team before hand and have a presentation on the symbols of Baptism along with a short period of prayer. This meeting, for the parents who are having their children baptised in the month of March will take place on **Wednesday 15th February at 7.30pm** in the Pastoral Centre.

The Liturgy Team

The Liturgy Team will meet on Thursday 16th February at 2pm in the Pastoral Centre.

Teen Hope

The teenagers are invited to gather on Friday 17th at 7pm in the Pastoral centre – Pizza, chat, games, reflection and prayer and FUN!!



Car Park

APCOA, the church car park management company, have had cause to clamp a number of cars recently. To prevent further instances of clamping please abide by the following:

- Attending church services (Mass, Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms) - no parking charge.
 - Attending **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Tuesdays and Fridays - enter your car registration in the book in the porch.
 - Attending other meetings/gatherings—a permit is required unless otherwise advised (you can get one from the office).
- At all other times please do not be tempted to park and nip off to the shops or indeed into the Church to light a candle without paying the parking charge, that way you will not be clamped.

Children's Corner

In The Gospel

Jesus tells his friends that he has come to help them to follow God's laws. God has given us commandments, so that we will know how to live and be safe and happy. God wants us to be kind and loving. If we follow Jesus, we will be following God's laws.

Trust God

Jesus said that anyone who keeps the commandments will be

"great in the

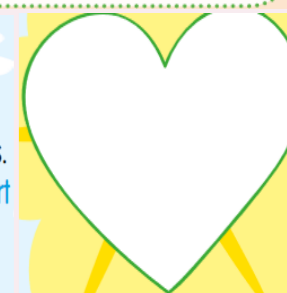
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Help me, Jesus, to be like you. Help me to share your love by following God's rules. Amen.

We grow in God's love when we follow his rules. Draw or write in the heart how you will grow in God's love this week.



Mass intentions for the week

Sat 6pm	Fran Owens Keith Dillon Margaret O'Mahony (MM) Rosemary Fitzgerald (MM)
Sun 10.30am	Eugene Kettle Patrick Kelly Patrick Fox Mary Keogh Harry McCarthy Evelyn Hobbs
Mon 11am	Harold Reid
Tue 10am	Fr Pat Culhane Bridget & Thomas Cahill Jose Gulmatico
Thursday	Mass of Thanksgiving

ACCORD The Dublin ANNUAL COLLECTION of ACCORD the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses this week-end. The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection. ACCORD offers: ❖ Marriage Preparation courses ❖ Counselling for couples/individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, online or by phone. Helpline 01 9059555. ❖ Relationship & Sexuality Programme for schools. Please give generously on **11 & 12 February**.



Easter in Medjugorje

8-15 April Pilgrimage 2023

The 20th year of

Pilgrimages from this area to Our Lady's Shrine in Medjugorje takes place this Easter. : €795.
 If you are interested please contact- **Michael 086 8650708**

Divine Mercy Conference

17th, 18th & 19th February 2023

"Act justly, Love mercifully and Walk humbly with your God."
 Micah 6:8

Full programme and latest information on the website;
www.divinemercyconference.com



Irish Catholic Newspaper

Newspapers are available to purchase from the Church. They are on the tables. Please put the money in the shrine box. Thank you!

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Patricia Nulty Vera Gallagher



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