

# St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter—15th Oct.

## October Month of Mission— Theme 'Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move' (Lk 24: 13-35)



*The wedding hall was filled with guests*

### 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**

**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\*

\*(Currently No Exposition due to ongoing heating works in the Church)

**Blanchardstown Area evening Mass**

**Mon:** Blanchardstown 7.30pm

**Tues & Thurs:** Castleknock

**Wednesday:** Mulhuddart **Friday:** Corduff

**A REFLECTIVE SENTENCE** I ask myself: what does hell mean? I maintain that it is the inability to love.... Fyodor Dostoyevsky (1821-1881, Russian writer)

### EXPLORING THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS

**What is Christian Morality?**

**How should we live out our Faith?**

If you are interested in these and other questions

please join us, for one or more, of a series of discussions to be held in **St Brigid's Pastoral Centre ; starting 25th**

**October for 6 Wednesdays**

**7:00pm to 8:15pm**

### Mission Month - Friday Prayers

During this mission month of October I will include suggested Friday Prayers which are ideal for parents or grandparents to pray with the children. The Prayers themselves are not childish and I recommend everyone to make it part of their Friday Prayer.

### WE PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAS

+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. *(Please light a candle)*

**Let us pray:** Lord, May this candle be a light for you to build warmth in our hearts for those who live in poverty and fear. Amen.

**North, Central and South America** The world's highest waterfall is in Venezuela, which is in South America. It is called the San-to del Ángel. Brazil is also in South America and is the fifth largest country in the world! Sadly, over forty million children live and work on the streets of South America and have no homes to go to. What do you value most about your home? How could you share more so that other children can have the same? When praying today, remember the girls and boys in North, Central and South America who wander the streets looking for shelter and safety and families that will love and care for them.

**We Pray** Loving God, whose son Jesus Christ said, 'Let the children come to me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these', protect children living on the streets from the harm that could befall them. Comfort those trapped in bonded labour, abuse and homelessness, and bring healing to each of them. Although we may sometimes take our own shelter and security for granted, we commit to value and care for this gift better. We pray for the courage to condemn the causes of homelessness and to offer material support for those in need. Amen.

**Our Mission Prayer** Lord, May all children in the world share love, share friendship and live in the peace of your love. Now and forever, Amen.

**Closing Blessing** + In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

### Synod on Synodality 4<sup>th</sup>– 29<sup>th</sup> October

Today's readings offer us more insight and wisdom of the call to synodality, which is currently being discerned at the Universal Synod in Rome. In writing to the early church in Philippi, Paul reminds them, not only of his own situation, but of his call to 'servant leadership'. This service is modelled on that of Jesus himself, who came not to be served but to serve. ....

Paul's 'servant' style of leadership encourages the members of that early church community to give freely and generously.

This Christian way of living is often counter-cultural. The Synod Working Document also says *'The radical call is, therefore, to build together, synodally, an attractive and grounded Church: an outgoing Church, in which all feel welcome'*.

We hear this invitation echoed in the parable Jesus tells of the wedding feast (taking up the imagery from Isaiah). Those who are initially invited refuse to come. Many find excuses while some have a more violent reaction, making their response very clear. However, the King is not put off by this. The invitation is taken out, to the crossroads, to all – and receives a better response. As a synodal Church, walking together is an inclusive action. We are called to examine our own response to this call of synodality and to journey to the crossroads to call and invite. Yet our response has to be one of active participation – we have to be ready like those who attended 'dressed in a wedding garment'.

### Blanchardstown Prayer Group

Meeting in the Church Extension at 8pm. Talk and sharing on the meaning of the Mass. All welcome.

### 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.

### FROM THE PASTORS DESK



#### Teen Hope

The teenagers are invited to gather on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm in the Pastoral centre – Pizza, chat, games, reflection and prayer and FUN.

*New teenagers are always welcome.*

#### Prayer for Vocations

#### Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our Gospel, Jesus using a parable about a wedding banquet tells us "For many are called, few are chosen". We pray for those who are chosen by the Lord to live their lives as a priest, deacon or religious, that they may respond with generosity.

#### October - Mission Month

#### 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. This is why it is such a special and vital celebration.

#### Mass of Remembrance

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm, the Parish will celebrate its Annual Mass to remember and pray for all parishioners and friends who died during the past year. During this Mass each person will be remembered by name. All welcome.

#### Finance Team

The Parish Accounts for the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 were published last week and left on the tables in the Church. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jim McKeon Chairperson of the Finance Committee who does an extraordinary amount of work along with the members of the Committee: Philip Furlong and Alan Andrews. I also thank Christine Carleton who maintains the Parish Accounts and who along with Jim prepared and presented the financial document.

**Fr Michael Carey PP**

### Children's Corner:

IN THE GOSPEL

The invited guests don't come to the wedding, even though everything is prepared and ready for them. Instead, the king invites people from the streets to celebrate his son's marriage. In the same way, God is inviting us all to enjoy with him!

### Wedding party maze



Help all the guests find their way to the wedding party.

**A PRAYER TO SAY:** LORD JESUS, THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO BE HAPPY WITH YOU. HELP ME TO ALWAYS SAY "YES" TO YOU AND GROW MORE LIKE YOU EVERY DAY. AMEN

### Saints in the Church's Calendar

#### St. Margaret Mary Alacoque –

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct.** 1647-90. She joined the Order of the Visitation at Paray-le-Monial.

#### St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Martyred in Rome (possibly at the Colosseum) about 107AD. He urged Christians to unity in and through the Eucharist.

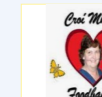
#### St. Luke, Evangelist – Wednesday

**18<sup>th</sup> October.** He was a physician from a Gentile Christian milieu. Patron of butchers, bookbinders, doctors, surgeons and artists.

### Parish Meetings – Pastoral Centre

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct** – The Teen Hope team will meet to prepare next weekend's Teen Hope gathering.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct** - 7.30pm **Parents and Baptismal Team** - The parents of children for Baptism in November are invited to meet the Team and have a presentation on the symbols of Baptism along with a short period of prayer.



### Croi Mhaire Foodbank

Non perishable food items wanted.

Please leave in the baskets on the extension stage. Thank you for your support

### October – the Month of Mission

#### Collection

Next weekend Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>/Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> is October is World Mission Sunday. There will be a special collection at Mass replacing the usual Share collection. "Today vast numbers of people still do not know Jesus Christ. For this reason, the mission continues to be most urgent. All the members of the Church are called to participate in this mission, for the Church is missionary by her very nature: she was born 'to go forth'" – Pope Francis.

**Theme** - This year's Mission Sunday theme is inspired by the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus in the Gospel of St Luke (Lk 24:13-35 "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move") 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.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday vigil	John Ross	Ray McCooey	
Sunday 10.30	Seamus Conroy (MM)	Marcos Carbonell	Martin Divilly
	Edward, Brigid and Ned Fitzgerald	Mary Meehan & Paddy Stoutt	Margaret & David Keogh and deceased members of the Keogh Family
Monday 10am	Eileen Touhy	7.30pm	Brigid Fitzgerald
Tuesday 10am	Mary Scully		
Thursday 10am	Mary Morrison		
Friday 10am	Patrick, Martin & Sarah O'Dwyer		

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